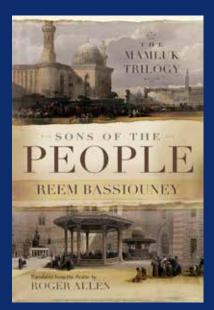
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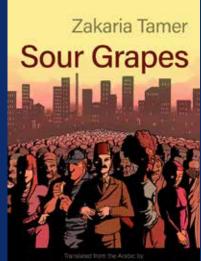


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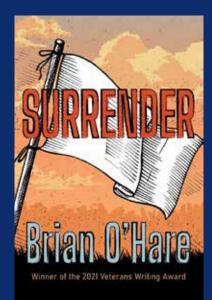
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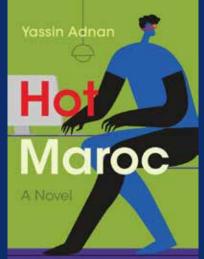


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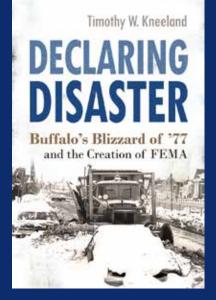


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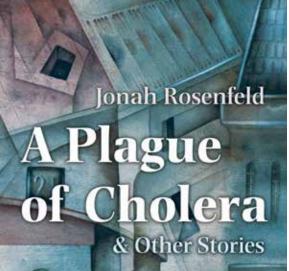
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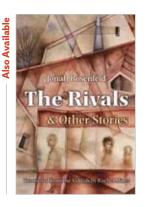
Alan E. Bessette, is a professional mycologist and distinguished emeritus professor of biology at Utica College. He has published numerous papers in the field of mycology and has authored or coauthored more than twenty-five books, including: *Milk Mushrooms of North America*. Alan served both as a consultant for the New York State Poisson Control Center and as the scientific adviser to the Mid-York Mycological Society for more than twenty years. He was awarded the Mycological Foray Service Award in 1987 and was the recipient of the 1992 North American Mycological Association Award for Contributions to Amateur Mycology.

**William C. Roody** is a mycologist and wildlife diversity biologist. He has authored or coauthored several books, including *Mushrooms of the Southeastern United States*.

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**Jonah Rosenfeld** (1881-1944) was born in Chartorysk, Russia, and immigrated to New York in 1921. He is the author of twenty volumes of short stories, three novels, and a dozen plays.

**Rachel Mines** is faculty emerita at Langara College, Commonwealth of Learning, and British Columbia Institute of Technology English departments. She is the translator of *The Rivals and Other Stories* by Jonah Rosenfeld, also published by Syracuse University Press.

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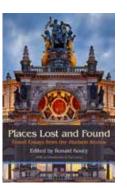
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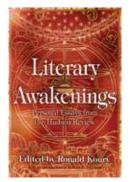
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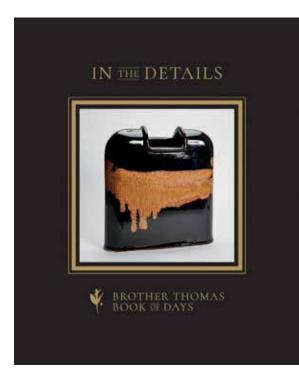
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**Frances Khirallah Noble** lives in Palm Desert, California. She is the author of *The Situe Stories*, also published by Syracuse University Press.

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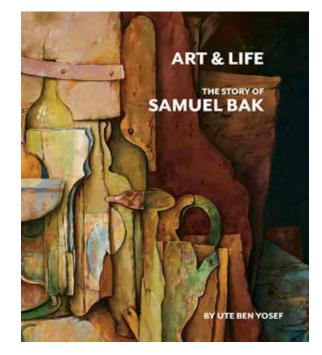
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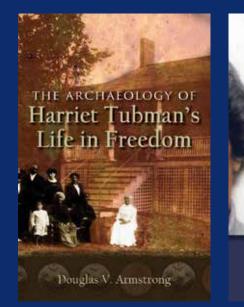
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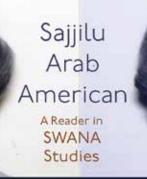
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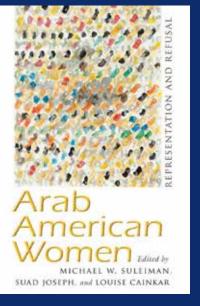


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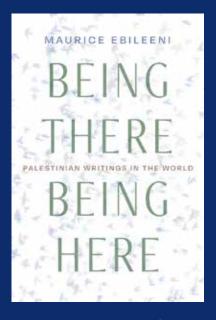
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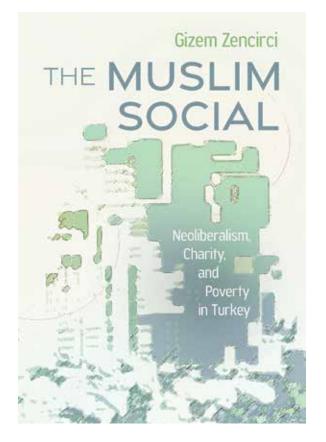
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**Gizem Zencirci**, PhD (University of Massachusetts, Amherst 2013) studies the cultural politics of neoliberalism in Turkey. Zencirci is an associate professor of political science at Providence College. Her work has been published in journals such as the International Journal of Middle East Studies, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, and the Journal of Cultural Economy. The Muslim Social is her first monograph.

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In *Literary Optics*, Maha AbdelMegeed offers a compelling and far-reaching alternative to the traditional mode of analyzing Arabic literature through an encounter between Arabic narrative forms and European ones. Drawing upon close engagements with the works of canonical authors from the period, including Hassan Husni al-Tuwayrani, Muhammad al-Muwaylihi, Ali Mubarak, Francis Marrash, and 'Abdallah al-Nadim, AbdelMegeed addresses not where these works emanate from but rather how and why they were drawn together to form a canon. In doing so, she rejects the expectation that these texts, through the trope of encounter, hold the explanatory key to modern Arabic literature.

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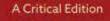
Following the 2011 wave of revolutions and protest in North Africa and the Middle East, new discussions of individual freedoms have emerged in the Moroccan public sphere and human rights discourses. Public opinion rallied around the removal of an article in the Moroccan penal code that punished sexual relationships outside of marriage. As debates about personal and sexual freedom move to the forefront of society, love and intimacy remain complex issues. Moving between public and clandestine interactions and within online environments, *Quest for Love in Central Morocco* explores the creative ways young women navigate desire and morality.

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At the heart of the book, Menin draws upon ideas of "love" as an ethnographic object and source of theoretical examination to show how love is shaped just as much through complex cultural and historical phenomena as through intersecting socioeconomic and political developments. At once, Menin is challenging stereotypes that frame Muslim cultures as too rigid to allow freedom of choice and romantic love while she is bridging the divide between romantic love and discussions of sexuality. Love becomes the metric by which young women approach romantic experiences and also shape their subjectivities around methods of intimate exchange.

**Laura Menin** is a postdoctoral fellow in the department of sociology and social research at the University of Milan-Bicocca. She has published numerous articles in the Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication, Contemporary Levant, and the Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute.

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**Jason King** is academic coordinator of the Irish Heritage Trust in Dublin. He has coedited several books on Irish culture and history, including Interculturalism and Performance Now: New Directions? and a special issue of Irish Studies Review.

**Matthew Spangler** is professor of performance studies at San José State University and writer in residence for the Hinterland Festival of Literature and Arts in Kells, Ireland. He is the author or coauthor of many plays, including *The Beekeeper of Aleppo, Albatross,* and *The Kite Runner,* which was recently produced on Broadway. He is also coeditor of the volume Staging Intercultural Ireland: New Plays and Practitioner Perspectives.

# Erasure and Tuscarora Resilience in Colonial North Carolina

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In the wake of their victory in the Tuscarora War (1711-15), English settlers forced the Tuscarora Indians of eastern North Carolina, along with the Meherrin, Core, Chowan, Mattamuskeet, Neuse, Hatteras, Bay River, and White Oak River Indians, to become colonial tributaries with assigned land reserves. As tributaries, these Native tribes had special duties and rights recognized by the colony, but they also had to navigate a new world thrust upon them by the colonial government and white settlers.

Historian David La Vere argues that through this devious sleight of hand, the colony erased these groups' designation as "Indians," eliding their official, documented existence. The paper genocide of these Native peoples of eastern North Carolina reinforced the growing binary of Black and white society with no place for Native Americans. La Vere traces the process of racialization for both the Native American and wider North Carolinian populations in the decades that followed the war, using previously undiscovered material to chart the dehumanization that occurred as well as the repercussions of the tributary policies that were still felt nearly 200 years after the conflict.

**David La Vere** is professor of history at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. He is the author of *The Tuscarora War: Indians, Settlers, and the Fight for the Carolina Colonies; Looting Spiro Mounds: An American King Tut's Tomb; and Contrary Neighbors: Southern Plains and Removed Indians in Indian Territory, along with several other titles.* 

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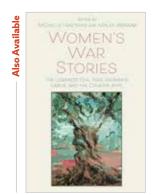
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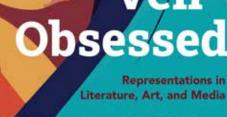
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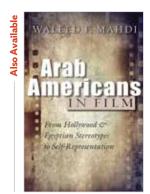
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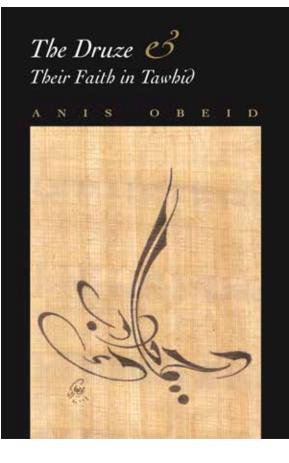
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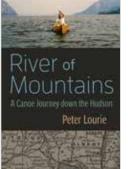
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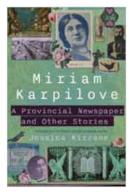
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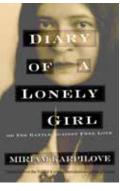
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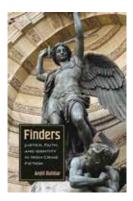


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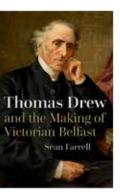


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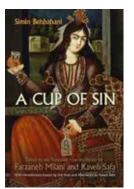


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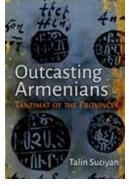
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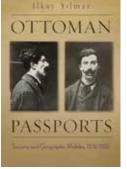


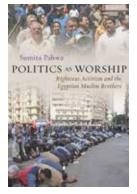
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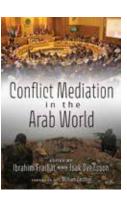
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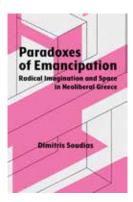


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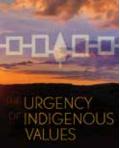


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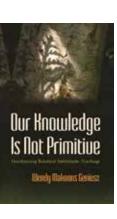
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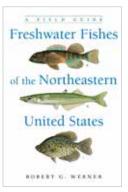
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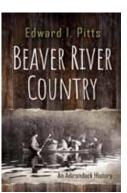
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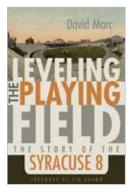


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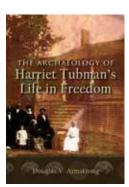
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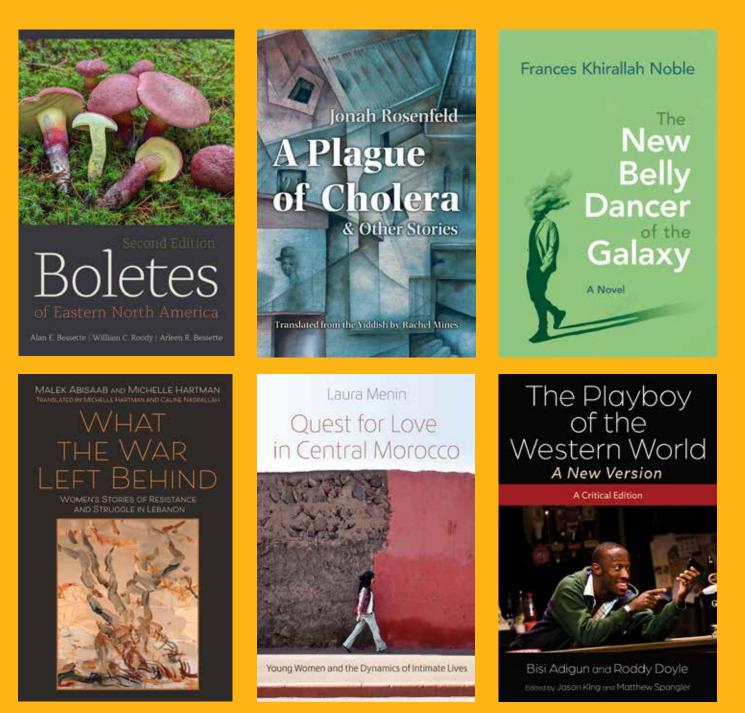
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