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What is There to Say? SUNY Press

The fourth volume of Blanchot's war-time chronicles reflects a commitment to silence and a detachment from circumstance, as Germany's occupation of France reaches its end. Convinced that disaster is now insuperable, Blanchot neutralizes the nihilism of that position through making it the basis of a new language of human relation.

The Most High U of Nebraska Press

Featuring essays originally published in *La Nouvelle Revue Française*, this collection clearly demonstrates why Maurice Blanchot was a key figure in exploring the relation between literature and philosophy.

A Translation of "l'Espace Littéraire" University of Illinois Press

Sonic Encounters with Blanchot is the first book to explore the relationship of sound and music with the work of Maurice Blanchot. The volume brings together scholars from a range of disciplines who listen closely to the sounds and resonances emanating from within Blanchot's work and who consider their significance both within his work and beyond. The latent and explicit sonic content of Blanchot's writing is explored, as is his treatment of music and the possibilities of thinking about contemporary music and sound art through his work. Although Blanchot is best known for his engagement with literature, an engagement that often relies on visual references and experiences, this collection takes a sonic route into one of the most exciting and demanding thinkers of the twentieth century. As an interdisciplinary exploration of sound and Blanchot's work, this book will be interest to those studying sound in literature and music, as well as students of Blanchot's work in general. This book was originally published as a special issue of *Angelaki*.

A Critical Biography Stanford University Press

Modern history is haunted by the disasters of the century--world wars, concentration camps, Hiroshima, and the Holocaust--grief, anger, terror, and loss beyond words, but still close, still impending. How can we write or think about disaster when by its very nature it defies speech and compels silence, burns books and shatters meaning? *The Writing of the Disaster* reflects upon efforts to abide in disaster's infinite threat. First published in French in 1980, it takes up the most serious tasks of writing: to describe, explain, and redeem when possible, and to admit what is not possible. Neither offers consolation. Maurice Blanchot has been praised on both sides of the Atlantic for his fiction and criticism. The philosopher Emmanuel Levinas once remarked that Blanchot's writing is a "language of pure transcendence, without correlative." Literary theorist and critic Geoffrey Hartman remarked that Blanchot's influence on contemporary writers "cannot be overestimated."

Death Now U of Minnesota Press

This work explores the status of psychoanalysis in Blanchot's texts, from the early 1950s onward, elucidating the political and philosophical dimensions of Blanchot's writings on madness, narcissism, and trauma.

A Change of Epoch Cornell University Press

"This absorbing volume of deeply knowledgeable and insightful essays, including original contributions from seasoned commentators of Maurice Blanchot as well as a number of fresh critical voices, covers the full spectrum of his literary, philosophical and political writing".--Michael Syrotinski, University of Glasgow, UK; from back cover.

The Book to Come SUNY Press

In this book, the first in English devoted exclusively to Maurice Blanchot, John Gregg examines the problematic interaction between the two forms of discourse, critical and fictional, that comprise this writer's hybrid oeuvre. The result is a lucid introduction to the thought of one of the most important figures on the French intellectual scene of the past half-century. Gregg organizes his discussion

around the notion of transgression, which Blanchot himself took over from Georges Bataille--most palpably in his interpretation of the myth of Orpheus--as a paradigm capable of accounting for the relationships that exist in the textual economies formed by author, work, and reader. Chapters on the critical work address such issues as Blanchot's ambivalent attitude toward the speculative dialectic of Hegelianism, his thematization of literature's involvement with death, and the mythical and Biblical figures he uses to portray the acts of reading and writing. Gregg also performs extended close readings of two representative works of fiction, *Le Très-Haut* and *L'Attente l'oubli*, in an effort to trace Blanchot's evolution as a creator of narratives and to ascertain how his fiction can be seen as constituting a *mise en oeuvre* of the concerns he treats in his criticism. The book concludes with an assessment of Blanchot's place in the recent history of French critical theory.

Barrytown/ Station Hill Press

Published in France in 1943, *Faux Pas* is the first collection of essays on literature and language by Maurice Blanchot, the most lucid and powerful French critic of the second half of the 20th century.

Witnessing the Disaster Stanford University Press

"Blanchot describes a world where the Absolute has finally overcome all other rivals to its authority. The State is unified, universal, and homogenous, promising perfect satisfaction. Why then does it find revolt everywhere? Could it be the omnipresent police? The plagues? The proliferating prisons and black markets? Written in part as a description of post-World War II Europe, Blanchot's dystopia charts with terrible clarity the endless death of god in an era of constantly metamorphosing but strangely definitive ideologies."--*Translation Review* Maurice Blanchot has been for a half century one of France's leading authors of fiction and theory. Two of his most ambitious works, *The Space of Literature* and *The Writing of the Disaster*, are also available in Bison Books editions. Allan Stoekl is the author of *On Bataille* and *Agonies of the Intellectual: Commitment, Subjectivity, and the Performative in the Twentieth-Century French Tradition* (Nebraska 1992).

The Phantom Tollbooth Fordham Univ Press

A journey through a land where Milo learns the importance of words and numbers provides a cure for his boredom.

Maurice Blanchot and Psychoanalysis U of Nebraska Press

This book proposes that a distinct strain of literary modernism emerged in Europe in response to historical catastrophe.

The Power of Contestation Yearling Books

Writing in fragments is often held to be one of the most distinctive signature effects of Romantic, modern, and postmodern literature. But what is the fragment, and what may be said to be its literary, philosophical, and political significance? Few writers have explored these questions with such probing radicality and rigorous tenacity as the French writer and thinker Maurice Blanchot. For the first time in any language, this book explores in detail Blanchot's own writing in fragments in order to understand the stakes of the fragmentary within philosophical and literary modernity. It attends in detail to each of Blanchot's fragmentary works (*Awaiting Forgetting*, *The Step Not Beyond*, and *The Writing of the Disaster*) and reconstructs Blanchot's radical critical engagement with the philosophical and literary tradition, in particular with Hegel, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Heraclitus, Levinas, Derrida, Nancy, Mallarmé, Char, and others, and assesses Blanchot's account of politics, Jewish thought, and the Shoah, with a view to understanding the stakes of fragmentary writing in Blanchot and within philosophical and literary modernity in general.

Dreaming, Writing, and Restlessness in Twentieth-century Literature U of Nebraska Press

When we think of Heidegger's influence in France, we tend to focus on such contemporary thinkers as Jacques Derrida, Michel Foucault, and Jean-François Lyotard. In *Generation Existential*, Ethan Kleinberg shifts the focus to the initial reception of Heidegger's philosophy in France by those who first encountered it. Kleinberg explains the appeal of Heidegger's philosophy to French thinkers, as well as the ways they incorporated and expanded on it in their own work through the interwar,

Second World War, and early postwar periods. In so doing, Kleinberg offers new insights into intellectual figures whose influence on modern French philosophy has been enormous, including some whose thought remains under-explored outside France. Among Kleinberg's "generation existential" are Jean Beaufret, the only member of the group whom one could characterize as "a Heideggerian"; Maurice Blanchot; Alexandre Kojève; Emmanuel Levinas; and Jean-Paul Sartre. In showing how each of these figures engaged with Heidegger, Kleinberg helps us to understand how the philosophy of this right-wing thinker had such a profound influence on intellectuals of the left. Furthermore, Kleinberg maintains that our view of Heidegger's influence on contemporary thought is contingent on our comprehension of the ways in which his philosophy was initially understood, translated, and incorporated into the French philosophical canon by this earlier generation.

Saturn U of Nebraska Press

Thomas enters a boarding house, but can't seem to leave.

The Other Night U of Nebraska Press

Witnessing the Disaster examines how histories, films, stories and novels, memorials and museums, and survivor testimonies involve problems of witnessing: how do those who survived, and those who lived long after the Holocaust, make clear to us what happened? How can we distinguish between more and less authentic accounts? Are histories more adequate descriptors of the horror than narrative? Does the susceptibility of survivor accounts to faulty memory and the vestiges of trauma make them any more or less useful as instruments of witness? And how do we authenticate their accuracy without giving those who deny the Holocaust a small but dangerous foothold? These essayists aim to move past the notion that the Holocaust as an event defies representation. They look at specific cases of Holocaust representation and consider their effect, their structure, their authenticity, and the kind of knowledge they produce. Taken together they consider the tension between history and memory, the vexed problem of eyewitness testimony and its status as

evidence, and the ethical imperatives of Holocaust representation.

The True Story of an 11-Year-Old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and an Unlikely Meeting with Destiny Oxford University Press

Presents the true story of a friendship that has spanned three decades, recounting how the author, a harried sales executive, befriended an eleven-year-old panhandler, changing both of their lives forever.

The Step Not Beyond Routledge

"I sleep, but my heart wakes," says the Song of Songs. "The other night" names the sleepless night we spend in dreams. From *The Interpretation of Dreams* to *Finnegans Wake*, many of the great writing projects of the first half of the twentieth century articulate experiences of waking in the very depths of sleep, where no "I" can declare itself present though the heart still beats. After World War II, in the cold light of the closure of the age of dreambooks, Beckett and Blanchot discover with new clarity, and new fatigue, that what wakes when the "I" sleeps doesn't sleep when the "I" wakes. Revisiting Freud's argument that the dream is a form of writing, *The Other Night* looks at how life becomes literature in this wakefulness. Though we seem to be seeing things in our dreams, we are actually confronted with a kind of writing. This writing is not in our power, and yet it is ours. We are responsible for it in the same strange way that we are responsible for our lives.

Awaiting Oblivion U of Nebraska Press

The first English translation of Jean Paulhan's major essays

Demeure Fordham Univ Press

Ch. 9 (pp. 207-234), "Blanchot's 'holocaust'", discusses the French thinker's philosophy of the Holocaust.

Chronicles of Intellectual Life, 1944 Simon and Schuster

This volume, a powerful short prose piece by Blanchot with an extended essay by Derrida, records a remarkable encounter in critical and philosophical thinking.

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