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new york times bestseller winner of the booker prize a modern masterpiece that reminds us of the power of truth in the face of evil people and can be read on its own or as a sequel to margaret atwood's classic the handmaid's tale atwood's powers are on full display los angeles times in this deeply compelling booker prize winning novel now updated with additional content that explores the historical sources ideas and material that inspired atwood more than fifteen years after the events of the handmaid's tale the theocratic regime of the republic of gilead maintains its grip on

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the postmodernist novel has become famous for the extremes of its narcissistic involvement with language in this challenging and wide ranging new study andré brink argues that this self consciousness has been a characteristic of the novel since its earliest stirrings more specifically every novel appears both to construct and to be constructed by its own notion of language elaborated through all the strategies of narrative taking as his starting point the propensity for story embedded in language he offers stimulating new readings of novels from cervantes to calvino demonstrating that in many respects the old familiar texts may be more startlingly modern and the postmodernist texts more firmly rooted in convention than we tend to think

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challenges traditional novel scholarship that emphasizes the individual and the bildungsroman broadening the focus to the family and both canonical and non canonical novels reading them together with biological legal and pedagogical texts

in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries popular works of literature attracted as they attract today sequels prequels franchises continuations and parodies sequels of all kinds demonstrate the economic realities of the literary marketplace this represents something fundamental about the way human beings process narrative information we crave narrative closure but we also resist its finality making such closure both inevitable and inadequate in human narratives many cultures incorporate this fundamental ambiguity towards closure in the mythic frameworks that fuel their narrative imaginations new testaments cognition closure and the figural logic of the sequel 1660 1740 examines both the inevitability and the inadequacy of closure in the sequels to four major works of literature written in england between 1660 and 1740 paradise lost the pilgrim s progress robinson crusoe and pamela each of these works spawned sequels which while often different from the original works connected themselves through rhetorical strategies that can be loosely defined as figural such strategies came directly from the culture s two dominant religious narratives the old and new testaments of the christian bible two vastly dissimilar works seen universally as complementary parts of a unified and coherent narrative

if you woke to realize that you could rewrite your yesterday without knowing the kind of tomorrow it would grant you would you do it are the authors of our destiny working with an outline or spit balling confusing plotlines since the past changes possible futures to what alighting butterfly should we pay the most heed this book explores the liminal space between speculative fiction and the historical novel staged as a transnational multicultural conversation it takes up a call originally made by fredric jameson in archaeologies of the future wherein he describes that flashpoint between speculative and historical genres as the symptom of a mutation in our relationship to historical time itself drawing together postcolonial feminist cultural indigenous and cognitive approaches science fiction and the historical novel asks what the past can offer a future oriented world and how the future can be imagined in relation to a past that seeks narratives of inevitability rather than possibility engaged with the idea of the past as a model for the future authors in this volume probe the extent to which historical scripts delimit possibilities and how authors engaged with the practice of

alternative pasts rewrite potentialities in the present

this volume brings together for the first time all of the ancient jewish novels and fragments of novels written at about the same time as the dead sea scrolls and the new testament but before the period of rabbinic judaism these texts reveal the ambiguities and conflicts encountered by jews in this period

from governor general s award winner nino ricci one of canada s most highly acclaimed literary voices testament is a bold work of historical fiction set in a remote corner of the roman empire at a moment of political unrest and spiritual uncertainty it re tells the life of a holy man of enormous charisma who alters the course of human history grounded in extensive research and written with the poetic sensibility that has earned ricci an international reputation testament vividly re creates first century palestine in elegant but accessible prose to explore the story of the man we know as jesus testament at once distances us from the familiar accounts by using hebrew and aramaic names moreover he offers the story of yeshua jesus through the eyes and testimony of four fictional followers reminiscent of yet utterly different from the gospels giving fresh perspective and a captivating narrative to an age old story yihuda of qiryat judas iscariot is a rebel freedom fighter working for rome s overthrow who sees yeshua come in from the desert he is drawn to him and yet he is full of doubt always an outsider too intellectual to simply accept and be accepted tell me your secret he thinks make me new miryam of migdal mary magdalene whose family make a living curing fish is captivated by the way jesus includes her among his followers who he encourages to ask questions and challenge him for this woman kept back by society from intellectual stimulation he reached inside me with his words to touch the inmost part of me yeshua s mother miryam tells us plainly that he was the result of a rape by a roman legate she was forced to marry an old man named yehoceph and give birth in his rough lodgings her eldest son quickly set himself apart from his siblings she shows how he learned from different teachers always quick to challenge received knowledge finally we read the account of simon of gergesa a greek shepherd who sees jesus with hundreds of followers on a hill across the lake and comes to the shore to hear him this was strange enough for a jew to come out in search of us syrians and greeks simon who finds great sense in jesus teachings relates to us the last days of the jewish preacher

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victorian testaments examines the changing nature of biblical and religious authority during the first half of the victorian period the book argues that these changes had a profound impact on concepts of cultural authority in general among the figures discussed are coleridge thomas arnold ruskin dickens florence nightingale and the missionaries of the british and foreign bible society in developing its picture of victorian religious ideology the book analyzes major works of the period as well as works and documents that have received little critical attention its methods are interdisciplinary building upon recent ideas in literary theory cultural criticism and gender studies the book proposes that changes in religious faith and bible reading tended in two directions the one a celebration of spiritual individualism the other of the nuclear family as the credibility of a supernatural source for the scriptures diminished the need for certainty in moral and religious matters was increasingly filled by the importance attached to individual character those victorians who nurtured their individual character on bible reading were understood to reveal the perfect spirit of the scriptures just as the scriptures themselves it seemed could no longer do so however the desire for religious heroes was counterpoised by another and highly sentimentalized model of the spiritual life one where religious authority was decentered across a social spectrum of fathers mothers and children in this second direction explored by the book a complex economy of spiritual power and authority is created by the distribution of sexual intellectual and affective attributes to figures who together constitute the nuclear family one might say the secular holy family by tracing these two narrative patterns the intellectual drama of the spiritual hero and the sentimental saga of the nuclear family the author demonstrates that the spirituality of many nineteenth century texts was not an allegory of transcendence so much as a by product of the narratives themselves a large scale cultural confrontation with the disappearance of god was to a certain extent deferred by narratives that picked up the slack in faith creating performances of sacred power with characters who demonstrated either an awesome religious interiority or a recognizably sentimental display of idealized femininity or childhood innocence

what can contemporary media fandoms like anne rice star wars batman or sherlock holmes tell us about ancient christianity tom de bruin demonstrates how fandom and fan fiction are both analogous and incongruous with christian derivative works the often disparaging terms applied to christian apocrypha and pseudepigrapha such as fakes forgeries or corruptions are not sufficient to capture the production consumption and value of these writings de bruin reimagines a range of early christian works as fan

practices exploring these ancient texts in new ways he takes the reader on a journey from the fix it fic endings of the gospel of mark to the subversive fan fictions of the testaments of the twelve patriarchs and from the densely populated storyworld of early christian art to the gatekeeping of christian orthodoxy using theory developed in fan studies de bruin revisits fundamental questions about ancient derivative texts why were they written how do they interact with more established texts in what ways does the consumption of derivative works influence the reception of existing traditions and how does the community react to these works this book sheds exciting and new light on ancient christian literary production consumption and transmission

this first verse by verse commentary on the greek text of the testament of abraham places the work within the history of both jewish and christian literature it emphasizes the literary artistry and comedic nature of the testament brings to the task of interpretation a mass of comparative material and establishes that although the testament goes back to a jewish tale of the first or second century ce the christian elements are much more extensive than has previously been realized the commentary further highlights the dependence of the testament upon both greco roman mythology and the jewish bible this should be the standard commentary for years to come

in this book meritt moseley offers a brief history of the booker prize since 1992 with a short chapter covering each year we follow the change in criteria the highs and lows short lists winners and controversies of the booker prize the book also functions as an example of literary criticism for each of the books involved analyzing the judging process and the winning books exploring themes such as literary vs popular fiction the role of postcolonial work in what began as a very british prize the role of marketing publishing and the booker organization itself the book offers a crucial view into literary prize culture the book spends time looking at exclusions as well as the overall role and function of the literary prize what books aren't included and why why has the booker become so significant this book will be of use to anyone with an interest in or studying contemporary literature literary prizes literary culture and british literature as well as publishing studies

lawrence m wills here traces the literary evolution of popular jewish narratives written during the period 200 bce 100 ce in many ways these narratives were similar to greek and roman novels of the same era as well as to popular novels of indigenous peoples within the roman empire yet as a group they demonstrated a variety of novelistic innovations the inclusion of adventurous episodes passages of description and of dialogue concern with psychological motivation and the introduction of female characters wills focuses on five novels greek esther greek daniel judith tobit and joseph and aseneth drawing on a wide range of theoretical works he delineates the techniques and motifs of the jewish novel shows how the genre both initiated and

distanced itself from nonfictional prose such as historical and philosophical writing discusses its relation to greco roman romance and describes the social conditions governing its emergence and reception wills also places the novels in historical context situating them between the hebrew bible on the one hand and subsequent developments in jewish and christian literature on the other wills sees the jewish novel as a popular form of writing that provided amusement for an expanding audience of jewish entrepreneurs merchants and bureaucrats in an important sense he maintains it was a product of the novelistic impulse the impulse to transfer oral stories to a written medium to reach a more literate audience

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