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Cowboys are My Weakness Pam Houston, 1992 Presents a collection of twelve stories about women in the West **Pam Houston's Cowboys are My Weakness**, 2002 **New Westers** Michael L. Johnson, 1996 These New Westers Johnson reveals line dance and two step listen to Garth Brooks and George Strait drink beer from long neck bottles wear clothes ordered from Sheplers watch rodeo on ESPN play Wild West arcade games eat fajitas and tacos in stuccoed Mexican cafes collect Western art and Native American crafts and vacation in and move to the West New Westers rewrite the history and biography of the West They reimagine the West in Cowboy sagas and poetry Native American novels Mexican American drama nature writing revisionist films eclectic visual artwork and neo traditional music They flock to movies like *Thelma and Louise* *Unforgiven* and *Dances with Wolves* watch mini series like *Lonesome Dove* and read bestsellers like *The Crossing* and *All The Pretty Horses* New Westers are men and women who may or may not have ever hitched up a horse but who crave connection with the West At the end of a century of urbanization technological change and cultural confusion they seek a more natural home a fuller and wider sense of place and a deeper and more colorful personal identity They also want to revive the dream of the mythic West but on different terms They overrun the Old West and yet strive to preserve it raising troubling new concerns about the differences between the mythic and the real between traditional and contemporary cultural influences *Landscapes of the New West* Krista Comer, 1999 In the early 1970s empowered by the civil rights and women's movements a new group of women writers began speaking to the American public Their topic broadly defined was the postmodern American West By the mid 1980s their combined works made for a bona fide literary groundswell in both critical and commercial terms However as Krista Comer notes despite the attentions of publishers the media and millions of readers literary scholars have rarely addressed this movement or its writers Too many critics Comer argues still enamored of western images that are both masculine and antimodern have been slow to reckon with the emergence of a new far more feminine postmodern multiracial and urban west Here she calls for a redesign of the field of western cultural studies one that engages issues of gender and race and is more self conscious about space itself especially that cherished symbol of western authenticity open landscape Surveying works by Joan Didion Wanda Coleman Maxine Hong Kingston Leslie Marmon Silko Barbara Kingsolver Pam Houston Louise Erdrich Sandra Cisneros and Mary Clearman Blew Comer shows how these and other contemporary women writers have mapped new geographical imaginations upon the cultural and social spaces of today's American West [The Naked Man Festival](#) Brian Thacker, 2004-10-01 Kooky festivals of all shapes and sizes exist around the world as illustrated by this humorous travelogue that recounts the dozen most outrageous celebrations the author discovered on his six month six country adventure In search of the most unusual and wildest festivities the author was pelted with beans amazed by giant snow cows stampeded in a temple full of men wearing nothing but nappies befriended by alien abductees and much more while attending a Hogmanay in Scotland a Tomato Festival in Ripley Tennessee a Bean Throwing

Festival in Tokyo and a Vodou Festival in Haiti The side splitting stories will inspire readers to attend or create peculiar festivals of their own and on a more serious note explore and appreciate other cultures

Fast Cars and Bad Girls Deborah Paes de Barros,2004 Fast Cars and Bad Girls Nomadic Subjects and Women s Road Stories explores the road narratives of women and the various ways their work re maps American space Moving from Mary Rowlandson s famous captivity narrative to the frontier texts of the American West to the postapocalyptic novels of postmodern experience Fast Cars and Bad Girls interrogates the intersections of nomadic theory and contemporary feminism What would happen the text queries the reader if Jack Kerouac had gone on the road with a baby in the back seat Women s road texts are different insists author Deborah Paes de Barros notions such as resistance to the West the revision of the natural world mother daughter relationships avant garde angst and feminist utopias construct this discussion of women travel writers

Fall in Love wit a Cowboy Collection Stephanie Payne Hurt,2013-10-19 This is a collection of Cowboy romances from author Stephanie Payne Hurt All three have a Cowboy hero and a heroine that can t resist her cowboy Each book is full of heart filled romance and suspense mingled in Ghost Lover The dying words of Jess s mother are for her to find the love of her life But with an overbearing father will she have that chance When he gives her a horse and riding lessons for her 21st birthday her life changes Is the cowboy behind the Black Stetson her soul mate When her father s partner decides to stake claim on her who will win the fight Suspense tragedy romance and a stranger in the shadows lead to a dramatic final showdown Moonbeam and Roses Sara is an artist with a passion for horses Wes is a cowboy with a passion for Sara but he knows she s out of his league Pushing her away he leaves for Montana leaving her lost and heartbroken Will she heal her heart with another man He rushes home when she s almost killed but is he too late Will he lose her forever A Love Never Lost Lilly has her life planned Go to college meet a wonderful man and have children Zane has a plan too and it includes Lilly but he only realized that when he went off to college Frustration fills him as he watches a new man in her life sweeping her away One kiss tells him she feels the same way but the new man has other plans Will she choose the right man or go down the wrong path

A Little More About Me Pam Houston,2000-10 The author of Cowboys Are My Weakness and Waltzing the Cat turns to nonfiction with essays that celebrate real life adventures spanning five years and five continents Through her stories readers meet some good dogs a few good men and the occasional grizzly as Houston proves that fiction has nothing on real life

Laughing at the Darkness: Postmodernism and Optimism in American Humour Paul McDonald,2010-01-01 Paul McDonald s book is the second in our Contemporary American Literature series edited by Christopher Gair and Alike Varvogli Given that postmodernism has been associated with doubt chaos relativism and the disappearance of reality it may appear difficult to reconcile with American optimism Laughing at the Darkness demonstrates that this is not always the case In examining the work of among others Sherman Alexie Woody Allen Douglas Coupland Jonathan Safran Foer Bill Hicks David Mamet and Philip Roth McDonald shows how American humorists bring their comedy to bear on some of the negative

implications of philosophical postmodernism and in so doing explore ways of reclaiming value

The Story of Your Life Mandy Aftel, 1997-06-20 Based on a radical new therapeutic approach this enlightening guide urges readers to view their lives as a novel encompassing three major plots love mastery and loss Through imaginative exercises and examples from literature and life The Story of Your Life explains how trite or destructive story lines can be eliminated

West of 98 Lynn Stegner, Russell Rowland, 2012-07-25 What does it mean to be a westerner With all the mythology that has grown up about the American West is it even possible to describe how it was how it is here in the West just that in the words of Lynn Stegner Starting with that challenge Stegner and Russell Rowland invited several dozen members of the western literary tribe to write about living in the West and being a western writer in particular West of 98 gathers sixty six literary testimonies in essays and poetry from a stellar collection of writers who represent every state west of the 98th parallel a kind of Greek chorus of the most prominent voices in western literature today who seek to characterize the West as each of us grew to know it and equally important the West that is still becoming In West of 98 western writers speak to the ways in which the West imprints itself on the people who live there as well as how the people of the West create the personality of the region The writers explore the western landscape how it has been revered and abused across centuries and the inescapable limitations its aridity puts on all dreams of conquest and development They dismantle the boosterism of manifest destiny and the cowboy and mountain man ethos of every man for himself and show instead how we must create new narratives of cooperation if we are to survive in this spare and beautiful country The writers seek to define the essence of both actual and metaphoric wilderness as they journey toward a West that might honestly be called home A collective declaration not of our independence but of our interdependence with the land and with each other West of 98 opens up a whole new panorama of the western experience

Queer Identities / Political Realities Bruce Drushel, Kathleen German, 2009-01-23 Queer Identities Political Realities examines the intersection of political leadership media coverage and sexual identity with particular emphasis on the negotiation of meaning between public behavior and private behavior in the United States Centering on cases that illuminate key issues each chapter questions assumptions about media coverage and extends current theoretical understanding Each chapter focuses on a specific case within the broader conceptual fabric of queer theory media theory or rhetorical criticism Varied methodological approaches allow us to gauge public discourse of multifaceted controversies that involve same sex behavior History reveals frequent occasions when private sexual behaviors surface to attract public interest While the prejudices and discrimination against same sex partnerships whether casual or permanent remain entrenched in United States culture there have been occasions when the public discussion is riveted on instances This book argues that public interest changes when the partners in such relationships are of the same sex The extraordinary public prejudice against same sex unions and public censure has been well documented in other research reports and continues to receive attention in other scholarly publications This book will examine the unique intersection of political

leadership media coverage and same sex behavior **Home Front Heroes** Elizabeth Abele,2013-12-03 This book traces the effects of the feminist and civil rights movements in the construction of Hollywood action heroes Starting in the late 1980s action blockbusters regularly have featured masculine figures who choose love and community over the path of the stoic loner committed solely to duty The American heroic quest of the past 25 years increasingly has involved a reclamation of home creating a place for the Hero at the hearth part of a more intimate community with less restrictive gender and racial boundaries The author presents pieces of contemporary popular culture that create the complex mosaic of the present day American heroic ideal Hollywood popular films are examined that best represent the often painful shift from traditional heroic masculinity to a masculinity that is less exceptional and more vulnerable There are also chapters on how issues of race and gender intersect with the new masculinity and on subgenres of 1990s films that also developed this postfeminist masculinity *Reading Brokeback Mountain* Jim Stacy,2015-03-12 This collection offers 15 critical essays on Annie Proulx s short story Brokeback Mountain and its controversial film adaptation by screenwriters Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana and director Ang Lee Each essay explores the short story the film and the sociocultural phenomenon that followed the release of the motion picture in December 2005 This anthology includes selections from traditional perspectives and from postmodern angles including women s studies gender studies queer studies sexuality studies ethnic studies and American studies Many of the essays focus primarily on the film its critical reception its stars its director its soundtrack and its cultural implications Short Story Index ,1994 Refiguring the Map of Sorrow Mark Christopher Allister,2001 Allister English St Olaf College examines works by six authors which fuse autobiography literary nonfiction and environmental literature into a distinct form of grief narrative Each of these authors begins in depression that shadows grief each comes to put an end to depression to move through mourning by turning observations and stories of the external world into a narrative that heals The six works featured are Sue Hubbell s A Country Year Terry Tempest Williams Refuge Bill Barich s Laughing in the Hills William Least Heat Moons Blue Highways Peter Matthiessen s The Snow Leopard and Gretel Ehrlich s The Solace of Open Spaces Annotation copyrighted by Book News Inc Portland OR **Faith** Victoria Zackheim,2015-02-24 Whether believer skeptic agnostic atheist or something other these twenty four authors share a fascinating daring and multifaceted perspective on what faith means or doesn t mean The collection of personal essays includes bestselling authors such as Anne Perry who writes about a deeply spiritual faith that embraces and sustains her through every step of her life Caroline Leavitt writes about tarot cards mediums and quantum physics to explain her concept of faith Afghan American author Tamim Ansary beautifully captures his childhood curiosity amidst his Islamic views There is the irrepressible Malachy McCourt s anti religion rant and then Pam Houston s signature wit and sense of irony which gives the question of faith a surprising twist Out ,1999-02 Out is a fashion style celebrity and opinion magazine for the modern gay man Cowboys are My Weakness Pam Houston,1993 These 12 tales tell of the pleasures of dancing the two step at the Stockgrowers Ball the pity of

stalking beautiful beasts the comforting companionship of dogs the challenge of a tetch horse and of course of love sex and loss **Turnstile** ,1993

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