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*Foucault Live* Michel Foucault 1989 The most accessible and exhaustive introduction to

Foucault's thought to date, including every extant interview made by Foucault from the mid-60s until his death in 1984.

**Beyond Foucault: Excursions in Political Genealogy** Michael Clifford 2018-10-15 This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue "Beyond Foucault: Excursions in Political Genealogy" that was published in *Genealogy*

**Politics, Philosophy, Culture** Michel Foucault 1990 Essays discuss critical theory, aesthetics, truth, power, crime, prison, psychiatry, morality, homosexuality music, and literature

*Power/knowledge* Michel Foucault 1980 Study of the intersection of history and philosophy as it relates to recent French political change, evidenced in essays concerning popular justice, power struggles, and the history of sexuality

The History of Sexuality Michel Foucault 2012-04-18 Michel Foucault offers an iconoclastic exploration of why we feel compelled to continually analyze and discuss sex, and of the social and mental mechanisms of power that cause us to direct the questions of what we are to what our sexuality is.

**The Sociology of Health and Illness** Sarah

Nettleton 2021-01-15 Sarah Nettleton's *The Sociology of Health and Illness* has become a cornerstone text, popular with students and academics alike for its rigorous and accessible overview of the field. Building on these strengths, the fourth edition integrates fresh insights from the current literature with the core tenets of traditional medical sociology, providing students with a thorough grounding in the sociology of health and illness. The text covers a diversity of topics and draws on a wide range of analytic approaches, spanning issues such as the social construction of medical knowledge, the analysis of lay health beliefs, concepts of lifestyles and risk, the experience of illness and the sociology of the body. It also explores matters that are central to health policy, such as professional-patient relationships, health inequalities and the changing nature of health care work. A new chapter has been added, on the sociology of mental health; other chapters have been updated with illustrative examples and

questions for discussion. Written for students of the social sciences, this book will also appeal to students taking vocational degrees, such as nursing, medicine and public health, who require a sociological grounding in the area. Thoroughly revised and fully updated, this fourth edition will prove invaluable to anyone looking for a clear and engaging introduction to contemporary debates within the sociology of health and illness.

*Discipline and Punish* Michel Foucault 2012-04-18

In this brilliant work, the most influential philosopher since Sartre suggests that such vaunted reforms as the abolition of torture and the emergence of the modern penitentiary have merely shifted the focus of punishment from the prisoner's body to his soul.

What is the Human Being? Patrick R. Frierson 2013-02-11 Philosophers, anthropologists and biologists have long puzzled over the question of human nature. It is also a question that Kant thought about deeply and returned to in many of

his writings. In this lucid and wide-ranging introduction to Kant's philosophy of human nature - which is essential for understanding his thought as a whole - Patrick R. Frierson assesses Kant's theories and examines his critics. He begins by explaining how Kant articulates three ways of addressing the question 'what is the human being?': the transcendental, the empirical, and the pragmatic. He then considers some of the great theorists of human nature who wrestle with Kant's views, such as Hegel, Marx, Darwin, Nietzsche, and Freud; contemporary thinkers such as E.O. Wilson and Daniel Dennett, who have sought biological explanations of human nature; Thomas Kuhn, Michel Foucault, and Clifford Geertz, who emphasize the diversity of human beings in different times and places; and existentialist philosophers such as Sartre and Heidegger. He argues that whilst these approaches challenge and enrich Kant's views in significant ways, all suffer from serious weaknesses that Kant's anthropology can

address. Taking a core insight of Kant's - that human beings are fundamentally free but finite - he argues that it is the existentialists, particularly Sartre, who are the most direct heirs of his transcendental anthropology. The final part of the book is an extremely helpful overview of the work of contemporary philosophers, particularly Christine Korsgaard and Jürgen Habermas. Patrick R. Frierson explains how these philosophers engage with questions of naturalism, historicism, and existentialism while developing Kantian conceptions of the human being. Including chapter summaries and annotated further reading, *What is the Human Being?* is an outstanding introduction to some fundamental aspects of Kant's thought and a judicious assessment of leading theories of human nature. It is essential reading for all students of Kant and the philosophy of human nature, as well as those in related disciplines such as anthropology, politics and sociology.

### **Foucault and the Indefinite Work of**

**Freedom** Réal Fillion 2012-09-29 This work underscores the need to examine history philosophically, not only to better appreciate how it unfolds and relates to our own unfolding lives, but to better appreciate our free engagement in this changing world. Linking a conception of ourselves as free beings to the historical process was of central importance to the classical speculative philosophies of history of the nineteenth century, most notably Hegel's. Michel Foucault's work is often taken to be the antithesis of this kind of speculative approach. This book argues that Foucault, on the contrary, like Hegel, sees freedom as tied to the self-movement of thought as it realizes and shapes the world. Unlike Hegel, however, he does not see in that self-movement the process of Spirit reconciling itself with the world and thereby realizing itself as freedom. Rather, he sees in the freedom at the core of the self-movement of thought a possible threat around which that movement consolidates itself and gives shape to

the world. Foucault's work is therefore not a simple rejection of Hegel's speculative philosophy of history, but rather an inversion of the manner in which history and freedom are related: for Hegel history realizes or actualizes the "idea" of freedom, whereas for Foucault freedom realizes or actualizes the "materiality" of history.

#### *Naturalism, Interpretation, and Mental Disorder*

Somogy Varga 2015 In a therapeutic encounter, the dialogue between therapist and client, along with the specific language used by a client to express thoughts, emotions, desires, and beliefs reveals much about their inner state. Yet, too often this vital aspect of the encounter is overlooked when considering and treating mental disorder. This book is unique in integrating a hermeneutical perspective to understanding mental illness - one that places an emphasis on analysing and interpreting the language used within a therapeutic encounter, whilst also considering the context in which it is expressed.

Within the book, the reader will how learn such an approach can reveal more about mental illness than some of the more traditional psychiatric methods currently used today. In addition, the book shows us how a hermeneutically informed approach can be valuable for understanding the concept of mental disorder itself, making it valuable for all those within the fields of psychiatry and philosophy of mind. Naturalism, interpretation, and mental disorder' brings fresh thinking to the field of philosophy and psychiatry, and will be of interest to students and scholars in the fields of mental health and philosophy of mind.

#### The Order of Things Michel Foucault 2002

Possibly one off the most significant yet most overlooked works of the twentieth century, it was The Order of Things that established Foucault's reputation as an intellectual giant.

#### **Religion and Culture** Michel Foucault

2013-09-13 First Published in 1999. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa

company.

The Foucault Reader Michel Foucault 1984

Gathers selections from the writings of the modern French philosopher about truth, knowledge, madness, science, sexuality, politics, and ethics

Navigating the Transnational in Modern American

Literature and Culture Tara Stubbs 2017-03-16

This study develops the important work carried out on American literature through the frameworks of transnational, transatlantic, and trans-local studies to ask what happens when these same aspects become intrinsic to the critical narrative. Much cultural criticism since the 1990s has sought to displace perceptions of American exceptionalism with broader notions of Atlanticism, transnationalism, world-system, and trans-localism as each has redefined the US and the world more generally. This collection shows how the remapping of America in terms of global networks, and as a set of particular localities, or even glocalities, now plays out in Americanist

scholarship, reflecting on the critical consequences of the spatial turn in American literary and cultural studies. Spanning twentieth and twenty-first century American poetry, fiction, memoir, visual art, publishing, and television, and locating the US in Caribbean, African, Asian, European, and other contexts, this volume argues for a re-modelling of American-ness with the transnational as part of its innate rhetoric. It includes discussions of travel, migration, disease, media, globalization, and countless other examples of inflowing. Essays focus on subjects tracing the contemporary contours of the transnational, such as the role of the US in the rise of the global novel, the impact of Caribbean history on American thought (and vice versa), transatlantic cultural and philosophical genealogies and correspondences, and the exchanges between the poetics of American space and those of other world spaces. Asking questions about the way the American eye has traversed and consumed the objects and cultures

of the world, but how that world is resistant, this volume will make an important contribution to American and Transatlantic literary studies.

### **A Foucauldian Approach to International**

**Law** Leonard M. Hammer 2016-03-23 Foucault's challenging view of power and knowledge as the basis for interpreting the international system forms the central themes of this book. As the application of international law expands and develops this book considers how Foucault's approach may create a viable framework that is not beset by ontological issues. With International law essentially stuck within an older framework of outmoded statist approaches, and overly broad understanding of the significance of external actors such as international organizations; current interpretations are either rooted in a narrow attempt to demonstrate a functioning normative structure or interpret developments as reflective of some emerging and somewhat unwieldy ethical order. This book therefore aims to ameliorate the approaches of a

number of different 'schools' within the disciplines of international law and international relations, without being wedded to a single concept. Current scholarship in international law tends to favour an unresolved critique, a utopian vision, or to refer to other disciplines like international relations without fully explaining the significance or importance of taking such a step. This book analyses a variety of problems and issues that have surfaced within the international system and provides a framework for consideration of these issues, with a view towards accounting for ongoing developments in the international arena.

Naturalizing Africa Cajetan Iheka 2018 This book analyzes how African literary texts have engaged with pressing ecological problems in Africa. It is a multi-disciplinary text, for both researchers and scholars of African Studies, the environment and postcolonial literature.

*Critical and Cultural Theory* Dani Cavallaro 2001-01-01 This radical, new book brings

together the key concepts, issues and debates in critical and cultural theory today. Each chapter presents a self-contained analysis of each concept as well providing a range of discussion questions and further reading. Throughout, text-links connect related material across chapters, enabling the reader to pursue their own line of disciplinary or cross-disciplinary inquiry.

**The Politics of Truth, New Edition** Michel Foucault 2007-06 Two hundred years later, Michel Foucault wrote a response to Kant's initial essay, positioning Kant as the initiator of the discourse and critique of modernity.

Madness and Civilization Michel Foucault 2013-01-30 Michel Foucault examines the archeology of madness in the West from 1500 to 1800 - from the late Middle Ages, when insanity was still considered part of everyday life and fools and lunatics walked the streets freely, to the time when such people began to be considered a threat, asylums were first built, and walls were erected between the "insane" and the

rest of humanity.

*Foucault* Lois McNay 2013-04-23 This work provides an introduction to the work of Michel Foucault. It offers an assessment of all of Foucault's work, including his final writings on governmentality and the self. McNay argues that the later work initiates an important shift in his intellectual concerns which alters any retrospective reading of his writings as a whole. Throughout, McNay is concerned to assess the normative and political implications of Foucault's social criticism. She goes beyond the level of many commentators to look at the values from which Foucault's work springs and reveals the implicit assumptions underlying his social critique. The author also provides an account and assessment of recent literature on Foucault, including that of Habermas and Taylor. She discusses Foucault's position in the modernity/postmodernity debate, his own ambivalence to Enlightenment thought and his place in recent developments in feminist and

cultural theory.

**Wrong-Doing, Truth-Telling** Michel Foucault  
2014-06-04 Three years before his death Michel Foucault gave a series of lectures at the Catholic University of Louvain that have remained relatively unknown until only recently. Entitled Wrong-Doing, Truth-Telling, these lectures provides the missing link between Foucault's early work on sexuality and punishment and his later work on Greek and Roman antiquity. Ranging broadly from Homer to the 20th century, Foucault traces how the early ethical acts of truth-telling in ancient Greece gradually metamorphosed into acts of self-incrimination in monastic times and ultimately into the birth and rise of psychiatry as the foundation of modern penology, criminology, and criminal justice. For Foucault, self-incrimination no longer did the work necessary to quell justice because, by the 19th century, we wanted to know more than just the fact of wrongdoing, we wanted to know who the criminal was: not just whether the accused

committed the crime, but what it was about him that made him commit the crime. An avowal of wrong-doing was no longer sufficient?psychiatric expertise was now necessary?and that development marks the birth of discipline and modern criminal justice made so famous by Foucault

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**Michel Foucault** Mark Olssen 2016-01-08  
"Olssen ! brings Foucault to life and sheds new light on understanding his work...Educationalists and scholars across the disciplines will welcome this interpretation of Foucault." Michael A. Peters, University of Glasgow "Olssen distills in brilliant and succinct language the core of Foucault's most important insights. This is a book that every student should read in order to understand how to link theory to practice, and educational thought to legacy and work of one of Europe's

great thinkers." Henry Giroux, McMaster University Michel Foucault is arguably one of the most important thinkers of the twentieth century, and his works are some of the most difficult to grasp. Mark Olssen offers an accessible overview of Foucault's thought, putting into context the relevance of Foucault's ideas. Olssen adds important new insights to Foucault scholarship by bringing to light the influences of other thinkers such as Marx, Nietzsche, Gramsci, Habermas, and others on Foucault's development as a thinker, and their influence on the deep historical materialist strand that grounds and uniquely characterizes so much of Foucault's thought. *The Framed World* Mike Robinson 2009 Why do tourists take photos of certain things and not of others? Why do tourists take photos at all? How do photos build places, how do they change and shape lives? An interdisciplinary team of contributors from across the globe explore such questions as they examine the relationships between photography and tourism and tourists.

Archaeology of Knowledge Michel Foucault 2002 Foucault's classic methodological statement. The Chomsky-Foucault Debate Olympia Vernon 2015-05-05 In this historic 1971 debate, two of the twentieth century's most influential thinkers discuss whether there is such a thing as innate human nature. In 1971, at the height of the Vietnam War and at a time of great political and social instability, two of the world's leading intellectuals, Noam Chomsky and Michel Foucault, were invited by Dutch philosopher Fons Elders to debate an age-old question: Is there such a thing as "innate" human nature independent of our experiences and external influences? The resulting dialogue is one of the most original, provocative, and spontaneous exchanges to have occurred between contemporary philosophers. Above all, their discussion serves as a concise introduction to their two opposing theories. What begins as a philosophical argument rooted in linguistics (Chomsky) and the theory of knowledge

(Foucault), soon evolves into a broader discussion encompassing a wide range of topics, from science, history, and behaviorism to creativity, freedom, and the struggle for justice in the realm of politics. In addition to the debate itself, this volume features a newly written introduction by noted Foucault scholar John Rajchman and includes substantial additional texts by Chomsky and Foucault. “[Chomsky is] arguably the most important intellectual alive.” —The New York Times “Foucault . . . leaves no reader untouched or unchanged.” —Edward Said

**Using Foucault's Methods** Gavin Kendall  
1998-12-04 `As a companion to Foucault's original texts, carefully showing what he's done and why - and how that could be applied elsewhere - it's outstanding' - [www.theory.org.uk](http://www.theory.org.uk)  
`Very much a `hands-on' tool kit of a book, scholarly but accessible.... a very useful textbook which approaches its subject in an original way' - Sociological Research Online `At last, a student-friendly guide that answers the question: "Yes,

but how do you do Foucault?" Kendall and Wickham address the thorny question of how-to-Foucault in a clear, distinctive manner that stands out in the secondary literature on this important thinker' - Toby Miller, New York University This book provides a clear, straightforward guide to those who want to apply the work of Foucault to their own field of interest. The authors employ an accessible style to encourage readers to engage with Foucault's work by tackling the issues that students most often raise. The book is organized around the following themes: history, archaeology, genealogy and discourse as the cornerstones of Foucault's methods; and science and culture as important objects of analysis for those using Foucault's methods. The book enables the reader to understand how Foucault's contribution to social thought can be applied and opens up possibilities for researchers to use Foucault rather than merely discuss him.

**The Disorder of Things** John Edward Masterson

2007

*Maladie Mentale Et Psychologie* Michel Foucault

1987-01-01 Analyzes the specifics of mental illness and the forms attributed to it by psychology and determines the social conditions that define the status of mental illness

**Writers, Writing on Conflicts and Wars in**

**Africa** Okey Ndibe 2009 Many African countries are caught up in perennial or recurrent political conflicts that often culminate in devastating wars. These flaring conflicts and wars create harrowing economic hardships, dire refugee problems, and sustain a sense of despair in such countries. By their nature, these conflicts and wars affect writers in profound and sometimes paradoxical ways. On the one hand, literature—whether fiction, poetry, drama, or even memoirs—is animated by conflict. On the other hand, the sense of dislocation as well as the humanitarian crises unleashed by wars and other kinds of conflicts also constitute grave impediments to artistic exploration and literary expression.

Writers and artists are frequently in the frontline of resistance to the kinds of injustices and abuses that precipitate wars and conflicts. Consequently, they are often detained, exiled, and even killed either by agents of state terror or by one faction or another in the tussle for state control. Writers, *Writing Conflicts and Wars in Africa* is a collection of testimonies by various writers and scholars who have experienced, or explored, the continent's conflicts and woes, including how the disruptions shape artistic and literary production. The book is divided into two broad categories: in one, several writers speak directly, and with rich anecdotal details about the impact wars and conflicts have had in the formation of their experience and work; in the second, a number of scholars articulate how particular writers have assimilated the horrors of wars and conflicts in their literary creations. The result is an invaluable harvest of reflections and perspectives that open the window into an essential, but until now sadly unexplored, facet of the cultural and political

experience of African writers. The broad scope of this collection—covering Darfur, the Congolese crisis, Biafra, Zimbabwe, South Africa, among others—is complemented by a certain buoyancy of spirit that runs through most of the essays and anecdotes. \_\_\_\_\_ \* Okey Ndibe teaches fiction and literature at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. He has also taught at Connecticut College in New London, Connecticut as well as Simon's Rock College in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. He was for one year on the editorial board of the Hartford Courant and, from 2001-2002, was a Fulbright professor at the University of Lagos, Nigeria. \* Chenjerai Hove is an award-winning Zimbabwean novelist, poet, essayist and journalist whose work has been translated into numerous languages. Educated in Zimbabwe and South Africa, Hove's publications include the novels *Bones* (winner of the prestigious Noma Award, Baobab Books, Harare, and Heinemann, England, 1988), *Shadows* (Baobab and Heinemann, 1988), and

*Ancestors* (Macmillan/Picador, England, 1996); such poetry collections as *Up In Arms* (Zimbabwe Publishing House, 1982), *Blind Moon* (Weaver Press, Harare, 2003), and *Red Hills of Home* (Mambo Press, Gweru, 1984). He is also the author of the collection of essays *Shebeen Tales* (Baobab Books, Harare, and Serif, London, 1994). Hove, who has published several volumes in his indigenous language of Shona, has worked as a columnist, translator, editor and lecturer in Zimbabwe and numerous other countries. Currently on exile in Norway, he has lived and taught in Kenya, the Netherlands, Germany, England, Switzerland, France, and the United States. He recently completed the translation of Shakespeare's *King Lear* into Shona.

**The Order of Things** Michel Foucault  
2012-04-18 In the work that established him as the most important French thinker since Sartre, Michel Foucault offers startling evidence that "man"—man as a subject of scientific knowledge—is at best a recent invention, the

result of a fundamental mutation in our culture. With vast erudition, Foucault cuts across disciplines and reaches back into seventeenth century to show how classical systems of knowledge, which linked all of nature within a great chain of being and analogies between the stars in the heavens and the features in a human face, gave way to the modern sciences of biology, philology, and political economy. The result is nothing less than an archaeology of the sciences that unearths old patterns of meaning and reveals the shocking arbitrariness of our received truths.

**The Cambridge Companion to Foucault** Gary Gutting 2005-07-18 A comprehensive guide to Foucault, from his early work on madness to his history of sexuality.

**Young Foucault** Elisabetta Basso 2022-11-22 In the 1950s, long before his ascent to international renown, Michel Foucault published a scant few works. His early writings on psychology, psychopathology, and anthropology have been

dismissed as immature. However, recently discovered manuscripts from the mid-1950s, when Foucault was a lecturer at the University of Lille, testify to the significance of the work that the philosopher produced in the years leading up to the “archaeological” project he launched with *History of Madness*. Elisabetta Basso offers a groundbreaking and in-depth analysis of Foucault’s Lille manuscripts that sheds new light on the origins of his philosophical project. She considers the epistemological style and methodology of these writings as well as their philosophical context and the scholarly networks in which Foucault was active, foregrounding his relationship to existential psychiatry. Young Foucault blurs the boundaries between biography and theory, exploring the transformations—and, at times, contradictions—that characterize the intellectual trajectory of a philosopher who, as Foucault himself put it, “turned to psychology, and from psychology to history.” Retracing the first steps of the philosopher’s intellectual

journey, Basso shows how Foucault's early writings provide key insights into his archaeological work of the 1960s. Assembling a vast array of archival sources—including manuscripts, reading notes, notes for lectures and conferences, and correspondence—this book develops a new and deeper understanding of Foucault's body of work.

#### The Transformation of UN Conflict Management

Touko Piiparinen 2009-09-10 The world has vowed "Never again" in memory of the 800,000 Rwandans and other groups slaughtered by génocidaires. Yet, ever since the Holocaust, the international community has repeatedly betrayed its pledge, most notably in 1994 with regard to the Rwandan Tutsi, and again ten years later in Darfur. This book examines how the UN failed to prevent or halt the Rwandan genocide: the most efficient mass killing in history. It offers a new explanation, focussing on the structure of the UN and four mechanisms which were pertinent to UN conflict management at that time: early warning;

bureaucratic rationalisation; organisational learning; and Western normalisation. The author sees the Rwandan case as a 'child of its time', or a focal point in which the dysfunctions of the ailing conflict management mechanisms of the 1990s combined with devastating consequences. The book proceeds to examine the transformation of these mechanisms from Rwanda to Darfur - a development which is regarded as indicative of a wider tendency - or direction - in UN conflict management over the past ten years and in the foreseeable future. This book will be of great interest to students and scholars of political science, international relations, ethnic politics, international organizations and conflict studies.

*Aesthetics, Method, and Epistemology* Michel Foucault 1998 The second in a three-volume definitive collection of articles, interviews, and seminars from one of the century's most influential thinkers, Michel Foucault (1926-1984). Selections include commentaries on the work of

de Sade, Rousseau, Marx, Nietzsche, Freud, Roussel, and Boulez. They also include unique insight into the development of Foucault's original philosophical program.

*Explaining Mental Illness* Baptiste Brossard

2022-06-24 How can sociology explain the emergence of mental disorders in societies or individuals? This authoritative book makes a case for the renewal of the sociology of mental illness, proposing a reorganisation of this field around four areas: social stratification, stress, labelling and culture. Drawing on case studies from a range of global contexts, the book argues that current research focuses on identifying 'social factors', leaving the question of causality to psychiatry, while significant critical perspectives remain untapped. The result is an unprecedented resource that maps the current state of sociology of mental health, providing an invigorating manifesto for its future.

*Foucault and Aging* Jason L. Powell 2006 This book is concerned with demonstrating the

relevance and application of Michel Foucault's work to an understanding of human ageing. The diverse range of arguments in the book identifies the ways in which 'ageing' has been organised, shaped and positioned through both knowledge systems and social processes, which impinge on the social construction of ageing. Whilst there has been an escalating array of fields influenced by Foucault's work, ageing has been under-theorised. Indeed, the wide subject matter of Foucault's scholarly work has developed path breaking yet critical perspectives on psychiatry, medicine, punishment, crime and sexuality. The essence of this particular book is that it raises the question of what gerontology as a discipline can learn from Foucauldian approaches. This international volume demonstrates that deployment of Foucauldian theory to gerontological contexts has facilitated disruptions and ruptures of both the meta-narratives inscribed within gerontology: as both discipline and policy, and the ontological status of its

subjects.

**The Birth of the Clinic** Michel Foucault 2003 In this book Michel Foucault, one of the most influential thinkers of recent times, calls us to look critically at specific historical events in order to uncover new layers of significance. In doing so, he challenges our assumptions not only about history, but also about the nature of language and reason, even of truth. By analysing the methods of observation that underpinned the origins of modern medical techniques, Foucault is able to identify 'that opening up of the concrete individual, for the first time in Western history, to the language of rationality, that major event in the relationship of man to himself and of language to things'. The scope of such an undertaking is vast, but it is Foucault's skill that, by means of his uniquely engaging narrative style, his penetrating gaze is able to confront our own. After reading his words our perceptions are never quite the same again.

**The Disorder of Things** John Masterson

2013-04-01 Nuruddin Farah is widely regarded as one of the most sophisticated voices in contemporary world literature. Michel Foucault is revered as one of the most important thinkers of the twentieth century, with his discursive legacy providing inspiration for scholars working in a range of interdisciplinary fields. The Disorder of Things offers a reading of the Somali novelist through the prism of the French philosopher. The book argues that the preoccupations that have remained central throughout Farah's forty year career, including political autocracy, female infibulation, border conflicts, international aid and development, civil war, transnational migration and the Horn of Africa's place in a so-called 'axis of evil', can be mapped onto some key concerns in Foucault's writing most notably Foucault's theoretical turn from 'disciplinary' to 'biopolitical' power. In both the colonial past and the postcolonial present, Somalia is typically represented as an incubator of disorder: whether in relation to internecine conflict, international

terrorism or contemporary piracy. Through his work, both fictional and non-fictional, Farah strives to present alternative stories to an expanding global readership. *The Disorder of Things* analyses the politics and poetics that underpin this literary project, beginning with Farah's first fictional cycle, *Variations on the Theme of an African Dictatorship* (1979-1983), and ending with his *Past Imperfect* trilogy (2004-2011). Farah's writing calls for a more refined, substantial reading of our current geopolitical situation. As such, it both warrants and compels the kind of critical engagement foregrounded throughout *The Disorder of Things*. This book will appeal to students, academics and

general readers with an interest in the interdisciplinary study of literature. Its engagement with theorists, drawn from postcolonial, feminist and development studies, set against the backdrop of a host of philosophical and sociological discourses, shows how such intellectual cross-fertilisation can enliven a single-author study.

Reading Nuruddin Farah F. Fiona Moolla 2014 A close analysis of Farah's novels is used to track the contradictions implicit in the notion of the modern, disengaged self and how transformations of the novel in literary history attempt to negotiate this founding contradiction.