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LEONIDAS STEWART

Shaba II Leuven University Press

This book explains how and why Belgium, a small but influential European country, was changed through its colonial activities in the Congo, from the first expeditions in 1880 to the Mobutu regime in the 1980s. Belgian politics, diplomacy, economic activity and culture were influenced by the imperial experience. Belgium and the Congo, 1885-1980 yields a better understanding of the Congo's past and present.

The Spell of Belgium Cambridge University Press

Man Ray was a widely versatile artist who worked with a range of different media and did not like to be pigeonholed. Fashion as such did not seem to be a particular interest of his, but dressmaking was part of his youth and photographing fashion played a crucial role throughout his career. The way he portrayed women and their

clothing continues to influence fashion photographers today. Man Ray used new and unexpected angles, employed artistic staging, and applied such innovative processes as solarization and multiple exposure to his fashion photography. In recent decades, fashion designers continue to find inspiration in his Surrealist imagery. This is most notably true for Belgian designers, with their avant-garde mindset. Completely in line with the concept of Surrealism, these references are often subconscious. The first reference to Man Ray in Belgian fashion, however, was in fact explicit and can be placed squarely at the entrance of the Brussels-based Norine couture house. Fashion not only provided an income and international recognition for Man Ray but also influenced his visual language. That vocabulary had been nurtured from an early age by dressmaking attributes that must unavoidably carry more meaning for a tailor's son than for someone else. His images of mannequins and fragmented body parts were consistent with the

visual language of the Surrealists, and were, under the influence of his fashion photography, not only uncanny but also aesthetically appealing. His visual art and his commercial photography were not separate from one another, and he was moreover one of the first Surrealist artists to recognize the artistic as well as the commercial potential of mass media.00Exhibition: MoMu - ModeMuseum, Antwerp, Belgium (22.04. - 13.08.2023).

Madhouse at the End of the Earth

Springer Nature

Examines the extensive use of animal commodities in Victorian Britain and the humanitarian and ecological issues raised by their consumption.

Blitzkrieg France 1940 Pen and Sword

Photo chronicle of the German invasion of France in the spring of 1940 Hundreds of photos, many of them rare and never published before Photos of men, tanks, weapons, uniforms, terrain, and much more Excellent complement to the narratives of the Stackpole Military History Series Ideal reference for World War II history fans, scholars, modelers, and reenactors

The Berg Companion to Fashion Random House

La moda atraviesa los campos más variados: desde las disciplinas teóricas hasta las prácticas de producción y consumo. En la moda se amplifican los impulsos y se desencadenan los procesos de innovación. Ella absorbe todos los estímulos y los conjuga; es una zona transversal de traducción e interpretación; y es, además, en este convulsionado siglo XXI, el espacio de una cultura compartida. A partir de los últimos años de la década de 1970 y principios de la siguiente, donde se asistió al declive de formas tales como el atelier, se fue estructurando un sistema

conformado según las reglas de la posmodernidad, marcado por las grandes revoluciones sociales y por las conquistas feministas. Maria Luisa Frisa, una de las críticas y curadoras italianas más reconocidas en el mundo, se sumerge aquí en el fascinante universo de la moda contemporánea. Innovación, creatividad, negocio y cultura se entrelazan en este ensayo para retratar el complejo y cambiante mundo del fashion system. La moda, entiende Frisa, es una plataforma activa capaz de poner en circulación y de hacer dialogar a los actores y a los saberes relacionados con la cultura visual contemporánea, con la dimensión económico-productiva y con la comunicación. Con ideas claras y precisas, Frisa logra explicar procesos que muchas veces son tan sinuosos como contradictorios, constitutivos de la moda como sistema y los protagonistas que la agitan.

The Times History of the War University of Chicago Press

Now a Starz® Original Series "Utterly convincing and engrossing---totally thought-through and frequently hilarious....Even this aging, jaded, attention-deficit-disordered critic was blown away." --Lev Grossman, Time Myfanwy Thomas awakens in a London park surrounded by dead bodies. With her memory gone, she must trust the instructions left by her former in order to survive. She quickly learns that she is a Rook, a high-level operative in a secret agency that protects the world from supernatural threats. But there is a mole inside the organization, and this person wants her dead. Battling to save herself, Myfanwy will encounter a person with four bodies, a woman who can enter her dreams, children transformed into deadly fighters, and terrifyingly vast conspiracy. Suspenseful and hilarious,

THE ROOK is an outrageously imaginative thriller for readers who like their espionage with a dollop of purple slime.

Las formas de la moda DigiCat

- An essential reference for students, curators and scholars of fashion, cultural studies, and the expanding range of disciplines that see fashion as imbued with meaning far beyond the material. - Over 300 in-depth entries covering designers, articles of clothing, key concepts and styles. - Edited and introduced by Valerie Steele, a scholar who has revolutionized the study of fashion, and who has been described by The Washington Post as one of "fashion's brainiest women." Derided by some as frivolous, even dangerous, and celebrated by others as art, fashion is anything but a neutral topic. Behind the hype and the glamour is an industry that affects all cultures of the world. A potent force in the global economy, fashion is also highly influential in everyday lives, even amongst those who may feel impervious. This handy volume is a one-stop reference for anyone interested in fashion - its meaning, history and theory. From Avedon to Codpiece, Dandyism to the G-String, Japanese Fashion to Subcultures, Trickle down to Zoot Suit, The Berg Companion to Fashion provides a comprehensive overview of this most fascinating of topics and will serve as the benchmark guide to the subject for many years to come.

Strange Things Behind Belgian Windows Harper Collins

"People screamed, cried, and groaned. Above the tumult I could distinguish the voices of small children. All this time the soldiers were singing.... Sometime after the first salvo, there was another round of fire and, once again, I was not hit. After this I heard fewer cries, save from

time to time a small child calling its mother."?Félix Bourdon, survivor of a mass execution in Dinant, Belgium
In August 1914, without any legitimate pretext, German soldiers killed nearly 6,000 Belgian noncombatants, including women and children, and burned some 25,000 homes and other buildings. Rehearsals is the first book to provide a detailed narrative history of the German invasion of Belgium as it affected civilians. Based on extensive eyewitness testimony, the book chronicles events in and around the towns of Liège, Aarschot, Andenne, Tamines, Dinant, and Leuven, where the worst of the German depredations occurred. Accounts of the killing, looting, and arson have long been dismissed as "atrocities propaganda," particularly in the United Kingdom and the United States. Rehearsals examines the campaign by revisionists that led to voluminous and compelling testimony about German war crimes being discredited. Recently, the case has been made that the violence that came to a peak between August 19 and August 26, 1914, was the result of a spontaneous outbreak of German paranoia about civilian sharpshooters. In Rehearsals, Jeff Lipkes offers compelling evidence that the executions were in fact part of a deliberate campaign of terrorism ordered by military authorities. In his shocking account of events that have been largely overlooked by historians of World War I, Lipkes commemorates the heroism as well as the suffering of the Belgian victims of German aggression. The London and Paris ladies' magazine of fashion, ed. by Mrs. Edward Thomas Ampersand
Belgian names are becoming increasingly common on the international catwalk-Belgium has firmly established itself in the fashion world in

recent years. Young, fresh talent continues to emerge in the wake of the "Antwerp Six," documented by Ludion in the book "Belgian Fashion Design." Promising new designers are already making their mark in Paris and Milan, and Ludion has taken the opportunity of the Antwerp fashion show "Mode 2001" to focus on ten of these new trendsetters, designers such as Xavier Delcour and Oliver Theyskens, in "Young Belgian Fashion Design." Fashion writer Veerle Windels and photographer Etienne Tordoir explore their unconventional and pioneering designs, discuss their ideas, and bring the reader a breath of the new wind blowing through Belgium's fashion landscape.

Hiding La Trobe University Press
By the New York Times bestselling author of *The Bone Clocks* | Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize A postmodern visionary and one of the leading voices in twenty-first-century fiction, David Mitchell combines flat-out adventure, a Nabokovian love of puzzles, a keen eye for character, and a taste for mind-bending, philosophical and scientific speculation in the tradition of Umberto Eco, Haruki Murakami, and Philip K. Dick. The result is brilliantly original fiction as profound as it is playful. In this groundbreaking novel, an influential favorite among a new generation of writers, Mitchell explores with daring artistry fundamental questions of reality and identity. *Cloud Atlas* begins in 1850 with Adam Ewing, an American notary voyaging from the Chatham Isles to his home in California. Along the way, Ewing is befriended by a physician, Dr. Goose, who begins to treat him for a rare species of brain parasite. . . . Abruptly, the action jumps to Belgium in 1931, where Robert Frobisher, a disinherited bisexual composer, contrives his way

into the household of an infirm maestro who has a beguiling wife and a nubile daughter. . . . From there we jump to the West Coast in the 1970s and a troubled reporter named Luisa Rey, who stumbles upon a web of corporate greed and murder that threatens to claim her life. . . . And onward, with dazzling virtuosity, to an inglorious present-day England; to a Korean superstate of the near future where neocapitalism has run amok; and, finally, to a postapocalyptic Iron Age Hawaii in the last days of history. But the story doesn't end even there. The narrative then boomerangs back through centuries and space, returning by the same route, in reverse, to its starting point. Along the way, Mitchell reveals how his disparate characters connect, how their fates intertwine, and how their souls drift across time like clouds across the sky. As wild as a videogame, as mysterious as a Zen koan, *Cloud Atlas* is an unforgettable tour de force that, like its incomparable author, has transcended its cult classic status to become a worldwide phenomenon. Praise for *Cloud Atlas* "[David] Mitchell is, clearly, a genius. He writes as though at the helm of some perpetual dream machine, can evidently do anything, and his ambition is written in magma across this novel's every page."—The New York Times Book Review "One of those how-the-holy-hell-did-he-do-it? modern classics that no doubt is—and should be—read by any student of contemporary literature."—Dave Eggers "Wildly entertaining . . . a head rush, both action-packed and chillingly ruminative."—People "The novel as series of nested dolls or Chinese boxes, a puzzle-book, and yet—not just dazzling, amusing, or clever but heartbreaking and passionate, too. I've never read anything quite like it, and I'm

grateful to have lived, for a while, in all its many worlds.”—Michael Chabon
 “Cloud Atlas ought to make [Mitchell] famous on both sides of the Atlantic as a writer whose fearlessness is matched by his talent.”—The Washington Post Book World
 “Thrilling . . . One of the biggest joys in Cloud Atlas is watching Mitchell sashay from genre to genre without a hitch in his dance step.”—Boston Sunday Globe
 “Grand and elaborate . . . [Mitchell] creates a world and language at once foreign and strange, yet strikingly familiar and intimate.”—Los Angeles Times

Encyclopedia of Clothing and Fashion
 Hatje Cantz Verlag

Surreal, avant-garde and explicit are three keywords that are commonly associated with Belgian fashion. This exhibition catalogue gives a unique historic overview of Belgian fashion, starting with the legendary Antwerp Six--including Dries van Noten, Walter Van Beirendonck and Ann Demeulemeester--and leading up to the individualistic creations of Martin Margiela, A.F. Vandevorst and Raf Simons. The catalogue also highlights the work of several influential players in various fashion and art disciplines. Additionally, it touches upon the importance of the fashion academies, especially the Antwerp Academy and La Cambre in Brussels, and documents emerging talent such as Jean-Paul Lespagnard and Christian Wijnants.

Baseball's Greatest Comeback
 Bloomsbury Publishing

Move over Milan. Watch out Paris. Pay attention New York. Belgium has taken the fashion world by storm. Designers like Martin Margiela, Ann Demeulemeester, Dries Van Noten, Dirk Bikkembergs, Dirk Van Saene, Marina Yee, and Walter Van Beirendonck are

creating a new eclectic and imaginative approach to clothes. Some are playful, some anguished or iconoclastic; others are minimalist yet luxurious; still others stylish and sensual. Their original and elegant creations have defined a whole new development in the look of today's fashion. This well-documented, richly illustrated, and beautifully designed treasure of a book presents sections devoted to the individual designers while exploring the links between Belgian and international fashion. Authors Luc Derycke and San Van de Veire look at the forces underlying the international acclaim of contemporary Belgian fashion design and expose the often hidden interactions that determine success in the fashion world.

Isle of Thanet in the Great War
 Bloomsbury Publishing

Graduating from Antwerp's Royal Academy of Fine Arts in the 1980s, Martin Margiela (and his contemporaries in the Antwerp Six) transformed global fashion with his aggressive restatement of traditional fashion design and a polemical approach to luxury trends. Working first with the house of Gaultier, Margiela absorbed the radical design of Japanese deconstruction, making it wholly his own with the founding of his own label in 1988. Margiela propounds a singular, enigmatic look, moving beyond the recognizable tropes of deconstruction--a monochromatic palette, oversized garments, non-traditional fabrics, exposed seams, or roughly appliqued details--to develop a fully considered worldview, one with elegance, mystery, and menace in equal measure. This book provides an inside look at the design process from a craftsman who creates pieces prized for their originality, delicacy, and daring. In the spirit of Margiela's garments, the

book is a work of art in itself, designed exclusively by Margiela and complete with silver inks, ribbon markers, a variety of lush paper types, twelve booklets, and an embroidered white-linen cover. This book provides a window onto the intimate, handmade world of a unique designer.

The Belgians. An unexpected fashion story / druk 1 Uitgeverij Luster

For Mark C. Taylor, the disappearance of depth we sense all around us is a change full of creative possibility. Taylor introduces us to a popular culture in which detectives - the postmodern heroes of Paul Auster and Dennis Potter - lift surfaces only to find more surfaces, and in which fashion advertising plays transparency against hiding. He looks at the current preoccupation with body piercing and tattooing and asks whether these practices actually reveal or conceal. The limitless spread of computer networks, the history of phrenology, the "religious" architecture of Las Vegas - all are brought within the scope of Taylor's brilliant analysis. Postmodernism, he shows, has given us a new sense of the superficial, one in which the issue is not the absence of meaning but its uncontrollable, ecstatic proliferation.

The Poisonwood Bible Rowman & Littlefield

New York Times Bestseller • Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize • An Oprah's Book Club Selection "Powerful . . . [Kingsolver] has with infinitely steady hands worked the prickly threads of religion, politics, race, sin and redemption into a thing of terrible beauty." —Los Angeles Times Book Review The Poisonwood Bible, now celebrating its 25th anniversary, established Barbara Kingsolver as one of the most thoughtful and daring of modern writers. Taking its place

alongside the classic works of postcolonial literature, it is a suspenseful epic of one family's tragic undoing and remarkable reconstruction over the course of three decades in Africa. The story is told by the wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce, evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. They carry with them everything they believe they will need from home, but soon find that all of it—from garden seeds to Scripture—is calamitously transformed on African soil. The novel is set against one of the most dramatic political chronicles of the twentieth century: the Congo's fight for independence from Belgium, the murder of its first elected prime minister, the CIA coup to install his replacement, and the insidious progress of a world economic order that robs the fledgling African nation of its autonomy. Against this backdrop, Orleana Price reconstructs the story of her evangelist husband's part in the Western assault on Africa, a tale indelibly darkened by her own losses and unanswerable questions about her own culpability. Also narrating the story, by turns, are her four daughters—the teenaged Rachel; adolescent twins Leah and Adah; and Ruth May, a prescient five-year-old. These sharply observant girls, who arrive in the Congo with racial preconceptions forged in 1950s Georgia, will be marked in surprisingly different ways by their father's intractable mission, and by Africa itself. Ultimately each must strike her own separate path to salvation. Their passionately intertwined stories become a compelling exploration of moral risk and personal responsibility.

Simon Leys Simon and Schuster

What constitutes a good life? For most people, well-being involves more than a

high income or material prosperity alone. Many non-material aspects, such as health, family life, living environment, job quality and the meaningful use of time are at least as important. Together, these factors also influence the degree to which people are satisfied with their lives, and help to determine how happy they feel. This book argues that happiness and life satisfaction do not form a good basis for measuring well-being, and proposes an alternative method that not only considers the various aspects of well-being, but also the fact that people have their own views on what is important in life. Not limited just to theory, the book also presents a large-scale, representative survey involving more than 3000 adults from over 2000 Belgian families, which charted the various aspects of the individual well-being of Belgians. Focusing on the unequal distribution of these various aspects of well-being within families, the survey showed that some Belgians are more likely to suffer from cumulative deprivation in multiple dimensions. Based on this innovative study, the book describes which people in society are worst off – and these are not necessarily only people on low incomes or those who feel unhappy – and proposes that policymakers prioritise these individuals.

The Belgians Little, Brown

This second edition of *Historical Dictionary of the Fashion Industry* contains a chronology, an introduction, appendixes, a bibliography. The dictionary section has over 1,400 cross-referenced entries on designers, models, couture houses, significant articles of apparel and fabrics, trade unions, and the international trade organizations.

Delft Blue to Denim Blue Rizzoli International Publications

Contemporary fashion in the Netherlands shows a unique mix of playful individualism, conceptual strength, and organisational innovation. *Delft Blue to Denim Blue* maps the landscape of Dutch fashion in all its rich variety and complexity. Luxuriously illustrated in colour, the book uncovers the cultural roots of Dutch fashion in a globalized context. The authors debunk myths surrounding Dutch fashion, dig up new facts and stories, and explore the creative relation of fashion design to cultural heritage. Written by experts in the field, *Delft Blue to Denim Blue* gives a rich overview of designers, ranging from G-Star jeans, and affordable retailer C&A, to a savvy brand like Vanilia, and from the famous designer duo Viktor&Rolf to a futuristic designer like Iris van Herpen. The book assesses the diversity of Dutch fashion designers, firms and brands in their historical and cultural contexts.

Lonely Planet Belgium & Luxembourg
Pickle Partners Publishing

Jean-Luc Feixa's fascinating street photography captures the strange and intriguing objects people display behind their windows *Strange Things Behind Belgian Windows* is exactly what its title describes: a series of photos of the strange and intriguing objects people display behind their windows, for passers-by to look at. These tableaux will make you smile, or maybe even stop and reflect. A stuffed fox, a portrait of Christ, a dusty Egyptian bust, a globe with gaudy colors. They are exhibited like treasures behind a glass screen, inviting you to wonder about the stories behind them, or about the daily lives going on behind the façade. Photographer Jean-Luc Feixa roamed the streets and avenues of Brussels for months, with his camera in hand, curious

about the hidden spots and the unique colors of his new hometown. In his photos he manages to catch that typically Belgian oddity that's so hard to put into words: colorful, quirky and a bit surrealistic.

News from Belgium Rowman & Littlefield

An award-winning biography of one of the greats. Simon Leys is the pen-name of Pierre Ryckmans, who was born in Belgium and settled in Australia in 1970. He taught Chinese literature at the Australian National University and was Professor of Chinese Studies at the University of Sydney from 1987 to 1993. He died in 2014. Writing in three languages – French, Chinese and English – he played an important political role in revealing the true nature of the Cultural Revolution. His writing on China and on

varied literary and cultural topics appeared regularly in the New York Review of Books, Le Monde, Le Figaro Littéraire, Quadrant and the Monthly, and his books include *The Hall of Uselessness*, *The Death of Napoleon*, *Other People's Thoughts* and *The Wreck of the Batavia & Prosper*. In 1996 he delivered the ABC's Boyer Lectures. His many awards include the Prix Renaudot, the Prix Mondial Cino Del Duca, the Prix Guizot and the Christina Stead Prize for fiction. This substantial biography – recently published by Gallimard in France to wide acclaim and winning an award from the Académie Française – draws on extensive correspondence with Ryckmans, as well as his unpublished writings. It has been translated by an internationally renowned French translator Julie Rose (based in Sydney).