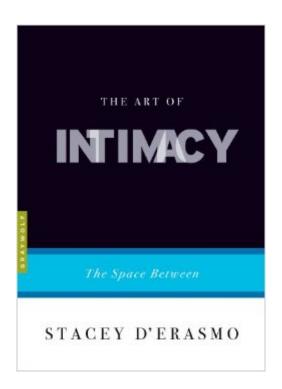
The book was found

The Art Of Intimacy: The Space Between





Synopsis

The first work of nonfiction by Stacey D'Erasmo, author of the New York Times Notable Books Tea and The Sky Below"What is the nature of intimacy, of what happens in the space between us? And how do we, as writers, catch or reflect it on the page?" Stacey D'Erasmo's insightful and illuminating study examines the craft and the contradictions of creating relationships not only between two lovers but also between friends, family members, acquaintances, and enemies in fiction. She argues for a more honest, more complex portrait of the true nature of the connections and missed connections among characters and, fascinatingly, between the writer and the reader. D'Erasmo takes us deep into the structure and grammar of these intimacies as they have been portrayed by such writers as Joan Didion, Toni Morrison, D. H. Lawrence, Virginia Woolf, and William Maxwell, and also by visual artists and filmmakers. She asks whether writing about intimacy is like staring straight into the sun, but it is her own brilliance that dazzles in the piercing and original book, The Art of Intimacy.

Book Information

Series: Art of...

Paperback: 144 pages

Publisher: Graywolf Press (July 9, 2013)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1555976476

ISBN-13: 978-1555976477

Product Dimensions: 5.1 x 0.4 x 7 inches

Shipping Weight: 4.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 3.4 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (7 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #657,443 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #63 in Books > Literature &

Fiction > History & Criticism > Comparative Literature #670 in Books > Reference > Words,

Language & Grammar > Reference #926 in Books > Reference > Writing, Research & Publishing

Guides > Publishing & Books > Authorship

Customer Reviews

Stacey d'Erasmo's book, The Art of Intimacy: The Space Between is a beautifully written and skillfully rendered meditation of what intimacy means in fiction. The study's subtitle is taken from a quote from Gertrude Stein, and reveals this book's focus: The text seeks to explore how we can explore that space between people, between reader and writer, and between book and reader, and

how these borders blur and intersect. The entire "Art of" series from Graywolf is a lovely and lasting contribution to our thinking on writing, and d'Erasmo's contribution is a really important addition to this series.

[This book will not tell you how to write intimate scenes, nor instruct you on what is a "successful" rendering of intimacy and what is not...Instead, we will venture together into a few of the meeting places, the spaces between, that have occurred in fiction."] pg. 12I would say this book is trying to cover a "high concept writing approach", when exploring relationships between people. The examples offer methaphors and simlies on the complexity of human relationships in a way that can easily make any writer look like an amatuer. To pull it off successfully and not look completely pompous would be a real achievement. I was annoyed by the overuse of the word "Subjunctive", which I looked up on different sources only to find that it remained elusively undefined. The book still offers interesting food for thought though and I'm glad I read it. The case is made that we can never truly know a character/person without their personal narrative, but we can learn a lot about the character narrating, by the way they view their relationship with that other character. If you like to read/write straight forward stories this book will probably annoy you. If you like to delve deep into philosophical questions and the human psyche at large, this book is perfect for you. I, myself, am somewhere in between.

This entry into the Art of ... series blows away other more shallow attempts at thinking about writing. The allegedly "two" bad reviews on this site are identical, word for word, from the same person, who ironically criticizes the editors of On Intimacy for missing a repeated paragraph. By doubling the count of that one comment, the site misrates the enjoyment history of the readers of this elegant look at imtimacy. This slim volume epitomizes the experience Rilke describes, of loving the space between us that allows us to enjoy the silhouette of each other against the sky.

A useful book for working writers, though I found it somewhat more elliptical than Charles Baxter's "The Art of Subtext" from the same series (of which he is the editor). A bit harder to distill craft guidance from this one, though I enjoyed her voice and perspective in many ways and would certainly recommend the book.

Download to continue reading...

The Art of Intimacy: The Space Between Creating Sacred Space With Feng Shui: Learn the Art of Space Clearing and Bring New Energy into Your Life When Food Is Love: Exploring the

Relationship Between Eating and Intimacy Space Toys of the 60's: Major Matt Mason, Mighy Zeroid Robots & Colorforms Outer Space Men Laser Space Communications (Artech House Space Technology and Applications) National Regulation of Space Activities (Space Regulations Library) The Development of Outer Space: Sovereignty and Property Rights in International Space Law Science Fiction Writers' Phrase Book: Essential Reference for All Authors of Sci-Fi, Cyberpunk, Dystopian, Space Marine, and Space Fantasy Adventure (Writers' Phrase Books Book 6) Science Fiction Writers' Phrase Book: Essential Reference for All Authors of Sci-Fi, Cyberpunk, Dystopian, Space Marine, and Space Fantasy Adventure (Writers' Phrase Books) (Volume 6) Alien Romance: Hunter: Space Commander's Fated Mate (Space Beasts Book 3) Alien Romance: RAYER: Space Warrior's Mail Order Bride (Space Beasts Book 2) Space Mission Analysis and Design, 3rd edition (Space Technology Library, Vol. 8) To Bless the Space Between Us: A Collection of Invocations and Blessings The Space Between Our Hearts The Politics of Passion: Women's Sexual Culture in the Afro-Surinamese Diaspora (Between Men-Between Women: Lesbian and Gay Studies) The Amphibians and Reptiles of Costa Rica: A Herpetofauna between Two Continents, between Two Seas Now You're Speaking My Language: Honest Communication and Deeper Intimacy for a Stronger Marriage A Lifelong Love: How to Have Lasting Intimacy, Friendship, and Purpose in Your Marriage Scary Close: Dropping the Act and Finding True Intimacy Devotions For Dating Couples: Building A Foundation For Spiritual Intimacy

<u>Dmca</u>