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Narrative Absorption
brings together
research from the
social sciences and
Humanities to solve a
number of mysteries:
Most of us will have
had those moments, of
being totally absorbed

in a book, a movie, or
computer game.
Typically we do not
have any idea about
how we ended up in
such a state. Nor do we
fully realize how we
might have changed as
we return for the
fictional worlds we
have visited. The
feeling of being
absorbed is one of the
most illusive and
transient feelings, but
also one that motivates
audiences to spend
considerable amounts
of time in narrative
worlds, and one that is
central to our
understanding of the
effects of narratives on
beliefs and behavior.
Key specialists inform

the reader of this book about the nature of the peculiar state of consciousness during episodes of absorption, the perception of absorption in history, the role of absorption in meaningful experiences with narratives, the relation with related phenomena such as suspense and identification, issues of measurement, and the practical implications, for instance in education-entertainment. Various fields have worked separately on topics of absorption, albeit using different terminology and methods, but having reached a high level of development and complexity in understanding absorption. Now is the time to bring them together. This volume

will be a point of reference for years to come.

Immersed in Media

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"Narrative Complexity is an interdisciplinary volume that explores aesthetic, cognitive, and technological aspects of narrative complexity. This volume offers a new conceptual framework for the study of narrative complexity"--

Narrative as Virtual

Reality Indiana

University Press

Virtual Reality in

Curriculum and

Pedagogy explores the

instructional, ethical,

practical, and technical

issues related to the

integration of

immersive virtual

reality (VR) in school

classrooms. The book's

original pedagogical

framework is informed

by qualitative and

quantitative data collected from the first-ever study to embed immersive VR in secondary school science, ICT, and drama classrooms. Students and scholars of technology-enhancing learning, curriculum design, and teacher education alike will find key pedagogical insights into leveraging the unique properties of VR for authentic, metacognitive, and creative learning.

Narrative Complexity

Cambridge University Press

An engaging examination of how video game design can create strong, positive emotional experiences for players, with examples from popular, indie, and art games. This is a

renaissance moment for video games—in the variety of genres they represent, and the range of emotional territory they cover. But how do games create emotion? In *How Games Move Us*, Katherine Isbister takes the reader on a timely and novel exploration of the design techniques that evoke strong emotions for players. She counters arguments that games are creating a generation of isolated, emotionally numb, antisocial loners. Games, Isbister shows us, can actually play a powerful role in creating empathy and other strong, positive emotional experiences; they reveal these qualities over time, through the act of playing. She offers a nuanced, systematic

examination of exactly how games can influence emotion and social connection, with examples—drawn from popular, indie, and art games—that unpack the gamer's experience. Isbister describes choice and flow, two qualities that distinguish games from other media, and explains how game developers build upon these qualities using avatars, non-player characters, and character customization, in both solo and social play. She shows how designers use physical movement to enhance players' emotional experience, and examines long-distance networked play. She illustrates the use of these design methods with examples that range

from Sony's Little Big Planet to the much-praised indie game Journey to art games like Brenda Romero's Train. Isbister's analysis shows us a new way to think about games, helping us appreciate them as an innovative and powerful medium for doing what film, literature, and other creative media do: helping us to understand ourselves and what it means to be human.

Recapture Springer Nature

David Crystal's classic *English as a Global Language* considers the history, present status and future of the English language, focusing on its role as the leading international language. English has been deemed the most

'successful' language ever, with 1500 million speakers internationally, presenting a difficult task to those who wish to investigate it in its entirety. However, Crystal explores the subject in a measured but engaging way, always backing up observations with facts and figures. Written in a detailed and fascinating manner, this is a book written by an expert both for specialists in the subject and for general readers interested in the English language.

**Handbook of
Narrative Analysis**

Taylor & Francis
This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Virtual, Augmented and Mixed Reality, VAMR 2017,

held as part of HCI International 2017 in Vancouver, BC, Canada. HCII 2017 received a total of 4340 submissions, of which 1228 papers were accepted for publication after a careful reviewing process. The 45 papers presented in this volume were organized in topical sections named: developing virtual and augmented environments; interaction techniques in VAMR; VAMR in education and training; virtual worlds and games; user experience in VAMR; and health issues in VR.

The Pleasure of Limits, the Uses of Boredom, and the Secret of Games MIT Press
Highlights key research currently being undertaken within the

field of telepresence, providing the most detailed account of the field to date, advancing our understanding of a fundamental property of all media - the illusion of presence; the sense of “being there” inside a virtual environment, with actual or virtual others. This collection has been put together by leading international scholars from America, Europe, and Asia. Together, they describe the state-of-the-art in presence theory, research and technology design for an advanced academic audience. Immersed in Media provides research that can help designers optimize presence for users of advanced media technologies such as virtual and augmented reality, collaborative

social media, robotics, and artificial intelligence and lead us to better understand human cognition, emotion and behaviour.

Methods and Principles for Crafting Immersive Narratives Springer Nature

This project presents a virtual reality (VR) Interactive Narrative aiming to leave users reflecting on the perspectives one chooses to view life through. The narrative is driven by interactions designed using the concept of procedural rhetoric, which explores how rules and mechanics in games can persuade people about an idea, and Shin's cognitive model, which presents a dynamic view of immersion in VR. The persuasive nature of

procedural rhetoric in combination with immersion techniques such as tangible interfaces and first-person elements of VR can effectively work together to immerse users into a compelling narrative experience with an intended emotional response output. The narrative is experienced through a young woman in a state between life and death, who wakes up as her subconscious-self in a limbolike world consisting of core memories from her life, where the user is tasked with taking photos of the protagonist's memories for her to come back to life. Users primarily interact with and are integrated into the narrative through a photography mechanic, as they have the

agency to select "perspective" filters to apply to the protagonist's camera from which to view a core memory through, ultimately choosing which perspectives of her memories become permanent when she comes back to life. This project hopes to provide an example of effectively applying procedural rhetoric to a VR interactive narrative so that future interactive narrative designers can further apply and explore how procedural rhetoric can work with immersion techniques to create compelling and immersive VR experiences. *Techniques & Best Practices for VR Filmmakers* U of Nebraska Press "When the first edition was written, the

dominant form of electronic literature was hypertext fiction. The book devoted several chapters to hypertext theory, as well as to the difficulty of creating immersive hypertext narratives. Hypertextuality has lost none of its prominence as a principle of organization of the Web, but it is no longer considered avant-garde on the digital-literary scene. While the new forms that are currently being developed verify some of the recommendations made in NVR (shorter texts, greater reliance on multi-modality, self-referentiality and a tendency toward conceptual art), they generally avoid narrativity and its particular form of

immersion, and even interactivity is no longer seen as indispensable. It is in the popular form of the video game that serious attempts are being made to reconcile immersion with interactivity. The second edition deals in greater detail with both the increase of narrativity in video games, and its loss in experimental digital literature. It also takes into consideration the creation of online worlds such as Second Life and World of Warcraft, which implement the idea of virtual reality in a way not foreseen by VR theorists of the nineties" --
Narrative as Virtual Reality 2 Morgan Kaufmann
 Is there a significant difference in attitude

between immersion in a game and immersion in a movie or novel?

The author demonstrates in this book that the questions raised by new, interactive technologies have their precursors and echoes in pre-electronic literary and artistic traditions.

The Johns Hopkins Guide to Digital Media

Peter Lang
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Immersive Analytics
Routledge

How filling life with play-whether soccer or lawn mowing, counting sheep or tossing Angry Birds -- forges a new path for creativity and joy in our impatient

age Life is boring: filled with meetings and traffic, errands and emails. Nothing we'd ever call fun. But what if we've gotten fun wrong? In Play Anything, visionary game designer and philosopher Ian Bogost shows how we can overcome our daily anxiety; transforming the boring, ordinary world around us into one of endless, playful possibilities. The key to this playful mindset lies in discovering the secret truth of fun and games. Play Anything, reveals that games appeal to us not because they are fun, but because they set limitations. Soccer wouldn't be soccer if it wasn't composed of two teams of eleven players using only their feet, heads, and torsos to get a ball into a

goal; Tetris wouldn't be Tetris without falling pieces in characteristic shapes. Such rules seem needless, arbitrary, and difficult. Yet it is the limitations that make games enjoyable, just like it's the hard things in life that give it meaning. Play is what happens when we accept these limitations, narrow our focus, and, consequently, have fun. Which is also how to live a good life. Manipulating a soccer ball into a goal is no different than treating ordinary circumstances- like grocery shopping, lawn mowing, and making PowerPoints-as sources for meaning and joy. We can "play anything" by filling our days with attention and discipline, devotion and love for the world

as it really is, beyond our desires and fears. Ranging from Internet culture to moral philosophy, ancient poetry to modern consumerism, Bogost shows us how today's chaotic world can only be tamed-and enjoyed-when we first impose boundaries on ourselves.

The End of Storytelling
JHU Press

In this important contribution to narrative theory, Marie-Laure Ryan applies insights from artificial intelligence and the theory of possible worlds to the study of narrative and fiction. For Ryan, the theory of possible worlds provides a more nuanced way of discussing the commonplace notion of a fictional "world," while artificial

intelligence contributes to narratology and the theory of fiction directly via its researches into the cognitive processes of texts and automatic story generation. Although Ryan applies exotic theories to the study of narrative and to fiction, her book maintains a solid basis in literary theory and makes the formal models developed by AI researchers accessible to the student of literature. By combining the philosophical background of possible world theory with models inspired by AI, the book fulfills a pressing need in narratology for new paradigms and an interdisciplinary perspective. Play Anything CRC Press

Understanding Virtual Reality: Interface, Application, and Design, Second Edition, arrives at a time when the technologies behind virtual reality have advanced dramatically in their development and deployment, providing meaningful and productive virtual reality applications. The aim of this book is to help users take advantage of ways they can identify and prepare for the applications of VR in their field, whatever it may be. The included information counters both exaggerated claims for VR, citing dozens of real-world examples. By approaching VR as a communications medium, the authors have created a resource that will

remain relevant even as the underlying technologies evolve. You get a history of VR, along with a good look at systems currently in use. However, the focus remains squarely on the application of VR and the many issues that arise in application design and implementation, including hardware requirements, system integration, interaction techniques and usability. Features substantive, illuminating coverage designed for technical or business readers and the classroom Examines VR's constituent technologies, drawn from visualization, representation, graphics, human-computer interaction and other fields Provides (via a

companion website) additional case studies, tutorials, instructional materials and a link to an open-source VR programming system Includes updated perception material and new sections on game engines, optical tracking, VR visual interface software and a new glossary with pictures [Storytelling for Virtual Reality](#) Morgan & Claypool Creators of immersive experiences in virtual reality, augmented reality, and mixed reality have relied heavily on familiar storytelling techniques used in books, theatre, and film -- often with confusing and unengaging results. Stephanie Riggs argues in *The End of Storytelling* that in order to develop

powerful stories in these emerging mediums, we need nothing short of a paradigm shift in how we approach and conceptualize immersive narratives. Beautifully designed and explosively written, this book will help you better understand how to approach the exciting medium and get your next immersive project off the ground by explaining: Why storytelling doesn't work The fundamental narrative building blocks that do work How to think immersively A blueprint for developing your next immersive project The End of Storytelling is informed by over two decades of work in both immersive and classical mediums, and

is rich with examples, inspiration, and challenges for anyone interested in, or currently developing, effective immersive experiences. Its symphonic exploration presents fascinating context of our relationship to storytelling, and a practical model for building the future of narrative.

Social and Cognitive Foundations Springer

The immersive work titled Story/Space explores the relationship of setting and story through the technology of virtual reality by creating a participatory experience in digital spaces that recounts a childhood memory. The work proposes a new perspective on the role of the scene in an agency-driven

narrative, one that considers the affordances of virtual reality to expand narrative possibilities through a sense of presence and immersion. Through the design of key elements-sound, interaction and visual detail-that are focused on creating presence, the spaces themselves become storytellers. The result is an experience co-authored by artist and immersant that interactively moves through the wonders of a world inspired by childhood imagination, reconciling youthful abandon with mature perspective and insight.

The Power of Virtual Reality Cinema for Healthcare Training
BRILL

Immersive Analytics is

a new research initiative that aims to remove barriers between people, their data and the tools they use for analysis and decision making. Here the aims of immersive analytics research are clarified, its opportunities and historical context, as well as providing a broad research agenda for the field. In addition, it is reviewed how the term immersion has been used to refer to both technological and psychological immersion, both of which are central to immersive analytics research.

Possible Worlds, Artificial Intelligence, and Narrative Theory U of Nebraska Press
Storytelling for Virtual Reality serves as a bridge between

students of new media and professionals working between the emerging world of VR technology and the art form of classical storytelling. Rather than examining purely the technical, the text focuses on the narrative and how stories can best be structured, created, and then told in virtual immersive spaces. Author John Bucher examines the timeless principles of storytelling and how they are being applied, transformed, and transcended in Virtual Reality. Interviews, conversations, and case studies with both pioneers and innovators in VR storytelling are featured, including industry leaders at LucasFilm, 20th Century Fox, Oculus,

Insomniac Games, and Google. For more information about story, Virtual Reality, this book, and its author, please visit StorytellingforVR.com. Telepresence Theory, Measurement & Technology U of Minnesota Press. This book shares new research findings and practical lessons learned that will foster advances in digital design, communication design, web, multimedia and motion design, graphic design and branding, and other related areas. It gathers the best papers presented at the 3rd International Conference on Digital Design and Communication, DIGICOM 2019, held on November 15-16, 2019, in Barcelos, Portugal. The

respective contributions highlight new theoretical perspectives and practical research directions in design and communication, aimed at promoting their use in a global, digital world. The book offers a timely guide and a source of inspiration for designers of all kinds (Graphic, Digital, Web, UI & UX Design and Social Media), for researchers, advertisers, artists, entrepreneurs, and brand or corporate communication managers, and for teachers and advanced students.

Playing with Feelings

Routledge

Teaching Shakespeare through performance has a long history, and active methods of teaching and learning

are a logical complement to the teaching of performance. Virtual reality ought to be the logical extension of such active learning, providing an unrivalled immersive experience of performance that overcomes historical and geographical boundaries. But what are the key advantages and disadvantages of virtual reality, especially as it pertains to Shakespeare? And more interestingly, what can Shakespeare do for VR (rather than vice versa)? This Element, the first on its topic, explores the ways that virtual reality can be used in the classroom and the ways that it might radically change how students experience and think about Shakespeare in

performance.

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