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The Body: A Reader

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Abstract or Description

The body has become an increasingly significant concept in recent years and this Reader offers a stimulating overview of the main topics, perspectives and theories surrounding the issue. This broad consideration of the body presents an engagement with a range of social concerns, from the processes of racialization to the vagaries of fashion and performance art, enacted as surgery on the body. Individual sections cover issues such as: time and social (dis)order, bodies and identities, bodily norms, bodies in health and dis-ease, bodies and technology.

Containing an extensive critical introduction, contributions from key figures such as Butler, Sedgwick, M. Scheper-Huges, Haraway and Gilroy, and a series of introductions summarizing each section, this Reader offers students a valuable practical guide and a thorough grounding in the fascinating topic of the body.

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