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the city while returning to a more realistic mode of representation Caroline Rosenthal is Professor of American Literature at the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena Germany Urban Theory John Rennie Short, 2017-08-24 This wide ranging and state of the art new edition reviews the classic contributions to understanding modern and post modern cities and is comprehensively updated to take account of the issues and concepts at stake in 21st century urban theory Spatiality of the City across Cultural Texts Martin Kindermann, Rebekka Rohleder, 2020-10-19 Exploring the Spatiality of the City across Cultural Texts Narrating Spaces Reading Urbanity explores the narrative formations of urbanity from an interdisciplinary perspective Within the framework of the spatial turn contributors from disciplines ranging from geography and history to literary and media studies theorize narrative constructions of the city and cities and analyze relevant examples from a variety of discourses media and cities Subdivided into six sections the book explores the interactions of city and text as well as other media and the conflicting narratives that arise in these interactions Offering case studies that discuss specific aspects of the narrative construction of Berlin and London the text also considers narratives of urban discontinuity and their theoretical implications Ultimately this volume captures the narratological artistic material social and performative possibilities inherent in spatial representations of the city 

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and land use to create a more livable and sustainable city Gottlieb traces the emergence of Los Angeles as a global city in the twentieth century and describes its continuing evolution today He examines the powerful influences of immigration and economic globalization as they intersect with changes in the politics of water transportation and land use and illustrates each of these core concerns with an account of grass roots and activist responses efforts to reenvision the concrete bound fenced off Los Angeles River as a natural resource Arroyofest the closing of the Pasadena Freeway for a Sunday of walking and bike riding and immigrants initiatives to create urban gardens and connect with their countries of origin Reinventing Los Angeles is a unique blend of personal narrative Gottlieb himself participated in several of the grass roots actions described in the book and historical and theoretical discussion It provides a road map for a new environmentalism of everyday life Imagining Global Amsterdam Marco de Waard, 2012-01-01 demonstrating the opportunities for renewal in a global city Imagining Global Amsterdam gaat over het beeld van Amsterdam in film literatuur visuele kunst en in het moderne stedelijke discours in het bijzonder in de context van de mondialisering De essays gaan onder andere dieper in op Amsterdam als een lieu de m moire van de vroeg moderne wereldhandel Wat betekent deze herinnering in de hedendaagse cultuur Waarom verwijzen zo veel contemporaine films en romans naar dit verleden terug Ook het inter nationale imago van Amsterdam als een multicultureel en ultra tolerant %x global village %x komt aan bod Waarom is dit beeld zo persistent en hoe heeft het zich in de loop van de laatste decennia ontwikkeld Tot slot wordt ingegaan op de vraag hoe mondialiseringsprocessen ingrijpen in de stadscultuur zoals in het prostitutiegebied op de Wallen en via de erfgoedindustrie Hoe manifesteert de mondialisering zich in de stad en welke rol speelt beeldvorming daarbij Deze bundel vormt een rijk geschakeerd onderzoek naar de relatie tussen Amsterdam mondialisering en stedelijke beeldvorming Marco de Waard is als docent literatuurwetenschap verbonden aan het Amsterdam University College The New Blackwell Companion to The City Gary Bridge, Sophie Watson, 2011-02-23 This book considers the state of the city and contemporary urbanisation from a range of intellectual and international perspectives The most interdisciplinary collection of its kind Provides a contemporary update on urban thinking that builds on well established debates in the field Uses the city to explore economic social cultural environmental and political issues more broadly Includes contributions from non Western perspectives and cities The **SAGE Handbook of the 21st Century City** Suzanne Hall, Ricky Burdett, 2017-10-16 The SAGE Handbook of the 21st Century City focuses on the dynamics and disruptions of the contemporary city in relation to capricious processes of global urbanisation mutation and resistance An international range of scholars engage with emerging urban conditions and inequalities in experimental ways speaking to new ideas of what constitutes the urban highlighting empirical explorations and expanding on contributions to policy and design The handbook is organised around nine key themes through which familiar analytic categories of race gender and class as well as binaries such as the urban rural are readdressed These thematic sections together capture the volatile processes and intricacies of urbanisation that reveal the turbulent nature of

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