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# 得獎專書:

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## 得獎簡評:

本書探討美國 9/11 事件之後出版的歷史小說與架空歷史小說,從跨國歷史轉向的角度,處理後 9/11 小說的文學再現。作者根據文類研究與記憶研究兩大主軸,提供了一套具有說服力的 9/11 論述架構,無論就背景的鋪陳、理論的闡釋、邏輯的說明,以及小說的主題分析,包括 9/11 事件的歷史定位、愛國主義和美國優先的質疑、架空歷史小說的跨國視角詮釋,他者存在樣態與生命形式的剖析,都展現了宏觀的歷史視界與紮實的學術底蘊,拓展了相關領域研究的廣度與深度。

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## 得獎著作簡介:

相較於當今學界盛行的後 9/11 小說研究著重於以「9/11 事件」或「後 9/11 時代」 為背景的小說,本書關注歷史小說與架空歷史小說如何以隱晦、迂迴的想像方式迫近 這些事件。本書採用離散與多元族裔的研究視角,剖析美籍日裔、猶太裔和愛爾蘭裔、 以及蘇格蘭和以色列等作家的小說,跳脫歐美中心論和主流創傷論述的框架,顛覆加 害者與被害者的二元思維,以凸顯出 9/11 的複雜面向。

縱然本書所檢視的幾本歷史小說以及架空歷史小說是無關 9/11 的,他們仍被廣泛解讀為該事件及其餘波的寓言故事,同時間這些小說卻都帶有作家本身對美國原住民迫遷、黑人奴隸、二戰反猶迫害、日裔美國人拘留營、以及越戰等歷史的深切關懷。本書結合文類研究和記憶研究,援引米德(George Herbert Mead)、阿布瓦西(Maurice

Halbwachs)和羅斯伯格(Michael Rothberg)等人的記憶理論,指出近來視歷史小說和架空歷史小說為後 9/11 寓言的讀法,除了有其研究方法上的侷限與疑慮之外,也 漠視了其他歷史事件的重要性。

本書主張,後 9/11 歷史小說與架空歷史小說的研究需同時關注小說本身所展現對美國多元族裔和跨國歷史的重視、作家的初衷與動機、以及後 9/11 讀者的詮釋與反應,三者的互動彰顯出(1)記憶的現在性:記憶不僅是關於過去,更與現在之間存在著相互牽動的關係,亦即當下冒現的情境可能引發對過去事件的回憶,甚或進而對過去改觀而重新記憶。過往的記憶更是成就現在所不可或缺的一部分,是理解現在的通道,也經常帶有預警的功能;(2)記憶的多向性:記憶來自多方,如個人記憶、集體記憶、文化記憶、溝通型記憶和後記憶等;(3)記憶的連結性:對不同歷史事件的串連記憶,開啟跨國、跨族裔和跨世代同理心產生的契機。

Instead of examining the novels set against the backdrop of the September 11 attacks and their aftermath, this book zooms in on historical fiction and alternate history fiction that approaches the events obscurely and obliquely. Through the diasporic and multiethnic lens, this book explores novels by Jewish American, Japanese-American, Irish-American, Scottish, and Israeli writers who, breaking with the Euro-American-centric mindset and the mainstream discourse of trauma, overturn the dichotomous relationship between perpetrator and victim while featuring the events of 9/11 in all their complexity.

Despite the absence of the events of 9/11, some historical novels and alternate history novels under discussion in this book are so widely read as post-9/11 allegory that their engagement with the problems of Native Americans' forced displacement, black slavery, anti-Semitism, Japanese-American internment, and Vietnam War have not attracted as much critical attention as they should have deserved. Taking a cue from George Herbert Mead, Maurice Halbwachs, and Michael Rothberg, this book integrates memory theories into genre studies with the aim of spelling out the methodological limitations of reading

historical fiction and alternate history fiction as post-9/11 allegory and its neglect of other equally important historical events.

This book argues that studies of post-9/11 historical fiction and alternate history fiction should attend to the transnational history of multiethnic America that the novels are concerned about, the motives and intentions of the writers, as well as the interpretations and responses of post-9/11 readers. Their interactions manifest the following three characteristics of memory:

## (1) The emergent present of memory:

Memory involves not merely recollections of the past but also a mutually dynamic relationship with the present. It is because the emergent present may trigger memories or even change people's views about the past and thus generate the act of re-remembering. At the same time, memories serve as conduits for understanding the present and issue warnings through historical lessons.

#### (2) The multidirectionality of memory:

The sources of memory are multidirectional, coming from personal memory, collective memory, cultural memory, communicative memory, and postmemory.

#### (3) The connectivity of memory:

Connective memories of different historical events open up opportunities to develop transnational, cross-ethnic, and transgenerational empathy.

## 得獎感言:

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Over the past seven years, I spent countless days racking my brain to break writing bottlenecks and stood up to enormous pressure put on me for not being productive enough till this monograph was finally completed and published in 2020. With joy and pride, I hold a hardcover of the new book, as if it were my newborn baby. Like siblings, the seven chapters of the book are so closely related to one another that I could not bear to separate them and find them adoptive homes in different journals. With the strength and tenacity of a mother, I worked hard over the years to provide an intact home for these research papers. Now that the book is published, a mother's wish finally comes true.

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