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AUTHOR OF CEREMONY

"To read this book is to hear the voices  
of the ancestors and spirits telling us  
where we came from, who we are, and  
where we must go."

—MAXINE HONG KINGSTON

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expansion has cannibalistically laid the seeds of its own destruction And James Dobson s recent efforts to link the pro life agenda to allegations of cannibalism in China testify still further to the currency and pervasiveness of this powerful trope By highlighting practices that preclude the many from becoming one these representations of cannibalism Berglund argues call into question the comforting national narrative of e pluribus unum

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that representing Indians as ghosts internalizes them as ghostly figures within the white imagination Spectralization allows white Americans to construct a concept of American nationhood haunted by Native Americans in which Indians become sharers in an idealized national imagination However the problems of spectralization are clear since the discourse questions the very nationalism it constructs Indians who are transformed into ghosts cannot be buried or evaded and the specter of their forced disappearance haunts the American imagination Indian ghosts personify national guilt and horror as well as national pride and pleasure Bergland tells the story of a terrifying and triumphant American aesthetic that repeatedly transforms horror into glory national dishonor into national pride **The American Book Review** ,1992 **Apocalypse Revisited: A Critical Study on End Times** Melis Mulazimoglu Erkal,2019-01-04 This volume was first published by Inter Disciplinary Press in 2015 Mankind s fascination with the Apocalypse is not new Starting from the Hindu notions of Kali Yuga to 2012 Phenomenon Apocalypse has been a part of our lives in the form of a cultural formation natural threat fictional entity ideological construct political fear or catastrophic end Apocalyptic discourses underline how one culture perceives and reflects pain trauma loss and fear as well as indicating the ability to face and get ready for disaster This inter disciplinary and academic study aims to discuss the end of the world in multiple contexts where the popularity of apocalypse always reigns In the scope of this work readers will see the multi dimensional nature of the Apocalypse referring more to progress rather than end or beginning an in between situation a becoming a formation local yet global phenomenon a product of fantasy plus a constructed reality both an object of consumption and life consuming mechanism an ideological presence in the absence of larger meta narratives [The Metanarrative of Suspicion in Late Twentieth-Century America](#) Sandra Baringer,2013-04-15 Narratives of suspicion and mistrust have escaped the boundaries of specific sites of discourse to constitute a metanarrative that pervades American culture Through close reading of texts ranging from novels Pynchon s *Vineland* Silko s *Almanac of the Dead* Pierce s *The Turner Diaries* to prison literature this book examines the ways in which narratives of suspicion are both constitutive and symptomatic of a metanarrative that pervades American culture

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