



INVENTING THE MODERN Untold Stories of the Women Who Shaped The Museum of Modern Art

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The Museum of Modern Art owes much of its success to a group of remarkable women who—as founders, patrons, curators, and department directors—shaped its future during its early decades. Inventing the Modern tells the stories of fourteen pioneering women, ranging from eminences such as cofounder Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, the most recognized name among them, to several women who are today virtually unknown, such as the Museum's longtime registrar Dorothy Dudley. There were influential curators like Iris Barry, who played an outsize role in establishing the study of film as an art form, and inventive leaders like Sarah Newmeyer, who as the Museum's first director of publicity launched enterprising campaigns to capture the public's imagination. These women were mavericks who turned their ideas into action: envisioning and establishing the Museum, directing departments, and transforming their disciplines.





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LIFE DANCES ON Robert Frank in Dialogue

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For the Swiss-born photographer Robert Frank, the year 1958 marked, as he later noted, "the beginning of something new." Having completed the selection of images for his landmark photobook *The Americans*, Frank, ever the restless artist, embarked on a path of creative exploration that lasted six decades, until his death in 2019. Across mediums, in photography, film, video, and books, his distinctly personal work reckoned with the death of loved ones and the passage of time. In collaborations with writers, musicians, publishers, and other artists, he also reflected on his role in a community of artists and neighbors, both in New York City and Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

Life Dances On published to accompany the first solo exhibition of Frank's work at The Museum of Modern Art and presented on the occasion of Frank's centennial, asks us to look beyond the role in which Frank is typically cast—as an observant outsider turning his lens on his adopted country—and see him as a deeply reflective artist who understood that meaning is often made out of our relationships with others.





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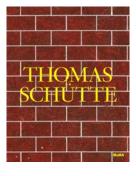


THOMAS SCHÜTTE

Edited by Paulina Pobocha. With contributions by Jennifer L. Allen, Marlene Dumas, Charles Ray, and André Rottman. Chronology by Caitlin Chaisson and Lydia Mullin

Published to accompany a retrospective exhibition at The Museum of Modern Art—the German artist's first museum survey in the United States in over twenty years—this volume presents Thomas Schütte's wide-ranging practice in all its dazzling variety, from monumental figurative sculptures to intimate watercolors to vivid ceramics and architectural models. Taking aesthetics, form, and history as its focus, the catalogue aims to provide a deeper understanding of the artist's practice and introduce new audiences to one of the most significant sculptors working today. Curator Paulina Pobocha, scholars Jennifer L. Allen and André Rottmann, and artists Marlene Dumas and Charles Ray explore Schütte's life and career, illuminating the work of one of the most inventive and influential artists of our time.





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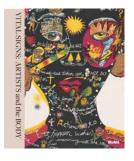
VITAL SIGNS Artists and the Body

Edited by Lanka Tattersall. With contributions by Cyrus Dunham, Sheldon Gooch, Margarita Lizcano Hernandez, and Precious Okoyomon

"Behind this mask, another mask; I will never be done with removing all these faces," wrote the artist and poet Claude Cahun in 1930. Throughout the twentieth century, artists like Cahun have harnessed abstract notions of the body in nuanced engagements with aesthetics, politics, and identity. Vital Signs explores this multifaceted history and the new contexts in which it might be understood.

Published to accompany a major exhibition at The Museum of Modern Art *Vital Signs* is a consideration of abstract art in the twentieth century, exploring its intimate ties to the complex, ecstatic, and contradictory experience of having a body. An introductory essay by Lanka Tattersall explores the intertwining of abstraction and figuration in modern art as it converges with feminist, queer, and Black studies and contributions by the poet and artist Precious Okoyomon and the writer Cyrus Dunham bring new language to bear on the relationship between our outer forms and inner lives.





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Momentum is a guide to understanding the relationship between art and ecology in contemporary Latin America through the interdisciplinary perspectives of artists, art historians, curators, and theoreticians, among others. As the culmination of three years of research on the topic produced through conferences, studio visits, and research seminars conducted by the The Patricia Phelps de Cisneros Research Institute at The Museum of Modern Art, this anthology offers a critical reflection on, and underscores the significance of, artistic practices that engage with the environment in the context of Latin American art.

The book is divided into three sections—interspecies relationships and the nonhuman; land disputes and colonial legacies; and proposals for the future—each accompanied by an introduction that provides background on the critical issues at stake, essays on key artists, interdisciplinary and theoretical texts that help position ecological art within a larger cultural framework, and interviews with contemporary artists, including Carolina Caycedo, Jorge Gonzalez, Eduardo Navarro, Fernando Palma Rodriguez, and Paulo Nazareth, among others



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