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Highbrows, Hillbillies, and Hellfire 2007-05-01

from the end of reconstruction to the eve of the great depression atlanta was the new south s gate city steve goodson s social and cultural history looks at the variety of public amusements available to atlantans of the day including theater vaudeville dime museums movies radio and classical blues and country music revealed in the ways its people embraced or condemned everything from burlesque to opera is an atlanta unsure of its identity and acutely sensitive of its image in the eyes of the nation while the general populace hungered for novelty and diversion middle class atlantans white and black saw entertainment as a source of or threat to status and respectability goodson traces the roots of this tension to the city s rapid and problematic growth its uncomfortably diverse population and its multiplying ties to national markets at the same time he portrays some lively individuals who shaped atlanta s entertainment scene among them are impresario laurent degive tightrope walker professor leon patent medicine salesman yellowstone kit country music great fiddlin john carson and blues legends bessie smith and blind willie mctell goodson also brings alive the atmosphere of such venues as degive s resplendent grand opera house george johnson s tacky museum of living wonders the pioneering trocadero vaudeville house and the notorious 81 theater on decatur street an avenue whose decadent promise rivaled that of beale in memphis and bourbon in new orleans milestone trends and events are also showcased performances of the play uncle tom s cabin and showings of the film birth of a nation visits by the metropolitan opera company the debate over sunday entertainment the beginning of

broadcasts by the voice of the south radio station wsb and the rise of atlanta as the earliest capital of country and blues recording accepted historical views of public entertainment in america suggest that ethnicity and class would be the most pronounced forces shaping this aspect of atlanta s popular culture goodson finds however that race and evangelical christianity also heavily influenced the circumstances in which atlantans went about their fun with implications for the entire urban south this is an engaging look at how and why its major city once grasped at sophistication and progress with one hand while pushing it away with the other

1666: Plague, War, and Hellfire 2016-10-18

1666 was a watershed year for england an outbreak of the great plaque the eruption of the second dutch war and the devastating great fire of london all struck the country in rapid succession and with devastating repercussions shedding light on these dramatic events and their context historian rebecca rideal reveals an unprecedented period of terror and triumph based in original archival research drawing on little known sources 1666 opens with the fiery destruction of london before taking readers on a thrilling journey through a crucial turning point in english history as seen through the eyes of an extraordinary cast of historical characters while the central events of this significant year were ones of devastation and defeat 1666 also offers a glimpse of the incredible scientific and artistic progress being made at that time from isaac newton s discovery of gravity to the establishment of the london gazette it was in this year that john milton completed paradise lost frances stewart posed for the iconic

image of britannia and a young architect named christopher wren proposed a plan for a new london a stone phoenix to rise from the charred ashes of the old city with flair and style 1666 exposes readers to a city and a country on the cusp of modernity and a series of events that altered the course of history

Music and the Making of a New South 2005-12-15

startled by rapid social changes at the turn of the twentieth century citizens of atlanta wrestled with fears about the future of race relations the shape of gender roles the impact of social class and the meaning of regional identity in a new south gavin james campbell demonstrates how these anxieties were played out in atlanta s popular musical entertainment examining the period from 1890 to 1925 campbell focuses on three popular musical institutions the new york metropolitan opera which visited atlanta each year the colored music festival and the georgia old time fiddlers convention white and black audiences charged these events with deep significance campbell argues turning an evening s entertainment into a struggle between rival claimants for the new south s soul opera spirituals and fiddling became popular not just because they were entertaining but also because audiences found them flexible enough to accommodate a variety of competing responses to the challenges of making a new south campbell shows how attempts to inscribe music with a single public fixed meaning were connected to much larger struggles over the distribution of social political cultural and economic power attitudes about music extended beyond the concert hall to simultaneously enrich and impoverish both the region and the nation that these new southerners

struggled to create

Now Playing 2008-04-17

locates the origins of the mass audience and the emergence of everyday moviegoing in the culture of cities

Leo Ornstein 2007-10-15

leo ornstein modernist dilemmas personal choices traces the meteoric rise and heretofore inexplicable disappearance of the russian american futurist anarchist pianist composer from his arrival in the united states in 1906 through a career that lasted nearly a century outliving his admirers and critics by decades leo ornstein passed away in 2002 at the age of 108 frequently compared to igor stravinsky and arnold schoenberg for a time ornstein enjoyed a kind a celebrity granted few living musicians and then he turned his back on it all this first full length biographical study draws upon interviews journals and letters from a wide circle of ornstein s friends and acquaintances to track the ornstein family as it escaped the horrors of the russian pogroms and it situates the russian jewish american musician as he carved out an identity amidst world war i the flu pandemic and the red scare while telling leo ornstein s story the book also illuminates the stories of thousands of immigrants with similar harrowing experiences it also explores the immeasurable impact of his unexpected marriage in 1918 to pauline mallet prevost a park avenue debutante leo ornstein modernist dilemmas personal choices finds ornstein at the center of several networks that included artists john marin william zorach leon kroll writers and activists paul rosenfeld waldo frank

edmund wilson and clair reis the stieglitz circle and a group of english composers known as the frankfurt five ornstein s story challenges directly the traditional chronology and narrative regarding musical modernism in america and its close relation to the other arts

Linthead Stomp 2008

an exploration of the origins and development of american country music in the piedmont s mill villages celebrates the colorful cast of musicians and considers the impact that urban living industrial music and mass culture had on their lives and music

Women on Southern Stages, 1800-1865 2016-10-10

women played an integral role in the theater of the antebellum and civil war south yet their contributions have largely been overlooked by history southern actresses were important public figures who helped mold gender identity through their theatrical performances although cast in parts written by men they subverted the norms of femininity in their public personas and in their personal lives educated and often wealthy but never accepted by the landed elite women distinguished themselves by carving out an in between class status and many proved to be sophisticated entrepreneurs southern actresses also helped shape racial perceptions and regional politics as the south entered the civil war

Good Music for a Free People 2010

a transatlantic perspective that illuminates the germania musical society s crucial role in introducing a classical predominantly german repertory of instrumental works into american musical life in good music for a free people author nancy newman examines the activities and reception of the germania musical society an orchestra whose members emigrated from berlin during the revolutions of 1848 these two dozen forty eighters gave nearly a thousand concerts in north america during the ensuing six year period possibly reaching a million listeners drawing on a memoir by member henry albrecht newman provides insights into the musicians desire to bring their music to the audiences of a democratic republic at this turbulent time eager to avoid the egotism and self promotion of the european patronage system they pledged to work for their mutual interests both musically and socially one for all and all for one became their motto originally published in german albrecht s memoir is presented here in for the first time in translation nancy newman is associate professor in the music department at the university at albany suny

Veiled Visions 2006-05-18

in 1906 atlanta after a summer of inflammatory headlines and accusations of black on white sexual assaults armed white mobs attacked african americans resulting in at least twenty five black fatalities atlanta s black residents fought back and repeatedly defended their neighborhoods from white raids placing this four day riot in a broader narrative of twentieth century race relations in atlanta in the south and in the united states david fort godshalk examines the

riot s origins and how memories of this cataclysmic event shaped black and white social and political life for decades to come nationally the riot radicalized many civil rights leaders encouraging w e b du bois s confrontationist stance and diminishing the accommodationist voice of booker t washington in atlanta fears of continued disorder prompted white civic leaders to seek dialogue with black elites establishing a rare biracial tradition that convinced mainstream northern whites that racial reconciliation was possible in the south without national intervention paired with black fears of renewed violence however this interracial cooperation exacerbated black social divisions and repeatedly undermined black social justice movements leaving the city among the most segregated and socially stratified in the nation analyzing the interwoven struggles of men and women blacks and whites social outcasts and national powerbrokers godshalk illuminates the possibilities and limits of racial understanding and social change in twentieth century america

Hope and Danger in the New South City 2010-04-15

for atlanta the early decades of the twentieth century brought chaotic economic and demographic growth women black and white emerged as a visible new component of the city s population as maids and cooks secretaries and factory workers these women served the better classes in their homes and businesses they were enthusiastic patrons of the city s new commercial amusements and the mothers of atlanta s burgeoning working classes in response to women s growing public presence as georgina hickey reveals atlanta s boosters politicians and reformers created a set of images

that attempted to define the lives and contributions of working women through these images city residents expressed ambivalence toward atlanta s growth which although welcome also threatened the established racial and gender hierarchies of the city using period newspapers municipal documents government investigations organizational records oral histories and photographic evidence hope and danger in the new south city relates the experience of working class women across lines of race as sources of labor community members activists pleasure seekers and consumers of social services to the process of urban development

The Soul of Pleasure 2016-04-22

show business is today so essential to american culture it s hard to imagine a time when it was marginal but as david monod demonstrates the appetite for amusements outside the home was not natural it developed slowly over the course of the nineteenth century the soul of pleasure offers a new interpretation of how the taste for entertainment was cultivated monod focuses on the shifting connection between the people who built successful popular entertainments and the public who consumed them show people discovered that they had to adapt entertainment to the moral outlook of americans which they did by appealing to sentiment the soul of pleasure explores several controversial forms of popular culture minstrel acts burlesques and saloon variety shows and places them in the context of changing values and perceptions far from challenging respectability monod argues that entertainments reflected and transformed the audience s ideals in the mid nineteenth century sentimentality not only infused performance styles and the content of shows but

also altered the expectations of the theatergoing public sentimental entertainment depended on sensational effects that produced surprise horror and even gales of laughter after the civil war the sensational charge became more important than the sentimental bond and new forms of entertainment gained in popularity and provided the foundations for vaudeville america s first mass entertainment ultimately it was american entertainment s variety that would provide the true soul of pleasure

Lynching and Spectacle 2011-02-01

lynch mobs in late nineteenth and early twentieth century america exacted horrifying public torture and mutilation on their victims in lynching and spectacle amy wood explains what it meant for white americans to perform and witness these sadistic spectacles and how lynching played a role in establishing and affirming white supremacy lynching wood argues overlapped with a variety of cultural practices and performances both traditional and modern including public executions religious rituals photography and cinema all which encouraged the horrific violence and gave it social acceptability however she also shows how the national dissemination of lynching images ultimately fueled the momentum of the antilynching movement and the decline of the practice using a wide range of sources including photos newspaper reports pro and antilynching pamphlets early films and local city and church records wood reconfigures our understanding of lynching s relationship to modern life wood expounds on the critical role lynching spectacles played in establishing and affirming white supremacy at the turn of the century particularly in towns and cities experiencing great social instability and change she also shows how the national

dissemination of lynching images fueled the momentum of the antilynching movement and ultimately led to the decline of lynching by examining lynching spectacles alongside both traditional and modern practices and within both local and national contexts wood reconfigures our understanding of lynching s relationship to modern life

Historical Dictionary of Vaudeville 2023-06-15

vaudeville as it is commonly known today began as a response to scandalous variety performances appealing mostly to adult male patrons when former minstrel performer and balladeer tony pastor opened the fourteenth street theatre in new york in 1881 he was guided by a mission to provide family friendly variety shows in hopes of drawing in that portion of the audience women and children otherwise inherently excluded from variety bills prior to 1881 there he perfected a framework for family oriented amusements of the highest obtainable quality and style historical dictionary of vaudeville contains a chronology an introduction an extensive bibliography and the dictionary section has more than 1 000 cross referenced entries on performing artists managers and agents theatre facilities and the terminology central to the history of vaudeville this book is an excellent resource for students researchers and anyone wanting to know more about vaudeville

Torches of Light 2005

as turbulent social and economic changes swept the south in the first half of the twentieth century education became the flashpoint ann short chirhart

s study is the first to analyze such modernizing events in georgia she shows how these changes affected the creation of the state s public school system and cast its teachers in a crucial role as mediators between transformation and tradition depicting georgia s steps toward modernity through teachers professional and cultural work and the educational reforms they advocated chirhart presents a unique perspective on the convergence of voices across the state calling for reform or continuity secularism or theology equality or enforced norms consumption or self reliance although most teachers black and white shared backgrounds rooted in localism and evangelical protestantism attitudes about race and gender kept them apart african american teachers individually and collectively redefined traditional beliefs to buttress ideals of racial uplift and to press for equal access to public services white women adapted similar beliefs in different ways to enhance their efforts to train greater numbers of white students for professional and wage labor torches of light is based on such sources as government archives manuscript collections and interviews with teachers as chirhart examines the ideas over which georgians clashed she also shows how those ideas were embodied in new deal and u s department of agriculture programs the political activities of the black georgia teachers and educators association and the georgia legislature s 1949 minimum foundation act through two world wars and the great depression teachers sought to reconcile clashing beliefs not only to renegotiate class race and gender roles but also to enhance their own professionalism and authority

The Culture of Property

2011-08-15

this history of the idea of neighborhood in a major american city examines the transition of atlanta georgia from a place little concerned with residential segregation tasteful surroundings and property control to one marked by extreme concentrations of poverty and racial and class exclusion using atlanta as a lens to view the wider nation leeann lands shows how assumptions about race and class have coalesced with attitudes toward residential landscape aesthetics and home ownership to shape public policies that promote and protect white privilege lands studies the diffusion of property ideologies on two separate but related levels within academic professional and bureaucratic circles and within circles comprising civic elites and rank and file residents by the 1920s following the establishment of park neighborhoods such as druid hills and ansley park white home owners approached housing and neighborhoods with a particular collection of desires and sensibilities architectural and landscape continuity a narrow range of housing values orderliness and separation from undesirable land uses and undesirable people by the 1950s these desires and sensibilities had been codified in federal state and local standards practices and laws today lands argues far more is at stake than issues of access to particular neighborhoods because housing location is tied to the allocation of a broad range of resources including school funding infrastructure and law enforcement long after racial segregation has been outlawed white privilege remains embedded in our culture of home ownership

Prohibition in Atlanta: 2015

after the civil war state and national prohibition galvanized in atlanta the issues of classism racism and anti immigrant sentiment while many consider flappers and gangsters the iconic images of the era in reality it was marked with temperance zealotry blind tigers and white lightning georgia s protracted and intense battle changed the industrial and social landscapes of its capital city and unleashed a flood of illegal liquor that continually flowed in the wettest city in the south moonshine was the toast of the town from mill houses to the state capitol the state eventually repealed prohibition but the social moral and legal repercussions still linger seventy years later join authors ron smith and mary o boyle as they recount the colorful history of atlanta s struggle to freely enjoy a drink

Georgia Women 2009

the essays in the second volume of georgia women portray a wide array of georgia women who played an important role in the state s history from little known progressive era activists to famous present day figures such as pulitzer prize winning author alice walker and former first lady rosalynn carter

Johnny Mercer 2013-11-15

john herndon johnny mercer 1909 76 remained in the forefront of american popular music from the 1930s through the 1960s writing over a thousand songs collaborating with all the great popular composers and jazz musicians of his day working in hollywood and on broadway and as cofounder of capitol

records helping to promote the careers of nat king cole margaret whiting peggy lee and many other singers mercer s songs sung by bing crosby billie holiday judy garland frank sinatra ella fitzgerald tony bennett lena horne and scores of other performers are canonical parts of the great american songbook four of his songs received academy awards moon river days of wine and roses on the atchison topeka and the santa fe and in the cool cool of the evening mercer standards such as hooray for hollywood and you must have been a beautiful baby remain in the popular imagination exhaustively researched glenn t eskew s biography improves upon earlier popular treatments of the savannah georgia born songwriter to produce a sophisticated insightful evenhanded examination of one of america s most popular and successful chart toppers johnny mercer southern songwriter for the world provides a compelling chronological narrative that places mercer within a larger framework of diaspora entertainers who spread a southern multiracial culture across the nation and around the world eskew contends that mercer and much of his music remained rooted in his native south being deeply influenced by the folk music of coastal georgia and the blues and jazz recordings made by black and white musicians at capitol records mercer helped redirect american popular music by commodifying these formerly distinctive regional sounds into popular music when rock n roll diminished opportunities at home mercer looked abroad collaborating with international composers to create transnational songs at heart eskew says mercer was a jazz musician rather than a tin pan alley lyricist and the interpenetration of jazz and popular song that he created expressed elements of his southern heritage that made his work distinctive and consistently kept his music before an approving audience

Designing Dixie 2014-12-29

although many white southerners chose to memorialize the lost cause in the aftermath of the civil war boosters entrepreneurs and architects in southern cities believed that economic development rather than nostalgia would foster reconciliation between north and south in designing dixie reiko hillyer shows how these boosters crafted distinctive local pasts designed to promote their economic futures and to attract northern tourists and investors neither romanticizing the old south nor appealing to lost cause ideology promoters of new south industrialization used urban design to construct particular relationships to each city s southern slaveholding and confederate pasts drawing on the approaches of cultural history landscape studies and the history of memory hillyer shows how the southern tourist destinations of st augustine richmond and atlanta deployed historical imagery to attract northern investment st augustine s spanish renaissance revival resorts muted the town s confederate past and linked northern investment in the city to the tradition of imperial expansion richmond boasted its colonial and revolutionary heritage depicting its industrial development as an outgrowth of national destiny atlanta s use of northern architectural language displaced the southern identity of the city and substituted a narrative of long standing allegiance to a modern industrial order with its emphases on alternative southern pasts architectural design tourism and political economy designing dixie significantly revises our understandings of both southern historical memory and post civil war sectional reconciliation

I'd Fight the World 2019-09-09

long before the united states had presidents from the world of movies and reality tv we had scores of politicians with connections to country music in i d fight the world peter la chapelle traces the deep bonds between country music and politics from the nineteenth century rise of fiddler politicians to more recent figures like pappy o daniel roy acuff and rob quist these performers and politicians both rode and resisted cultural waves some advocated for the poor and dispossessed and others voiced religious and racial anger but they all walked the line between exploiting their celebrity and righteously taking on the world la chapelle vividly shows how country music campaigners have profoundly influenced the american political landscape

Georgia Women 2010-10

this first of two volumes extends from the founding of the colony of georgia in 1733 up to the progressive era from the beginning georgia women were instrumental in shaping the state yet most histories minimize their contributions the essays in this volume include women of many ethnicities and classes who played an important role in georgia s history though sources for understanding the lives of women in georgia during the colonial period are scarce the early essays profile mary musgrove an important player in the relations between the creek nation and the british crown and the loyalist elizabeth johnston who left georgia for nova scotia in 1806 another essay examines the near mythical quality of the american revolution era accounts of georgia s war woman nancy hart the later essays are multifaceted in their examination of the way different women

experienced georgia s antebellum social and political life the tumult of the civil war and the lingering consequences of both the conflict itself and emancipation after the war both necessity and opportunity changed women s lives as educated white women like eliza andrews established or taught in schools and as african american women like lucy craft laney who later founded the haines institute attended school for the first time georgia women also profiles reform minded women like mary latimer mclendon rebecca latimer felton mildred rutherford nellie peters black and martha berry who worked tirelessly for causes ranging from temperance to suffrage to education the stories of the women portrayed in this volume provide valuable glimpses into the lives and experiences of all georgia women during the first century and a half of the state s existence historical figures include mary musgrove nancy hart elizabeth lichtenstein johnston ellen craft fanny kemble frances butler leigh susie king taylor eliza frances andrews amanda america dickson mary ann harris gay rebecca latimer felton mary latimer mclendon mildred lewis rutherford nellie peters black lucy craft laney martha berry corra harris juliette gordon low

Historical Dictionary of American Theater 2017-11-22

this book covers the history of theater as well as the literature of america from 1880 1930 the years covered by this volume features the rise of the popular stage in america from the years following the end of the civil war to the golden age of broadway with an emphasis on its practitioners including such diverse figures as william gillette mrs fiske george m cohan maude adams david belasco george abbott clyde fitch eugene o neill texas

quinan robert edmond jones jeanne eagels susan glaspell the adlers and the barrymores tallulah bankhead philip barry maxwell anderson mae west elmer rice laurette taylor eva le gallienne and a score of others entries abound on plays of all kinds from melodrama to the newly embraced realistic style ethnic works irish yiddish etc and such diverse forms as vaudeville circus minstrel shows temperance plays etc this second edition of historical dictionary of american theater modernism covers the history of modernist american theatre through a chronology an introductory essay and an extensive bibliography the dictionary section has over 2 000 cross referenced entries on actors and actresses directors playwrights producers genres notable plays and theatres this book is an excellent access point for students researchers and anyone wanting to know more about the american theater in its greatest era

Walking the Line 2013-10-09

an insightful and wide ranging look at one of america s most popular genres of music walking the line country music lyricists and american culture examines how country songwriters engage with their nation s religion literature and politics country fans have long encountered the concept of walking the line from johnny cash s i walk the line to waylon jennings s only daddy that ll walk the line walking the line requires following strict codes respecting territories and sometimes recognizing that only the slightest boundary separates conflicting allegiances however even as the term acknowledges control it suggests rebellion the consideration of what lies on the other side of the line and perhaps the desire to violate that code for lyricists the line presents a moment of expression an opportunity to relate an idea image

or emotion these lines represent boundaries of their kind as well but as the chapters in this volume indicate some of the more successful country lyricists have tested and expanded the boundaries as they have challenged musical social and political conventions often reevaluating what country means in country music from jimmie rodgers s redefinitions of democracy to revisions of southern christianity by hank williams and willie nelson to feminist retellings by loretta lynn and dolly parton to masculine reconstructions by merle haggard and cindy walker to steve earle s reworking of american ideologies this collection examines how country lyricists walk the line in weighing the influence of the lyricists accomplishments the contributing authors walk the line in turn exploring iconic country lyrics that have tested and expanded boundaries challenged musical social and political conventions and reevaluated what country means in country music

Hear My Sad Story 2015-12-07

in 2015 bob dylan said i learned lyrics and how to write them from listening to folk songs and i played them and i met other people that played them back when nobody was doing it sang nothing but these folk songs and they gave me the code for everything that s fair game that everything belongs to everyone in hear my sad story richard polenberg describes the historical events that led to the writing of many famous american folk songs that served as touchstones for generations of american musicians lyricists and folklorists those events which took place from the early nineteenth to the mid twentieth centuries often involved tragic occurrences murders sometimes resulting from love affairs gone wrong desperate acts borne out of poverty and unbearable working conditions

and calamities such as railroad crashes shipwrecks and natural disasters all of polenberg s account of the songs in the book are grounded in historical fact and illuminate the social history of the times reading these tales of sorrow misfortune and regret puts us in touch with the dark but terribly familiar side of american history on christmas 1895 in st louis an african american man named lee shelton whose nickname was stack lee shot and killed william lyons in a dispute over seventy five cents and a hat shelton was sent to prison until 1911 committed another murder upon his release and died in a prison hospital in 1912 even during his lifetime songs were being written about shelton and eventually 450 versions of his story would be recorded as the song you may know shelton as stagolee or stagger lee was shared and adapted the emotions of the time were preserved but the fact that the songs described real people real lives often fell by the wayside polenberg returns us to the men and women who in song became legends the lyrics serve as valuable historical sources providing important information about what had happened why and what it all meant more important they reflect the character of american life and the pathos elicited by the musical memory of these common and troubled lives

Statebuilding from the Margins 2014-02-11

the period between the civil war and the new deal was particularly rich and formative for political development beyond the sweeping changes and national reforms for which the era is known statebuilding from the margins examines often overlooked cases of political engagement that expanded the capacities and agendas of the

developing american state with particular attention to gendered classed and racialized dimensions of civic action the chapters explore points in history where the boundaries between public and private spheres shifted including the legal formulation of black citizenship and monogamy in the postbellum years the racial politics of georgia s adoption of prohibition the rise of public waste management the incorporation of domestic animal and wildlife management into the welfare state the creation of public juvenile courts and the involvement of women s groups in the creation of u s housing policy in many of these cases private citizens or organizations initiated political action by framing their concerns as problems in which the state should take direct interest to benefit and improve society statebuilding from the margins depicts a republic in progress accruing policy agendas and the institutional ability to carry them out in a nonlinear fashion often prompted and powered by the creative techniques of policy entrepreneurs and organizations that worked alongside and outside formal boundaries to get results these progressive era initiatives established models for the way states could create intervene in and regulate new policy areas innovations that remain relevant for growth and change in contemporary american governance contributors james greer carol nackenoff julie novkov susan pearson kimberly smith marek d steedman patricia strach kathleen sullivan ann marie szymanski

Roanoke, Virginia, 1882-1912 2008

tells the story of a city that for a brief period was widely hailed as a regional model for industrialization as well as the ultimate success symbol for the rehabilitation of the former

confederacy in a region where modernization seemed to move at a glacial pace those looking for signs of what they were triumphantly calling the new south pointed to roanoke no southern city grew faster than roanoke did during the 1880s a hardscrabble appalachian tobacco depot originally known by the uninspiring name of big lick it became a veritable boomtown by the end of the decade as a steady stream of investment and skilled manpower flowed in from north of the mason dixon line the first scholarly treatment of roanoke s early history the book explains how native businessmen convinced a northern investment company to make their small town a major railroad hub it then describes how that venture initially paid off as the influx of thousands of people from the north and the surrounding virginia countryside helped make roanoke presumptuously christened the magic city by new south proponents the state s third largest city by the turn of the century rand dotson recounts what life was like for roanoke s wealthy elites working poor and african american inhabitants he also explores the social conflicts that ultimately erupted as a result of well intended 3reforms4 initiated by city leaders dotson illustrates how residents mediated the catastrophic depression of 1893 and that year s infamous roanoke riot which exposed the faade masking the city s racial tensions inadequate physical infrastructure and provincial mentality of the local populace dotson then details the subsequent attempts of business boosters and progressive reformers to attract the additional investments needed to put their city back on track ultimately dotson explains roanoke s early struggles stemmed from its business leaders unwavering belief that economic development would serve as the panacea for all of the town s problems

The Pussycat of Prizefighting 2007-04-01

in 1926 atlanta s theodore tiger flowers became the first african american boxer to win the world middleweight title the next year he was dead more than an account of flowers s remarkable achievements the book is a penetrating analysis of the cultural and historical currents that defined the terms of flowers s success through the prism of prizefighting the author reveals the personal cost african americans faced as they attempted to earn black respect while escaping white hostility

Georgia Odyssey 2010-01-25

georgia odyssey is a lively survey of the state s history from its beginnings as a european colony to its current standing as an international business mecca from the self imposed isolation of its jim crow era to its role as host of the centennial olympic games and beyond from its long reign as the linchpin state of the democratic solid south to its current dominance by the republican party this new edition incorporates current trends that have placed georgia among the country s most dynamic and attractive states fueled the growth of its hispanic and asian american populations and otherwise dramatically altered its demographic economic social and cultural appearance and persona the constantly shifting cultural landscape of contemporary georgia writes james c cobb presents a jumbled panorama of anachronism contradiction contrast and peculiarity a georgia native cobb delights in debunking familiar myths about his state as he brings its past to life and makes it relevant to today not all of that past is pleasant to recall

cobb notes moreover not all of today s georgians are as unequivocal as the tobacco farmer who informed a visiting journalist in 1938 that we georgians are georgian as hell that said a great many georgians both natives and new arrivals care deeply about the state s identity and consider it integral to their own georgia odyssey is the ideal introduction to our past and a unique and often provocative look at the interaction of that past with our present and future

The A to Z of American Theater 2009

the period of 1880 to 1929 is the richest theater era in american history certainly in the number of plays produced and significant artists as well as in the centrality of theater in the lives of americans as the impact of european modernism gradually seeped into american theater during the 1880s and 1890s more traditional forms of theater gave way to futurism symbolism surrealism and expressionism such playwrights as eugene o neill george kelly elmer rice philip barry and george s kaufman ushered in the golden age of american drama the a to z of american theater modernism focuses on legitimate drama both as influenced by modernism in europe and by the popular entertainment that also enlivened the era this is accomplished through a chronology an introductory essay a bibliography and hundreds of cross referenced entries on plays music playwrights performers producers critics architects designers and costumes book jacket

The New Encyclopedia of Southern

Culture 2011-11-14

much of the violence that has been associated with the united states has had particular salience for the south from its high homicide rates or its bloody history of racial conflict to southerners popular attachment to guns and traditional support for capital punishment with over 95 entries this volume of the new encyclopedia of southern culture explores the most significant forms and many of the most harrowing incidences of violence that have plagued southern society over the past 300 years following a detailed overview by editor amy wood the volume explores a wide range of topics such as violence against and among american indians labor violence arson violence and memory suicide and anti abortion violence taken together these entries broaden our understanding of what has driven southerners of various classes and various ethnicities to commit acts of violence while addressing the ways in which southerners have conceptualized that violence responded to it or resisted it this volume enriches our understanding of the culture of violence and its impact on ideas about law and crime about historical tradition and social change and about race and gender not only in the south but in the nation as a whole

The Big Tent 2012-11-01

for many people the circus with its clowns exotic beasts and other colorful iconography is lighthearted entertainment yet for greg renoff and other scholars the circus and its social context also provide a richly suggestive repository of changing attitudes about race class religion and consumerism in the south during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries traveling circuses

fostered social spaces where people of all classes and colors could grapple with the region s upheavals the big tent relates the circus experience from the perspectives of its diverse audiences telling what locals might have seen and done while the show was in town renoff digs deeper too he points out for instance that the performances of these itinerant outfits in jim crow era georgia allowed boisterous unrestrained interaction between blacks and whites on show lots and on city streets on circus day renoff also looks at encounters between southerners and the largely northern population of circus owners promoters and performers who were frequently accused of inciting public disorder and purveying lowbrow prurience in part due to residual anger over the civil war by recasting itself as a showcase of athleticism equestrian skill and god s wondrous animal creations the circus appeased community leaders many of whose businesses prospered during circus visits ranging across a changing social cultural and economic landscape the big tent tells a new history of what happened when the circus came to town from the time it traveled by wagon and river barge through its heyday during the railroad era and into its initial decline in the age of the automobile and mass consumerism

The A to Z of the Progressive Era 2009-09-24

the progressive era the period in the united states between 1898 and 1917 was a time of great social political and industrial change following the spanish american war of 1898 an event that signaled the emergence of the united states as a great power the country soon was involved in its first overseas guerrilla war in the philippines

vast changes in communications and transportation immigration and migration patterns social mores gender roles family structure class structure work patterns business methods education intellectual life religion the professions technology science medicine and much else were transforming the scope and feel of people s lives and relationships in many ways what happened in this era set the agenda for the rest of the 20th century the a to z of the progressive era is the most comprehensive and coherent reference work on the progressive era through its chronology introductory essay bibliography appendixes and hundreds of cross referenced dictionary entries on the key events people organizations and ideas of the period this resource is a lively complete and accessible overview of this significant era

The Southern Historian 2001

southern diaspora how the great migrations of black and white southerners transformed america

Atlanta History 2001

from cole s downfall and phoebe s somewhat questionable fashion sense to the power of three in history and literature and a magical tourist s guide to the halliwells s hometown of san francisco this clever lighthearted essay collection offers a fun and funny look at the world of the wb hit series charmed edited by new york times bestselling author jennifer crusie these accessible and entertaining essays apply the wit and insight of one of today s leading romance authors to the stylish occasionally campy fan favorite known for its scandalous outfits revolving door of love interests and the magical mayhem of three otherwise normal sisters who must

fight against evil as they deal with the challenges of everyday life

The Southern Diaspora 2005

a sophisticated inquiry into tourism s social and economic power in shaping communities across the south the author argues that western north carolina benefited from the romanticized image of appalachia in the post civil war american consciousness and how this image transformed the southern highlands into an exotic travel destination

Totally Charmed 2015-01-06

in 1919 the naacp organized a voting bloc powerful enough to compel the city of atlanta to budget 1 5 million for the construction of schools for black students this victory would have been remarkable in any era but in the context of the jim crow south it was revolutionary schooling jim crow tells the story of this little known campaign which happened less than thirteen years after the atlanta race riot of 1906 and just weeks before a wave of anti black violence swept the nation in the summer after the end of world war i despite the constant threat of violence atlanta s black voters were able to force the city to build five black grammar schools and booker t washington high school the city s first publicly funded black high school schooling jim crow reveals how they did it and why it matters in this pathbreaking book jay driskell explores the changes in black political consciousness that made the naacp s grassroots campaign possible at a time when most black southerners could not vote let alone demand schools he reveals how black atlantans transformed a reactionary politics of respectability into a

militant force for change contributing to this militancy were understandings of class and gender transformed by decades of racially segregated urban development the 1906 atlanta race riot georgia s disfranchisement campaign of 1908 and the upheavals of world war i on this cultural foundation black atlantans built a new urban black politics that would become the model for the naacp s political strategy well into the twentieth century

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