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Achorn, Edward. “Walt Whitman, the Wounded, and Us.” Providence Journal (February 7, 2006). [Reviews Whitman’s care for soldiers during the Civil War and notes that “today, fortunately, there are thousands—if not hundreds of thousands—showing soldiers that they care.”]


Athenot, Éric. “The Visual and the Figuratif in Leaves of Grass.” Revue Française d’Etudes Americaines number 105 (September 2005), 65-76. [Examines Whitman’s “visual poetics,” arguing that Whitman imagines himself “as a seer more than a sayer” and aims to move his poetry “away from mimesis to bring it closer to methexis.”]

Austin, Kelly. “A Poet of the Americas: Neruda’s Translations of Whitman and North American Translations of Neruda.” Ph.D. Dissertation, University of California, Los Angeles, 2005. [Views Neruda’s translations of Whitman as “an integral part of the ideological battles waged in the inter-American Cold War context” and looks at “the sophisticated, and paradoxical, literary genealogy of these works”; DAI 66 (March 2006), 3293A.]


Barney, Brett. “Nineteenth-Century Popular Culture.” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., A Companion to Walt Whitman (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 233-256. [Examines “Whitman’s affinities with currently devalued literary and social forms” and explores “his literary career in the context of contemporaneous nineteenth-century understandings of culture,” tracing the ways “self-culture,” “rational amusement,” physical training, circuses, museums, and moving panoramas are important to the understanding of his work.]

Bart, Barbara Mazor, ed. Starting from Paumanok . . . 20 (Spring 2006). [Newsletter of the Walt Whitman Birthplace Association, with news of association events and members.]


Buinicki, Martin T. Negotiating Copyright: Authorship and the Discourse of Literary Property Rights in Nineteenth-Century America. New York: Routledge, 2006. [Chapter 3, “‘Doing as we would be done by’: Walt Whitman, Copyright, and Democratic Exchange” (107-140), appeared in another version as “Walt Whitman and the Question of Copyright,” American Literary History 15 (Summer 2003).]

Ceniza, Sherry. “Gender.” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., A Companion to Walt Whitman (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 180-196. [Explores “Whitman’s theory about what we now refer to as gender but what Whitman calls in his poetry ‘identity,’” and asks “how does identity happen?” for Whitman; concludes that Whitman “was reaching beyond the binaries of male/female, seeing identity as more accountable to a being’s spirit than contemporary gender theories posit.”]


Cutler, Edward S. “Literary Modernity and the Problem of a National Literature: Understanding William Dean Howells’ Critique of Walt Whitman.” American Literary Realism 38 (Winter 2006), 132-144. [Examines Howells’s views of Whitman from his earliest (1860) review of Whitman’s work to his late (1909) assessments; finds that “Howells’s full assessment of Whitman” is “quite textured, and becomes clear only when considered in light of his knowing criticism of Whitman’s poetry, his difficulties with the poet’s renegade self-promotional tactics, and . . . his fundamental differences with Whitman and the poet’s champions on the perennial question of America’s national literature and the form it ought to assume,” since Howells endorsed an emerging modernism that transcended national traits and hoped to see a literature that “eschewed a reductive and overtly topical nationalism.” Corrected entry.]

Dacey, Philip. The Mystery of Max Schmitt: Poems on the Life of Thomas Eakins. Cincinnati: Turning Point, 2004. [Poems, several of which focus on Whitman’s relationship to Thomas Eakins, including “Models” [Section 2, “Walt Whitman to Horace Traubel (1890)”] (23-24); “In Camden” (25-31); “The Swimming Hole” [Section 1, “Chapter and Verse in Fort Worth”] (40-41); “Eakins Up-to-Date” (77-81); “Elegiac” [Section 3, “Cardinal Dennis Dougherty: Thomas Eakins and the Roman Collar”] (88-90).]


Edelson, Barry. The Dream of the Prophet. [Play based on the life and work of Whitman, premiered at Walt Whitman Birthplace on November 7, 2003, with Barry H. Kaplan as Whitman.]


FitzGerald, Eileen. “Sex, Love, Poetry.” Danbury News-Times (January 22, 2006). [Reports on Whitman’s continuing popularity in high schools in the Danbury, Connecticut, region; interviews high school students and teachers about Whitman’s significance; and comments on a Whitman exhibit at the Yale University Beinecke Library.]

Folsom, Ed. “Nineteenth-Century Visual Culture.” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., A Companion to Walt Whitman (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 272-289. [Examines Whitman’s relationship to the visual culture of nineteenth-century America, noting that he “lived at the time that the first stirrings of [the] visual revolution were taking place,” with the advent of photography and “the growing realistic nature of American painting,” and pointing out how “developments in visual culture . . . helped Whitman create his democratic poetry, . . . a new democratic aesthetic that celebrated indiscriminate embrace,
that defined beauty as completeness and fullness instead of selectiveness and partiality, that saw meaning in what others had dismissed as insignificant.”

Folsom, Ed. “Song of Myself.” In Janet Gabler-Hover and Robert Sattelmeyer, eds., American History through Literature, 1820-1870 (Detroit: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2006), 1112-1117. [Examines the poem eventually entitled “Song of Myself” through its various versions and in its evolving historical contexts.]


Folsom, Ed, and Kenneth M. Price. Re-Scripting Walt Whitman: An Introduction to His Life and Work. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2005. [Offers a “rethinking of Whitman’s life in terms of his script, those thousands of manuscript pages that he left behind and which . . . have not been adequately studied,” and “weaves together an account of Whitman’s life and an account of his works” in order to offer an overview of “his writing life.”]


Genoways, Ted. “Civil War Poems in ‘Drum-Taps’ and ‘Memories of President Lincoln.’” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., A Companion to Walt Whitman (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 522-538. [Examines Whitman’s Civil War poems, dividing them into “Recruiting Poems,” written in 1861 “to inspire young men, like his brother George, who were preparing for battle, and mobilize those men who were considering service”; “Journalistic Poems,” “startlingly ahistorical” poems that were nonetheless sometimes “drawn directly from actual New York Times newspaper dispatches” and arranged in Drum-Taps according to “a personal, intuitive structure over a chronological narrative”; “Soldier Poems,” including “The Artilleryman’s Vision,” which Whitman turned from “a straightforward description of the chaos of battle” into a “night-haunted memory”; “Hospital Poems,” where Whitman gains “the intimate understanding of the common soldier that he so craved,” building upon his volunteer work in the hospitals and focusing “our attention unflinchingly on the impact of the war”; and “Memories of President Lincoln,” where “the reader is asked to permanently pair, as the poet does, the fallen soldiers . . . with the slain president.”]

Gougeon, Len. “Emerson, Whitman, and Eros.” Walt Whitman Quarterly Review 23 (Winter 2006), 126-146. [Seeks to correct the “sanitized and stilted
view of Emerson” that prevailed among Emerson’s Brahmin friends and still dominates much Whitman criticism, and argues that Emerson and Whitman share a belief in “the body and the senses” as “essential elements of human nature”; using Norman O. Brown’s theories, goes on to posit that for Emerson and Whitman “one of the primary drives of Eros . . . is desire for union with the world, with the natural environment,” and that both writers sought a “sensual language” to express this desire: “For both Emerson and Whitman, humanity must literally come to its senses, in word and deed.”]

Grünzweig, Walter. “Imperialism.” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., *A Companion to Walt Whitman* (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 151-163. [Explores the problematics of Whitman’s work in relationship to the history of imperialism, examining those places in Whitman’s poetry where “internationalism” and “imperialism” seem to overlap, and concluding that “Whitman’s imperialism . . . is one which looks beyond, which implies, and indeed includes the forces and tools which will help overcome it.”]

Hartnet, Stephen John. *Democratic Dissent and the Cultural Fictions of Antebellum America*. Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 2002. [Chapter 4, “Whitman’s Pose, the Daguerreotype, and the Dialectics of Commodification, Self-Making, and Democracy” (132-172), argues that Whitman looked to daguerreotypes in order “to make sense of . . . the dialectics of commodification, self-making, and democracy,” believing that “the crisis of democratic representation launched by the rise of modernity might be solved by seeing the world—and writing poetry—through the lens of a camera”; offers “a detailed rhetorical analysis of some of Whitman’s ‘catalogue poems’ . . . as humbly ironic examples of the paradoxes of democratic representation”; discusses “Whitman’s position within the midcentury culture of New York’s daguerreotype galleries, artists, and patrons”; analyzes “Whitman’s efforts to answer Emerson’s questions regarding the relationships among the self, society, capitalism, and democracy by exploring both new poetic forms and visual means of self-making”; and concludes that “*Leaves of Grass* and the rise of the daguerreotype serve as opportunities for speculating on both the paradoxes of representation and the dialectics of commodification, self-making, and democracy in antebellum America.”]

Hawlin, Stefan. “Ivor Gurney’s Creative Reading of Walt Whitman: Thinking of Paumanok.” *English Literature in Transition, 1880-1920* 49 (2006) 31-48. [Examines the composer-poet Ivor Gurney’s engagement with Whitman from 1916 to 1926, including “how Whitman was mediated to him through music; the experience of reading Whitman in the trenches of the First World War; how Whitman’s example grew on him in the postwar years; the interpretation of certain crucial poems (including ‘Thoughts of New England,’ ‘The New Poet,’ ‘Walt Whitman,’ and ‘To Long Island First’); and Gurney’s final ‘conversion’ to Whitman in 1925.”]

the collective and the individual,” and cautions that “critics who have sought
to make Whitman purely anti-individualist or purely individualist miss his
conviction about a paradox which is political and personal: state/nation;
self/aggregate”; traces this paradox of national identity in Whitman’s politics
(including the Civil War, race, justice, and cosmopolitanism), his poetic style,
and his conceptions of the self.

Higgins, Andrew C. “The Poet’s Reception and Legacy.” In Donald D. Kum-
439-454. [Examines “Whitman’s legacy as the dramatic actions of his admir-
ers,” seeking “the way the works and life of Walt Whitman have intersected
the concerns and ambitions of his readers, and how those readers have construed
and made use of the poet as a symbol or example”; offers an overview of
(largely) literary responses to Whitman from the nineteenth century to the
present.]

Whitman (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 361-376. [Examines “the social,
political, and cultural effect of [Whitman’s] linguistic innovation,” tracking
Whitman’s early language studies, his “philosophy of American exceptional-
ism” as it applies to American English, his “alertness to the vernacular” and
especially to slang, his neologisms and foreign borrowings, and his attempts
to “perform” language in his poetry, to turn print oral.]

Ifill, Matthew L. “Ulysses S. Grant–Man of the Mighty Days.” Conversa-
tions” (Spring/Summer 2006), 1-6. [Reprints and discusses an 1865 letter
by Whitman about the poet watching the Grand Review of the U.S. Army
and seeing President Andrew Johnson and General U.S. Grant; goes on to
discuss Whitman’s admiration for Grant and ends by reprinting Whitman’s
“The Death of General Grant.”]

Leaves of Grass.” Living Buddhism 10 (January/February 2006), 90-95. [Re-
prints an essay by Ikeda from his 1993 Youthful Readings, recounting his
earliest encounters, at age twenty-two, with Whitman’s poetry: “With this
book, I spent my youth”; offers a brief overview of Whitman’s career, with a
focus on the poet’s “deep interest in the Orient.”]

Jewell, Andrew, and Kenneth M. Price. “Twentieth-Century Mass Media Ap-
pearances.” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., A Companion to Walt Whitman
(Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 341-358. [Traces Whitman’s appearances
in the mass media, from postage stamps to advertising to Mad Magazine
parodies to rock and folk music to television (including “The Simpsons”) to
mass paperbacks to Whitman online; discusses the variety of uses to which
Whitman has been put by different media sources.]

Kawasaki, Kotaro. “Hoittoman to Jyukyu seiki Amerika no Shinka shisho”
[“Whitman and the Ideology of Evolution in Nineteenth-Century America”].
In Kuniko Yoshizaki and Kenji Mizoguchi, eds., Hoittoman to Jyukyu seiki
Amerika [Whitman and Nineteenth-Century America] (Tokyo: Kaibunsha Shup-
pan, 2005), 140-162. [Examines the idea of evolution in American society both before and after Darwinism, and traces the influence of this idea on Whitman’s work; in Japanese.]

Killingsworth, M. Jimmie. “*Leaves of Grass.*” In Janet Gabler-Hover and Robert Sattelmeyer, eds., *American History through Literature, 1820-1870* (Detroit: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2006), 629-634. [Views the various editions of *Leaves of Grass* in a historical perspective.]

Killingsworth, M. Jimmie. “*Nature.*” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., *A Companion to Walt Whitman* (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 311-324. [Gives an overview of ecocritical approaches to Whitman and examines “a central tension in studies of human ecology and geography—the representation of nature as space and as place—as it plays out in Whitman’s writing,” arguing that Whitman’s “view of nature as space suggests his connection with a burgeoning modernism in life and letters while his often-repeated identification with special places—notably the New York islands and eastern wetlands of North America—demonstrate the power of close connections with character-forming and culture-defining sacred sites”; concludes that Whitman is most productively read “as simultaneously a regional and a universal poet” whose “best poems tend to stay close to home, and in doing so, paradoxically extend their reach.”]


Kirby, David. “*I Will Be Your Poet*: Walt Whitman’s America.” *The American Interest* 1 (Autumn 2005), 74-79. [Views Whitman as “the world’s oldest teenager” and imagines “how happy this poet would have been in a Mercury convertible, crunching gravel at the Dairy Queen, cruising the crowd at the softball game, parking by the lighthouse to finish a beer and listen to the cries of gulls”; goes on to discuss numerous aspects of Whitman, arguing (with Van Wyck Brooks) that “before Whitman, all the parts for the making of a national character were available for assembly, but he was the one who brought them together” in *Leaves of Grass*, which “is still America’s jukebox.”]

Klammer, Martin. “Slavery and Race.” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., *A Companion to Walt Whitman* (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 101-121. [Examines Whitman’s racial attitudes and argues that “no matter how self-liberating his poetry projects himself to be, Whitman could never liberate himself from the hard grip of antebellum American racism,” as the poet continued throughout his career “to make blacks ‘gradually disappear’ in his writings,” leaving the “stunning, even brilliantly conceived images of blacks in the 1855 *Leaves of Grass*” as a lasting legacy, even if “black persons held no place for Whitman in his vision of America.”]

Krieg, Joann P. “*Literary Contemporaries.*” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., *A Companion to Walt Whitman* (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 392-408. [Re-
views Whitman’s literary associations and acquaintances from the 1840s and 1850s “in the world of New York newspapers and magazines” with writers like Poe and Bryant, on through the Transcendentalists like Emerson, Thoreau, and Bronson Alcott; attempts to “tease out the connecting links, however tenuous,” between Whitman, Melville, and Dickinson; traces Whitman’s associations with John Burroughs, William Douglas O’Connor, and Richard Maurice Bucke; examines William Dean Howells’s and Henry James’s attitudes toward the poet; and summarizes Whitman’s connections to British and Irish writers like William Michael Rossetti, Algernon Charles Swinburne, John Addington Symonds, Anne Gilchrist, Tennyson, Edward Dowden, Bram Stoker, and Oscar Wilde.]

Kuebrich, David. “Religion and the Poet-Prophet.” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., A Companion to Walt Whitman (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 197-215. [Argues that Whitman should be read “as a would-be religious founder” whose work is part of his conception of a “bold religious project”; discusses “various European intellectual developments” (including “deism, the higher biblical scholarship, and the recuperation of myth,” as well as German philosophy) that “defined the highest form of poetry as religious prophecy”; and provides “an introduction to Whitman’s mysticism” (including his “religious cosmology,” involving “sacrality,” “order,” “process,” and “benevolence”) and “a brief analysis of his understanding of history and call for a religious democracy.”]

Kummings, Donald D., ed. A Companion to Walt Whitman. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006. [Contains an introduction by Kummings (1-7) and thirty-five original essays on Whitman, divided into four parts: “The Life” (9-26), “The Cultural Context” (27-358), “The Literary Context” (359-454), and “Texts” (455-587); individual essays are listed separately in this bibliography.]


Larson, Andrew. Walt Whitman and the Class Struggle. Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 2006. [Examines Whitman’s social class, arguing that his “liminal, lower-middle-class location allowed him a critical vantage point on his society” because his “hopes of participation in a democratic culture were staked on his gaining access to the free market and involved an ambivalent embrace of the market’s potentials for self-making”; goes on to track how “Whitman’s poetry dramatizes the economic as a system both social and corporeal, a general economy of expenditure and return that embraces both the body and the social world,” leading to his construction of “an eroticized class identity” and resulting in “a seriocomic style to lampoon the literary-mercantile elite,
and to carve out a lower middle class space for cultural assimilation, grabbing
the elite’s cultural goods even as he challenges their legitimacy.”]

Larson, Kerry C. “Song of Myself.” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., A Companion
toWaltWhitman (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 471-483. [Examines “Song
of Myself” in light of Tocqueville’s description of equality “as democracy’s
‘generative fact,’” and demonstrates “the sheer extremity of [the poem’s]commitment to egalitarian norms”: this commitment includes a demand for
“democratic reading,” where “the reader is thrown back on her or his own
devices” and “indeterminacy” becomes a “special virtue” for achieving the
“epistemological equality” for which the poet strives; a demand for “demo-
cratic compassion,” an effortless sympathy that “becomes more expansive
even as it becomes less intense”; and a rejection of “democratic constraints,”
the moderating powers of religion, family, and political engagement that
Tocqueville found to be democracy’s “saving constraints,” but which Whit-
man “shies away from.”]

Leathers, Lyman. Review of Fred Hersch Ensemble, Leaves of Grass (CD). Walt

LeMaster, J. R. “Oratory.” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., A Companion to Walt
Whitman (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 87-100. [Reviews much of the
criticism on Whitman and oratory, underscoring that “Whitman knew ora-
tory” and utilized it frequently and effectively in his writing.]

Mack, Stephen John. “A Theory of Organic Democracy.” In Donald D. Kum-
136-150. [Examines Whitman’s “contributions to democratic theory,” arguing
that he “advances a view of democracy that redefines the traditional interests
of both the individual and the collective in ways that make them identical,”
and proposing that Whitman believed that “a full appreciation of democracy
. . . requires an accounting of the ways the democratic processes of physical
nature inform or parallel democratic social, political, economic and cultural
practices”; concludes that “Whitman’s theory of democracy is . . . a theory of
democratic culture,” calling for a democracy “far more ambitious, far more
demanding, than anything the eighteenth-century founders of American
democracy imagined.”]

Mader, D. H. “The Greek Mirror: The Uranians and Their Use of Greece.”
Journal of Homosexuality 49 (2005), 377-420. [Examines the Uranians, “a
loosely knit group of British and American homosexual poets writing between
approximately 1880 and 1930, sharing a number of basic cultural and literary
assumptions derived on one hand from Walter Pater, and on the other from
Walt Whitman,” including a “model of male relationships [that] was almost
uniformly asymmetrical, either by age or class, or both.”]

Whitman (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 290-310. [Examines Whitman’s
response to the Civil War, arguing that “Whitman moves from a libertarian
antebellum confidence in confederate harmony among the states, to a more
conservative recognition of the ghostly wounds that will always haunt the
Union victory,” leading to a “practice of memorialization [that] idealizes the social memory of heroic enlistments in home and nation, and largely ignores the excesses of patriotic nationalism”; deals with “the role of nostalgia and ‘Brooklyniana’” and views “Drum-Taps and its Sequel as sites of nationalist and uncanny memory.”]


Marsden, Steve. “‘A Woman Waits for Me’: Anne Gilchrist’s Reading of Leaves of Grass.” Walt Whitman Quarterly Review 23 (Winter 2006), 95-125. [Examines Anne Gilchrist’s education, her courtship with and marriage to Alexander Gilchrist, and her reading habits in order to analyze “the intersection of interpretation and fantasy, sex and religion, author and reader” that her response to Whitman’s writings entails; works toward identifying “the change triggered by her interaction with Whitman’s book,” which prompted what she called a “new birth.”]


Mills, Bruce. Poe, Fuller, and the Mesmeric Arts. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2006. [The conclusion, “Singing the American Body Electric: Whitman and the Mesmeric Turn” (163-177), argues that Leaves of Grass (and especially “Song of Myself”) “reconstitutes historical and cultural materials through a mesmeric consciousness, that is, through an epistemology rooted in the science of animal magnetism,” and that this “new psychological orientation” allowed Whitman “to break spatial-temporal boundaries and reconfigure gender, class, and cultural relationships,” as he “absorbed this aesthetic of the transition state.”]


Moores, D. J. “Ego-less ‘Egotism’ in Wordsworth and Whitman: The Paradox
of the Self.” *Studia Mystica* 24 (2003), 72-103. [Argues that “one of the profoundest connections between Wordsworth and Whitman is found in their paradoxical sense of self,” a self that in both poets stands between “egotism and mysticism,” while “defying both solipsism and mystical self-transcendence”; proposes that “however much they celebrate the self, Wordsworth and Whitman shattered the illusion of a fixed, unified self, but they did so in a milieu largely incapable of recognizing the genius of their endeavor,” an endeavor in which “the separate self is sometimes not transcended but enlarged, . . . gorg[ing] itself on what it encounters”; and concludes that “the notion of will, so prominent in both Wordsworth and Whitman, is . . . a barrier preventing their entrance into the mystics’ domain.”]

Mullins, Maire. “Sexuality.” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., *A Companion to Walt Whitman* (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 164-179. [Traces Whitman’s evolving images of sexuality through the different editions of *Leaves of Grass*, admiring the poet’s ability “to challenge cultural assumptions about sexuality, heterosexuality, and sexual differences,” and to push “the boundaries of discourse” in an effort to articulate “the fluidity of the sexualities encompassed in human beings.”]

Murray, Martin G. “*Specimen Days*.” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., *A Companion to Walt Whitman* (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 553-565. [Offers a publishing history of *Specimen Days*, a summary of the book, and numerous examples of how Whitman revised the prose in the book from his notebooks, sometimes altering chronology and other important facts; focuses on the Civil War section of the book, which largely reprints *Memoranda During the War*.]


Nelson, Howard. “Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking.” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., *A Companion to Walt Whitman* (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 496-507. [Examines early reactions to “Out of the Cradle,” memoirs of different people’s oral readings of the poem, the poem’s musical structure, its biographical resonance, its associations with the “Calamus” poems, its “pairing” with “As I Ebb’d with the Ocean of Life,” its changes in the various editions of *Leaves of Grass* from 1860 on, and the ways in which death in the poem comes to be “that which soothes.”]

Nicholson, Karen, ed. “Conversations” (Fall/Winter 2005). [Newsletter of the Walt Whitman Association, Camden, NJ, with news of association events; this issue contains “My Canary Bird” (2), by Leo Blake, recounting the pets that Whitman’s housekeeper kept in the Mickle Street home and reporting that
the Walt Whitman House has recently acquired a Victorian birdcage similar to the one Whitman used for his canaries.

Nicholson, Karen, ed. “Conversations” (Spring/Summer 2006). [Newsletter of the Walt Whitman Association, Camden, N.J., with news of association events, and one article, listed separately in this bibliography.]


Olesky, Kathleen. “Bringing Poets into the Dialogue of Peace: Ikeda Forum ‘Talks Back.’” Boston Research Center for the 21st Century Newsletter no. 25 (Fall 2005/Winter 2006), 1, 4-5. [About the second annual Ikeda Forum for Intercultural Dialogue held at the Boston Research Center on October 1, 2005, in which “scholars and poets from Asia and the Americas gathered to listen, learn, and respond to Whitman’s poetic vision of America.”]

Oliver, Charles M. Walt Whitman: A Literary Reference to His Life and Work. New York: Facts on File, 2006. [A reference guide to Whitman, with a brief biography (1-25); an alphabetical list of “Works” (27-248), containing publication information and descriptions of individual poems, most of Whitman’s books, and his short stories; an alphabetical list of “Related People, Places, Publications, and Topics;” containing brief descriptions of people Whitman knew, places associated with Whitman, newspapers and magazines in which he published, poetic terms, and historical events; a chronology of Whitman’s life and times (365-378); a “Journalism Chronology” tracking Whitman’s journalistic jobs from 1831 to 1859 (379-380); a list of “Newspapers and Magazines That Published Whitman’s Articles and Editorials” (381-382); a list of Whitman’s known addresses and places of work (383-384); a “Glossary of Whitman Terms” (385-388); Whitman’s “Last Will and Testament” (389-390); a Whitman genealogical chart (391); and a bibliography of primary and secondary sources (392-396).]

Olsen-Smith, Steven. “‘Live Oak, with Moss,’ ‘Calamus,’ and ‘Children of Adam.’” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., A Companion to Walt Whitman (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 508-521. [Examines how these three clusters of poems are “textually and conceptually related” and how they “represent the poet in his most intimate, most exposed, and most controversial postures”; offers a detailed reading of the “Live Oak, with Moss” manuscript sequence and compares it to the published 1860 “Calamus” sequence; and examines the implications of “Whitman’s near-simultaneous conception of ideas for ‘Calamus’ and ‘Children of Adam.’”]

relationship with Whitman.]


Paglia, Camille. Break, Blow, Burn. New York: Pantheon, 2005. [Chapter 17, “Walt Whitman, Song of Myself” (85-94), reprints Sections 1 and 24 of “Song of Myself” and offers a reading, emphasizing the poem’s “constant, restless change” and its immersion in “nature’s pagan mysteries.”]

Pannapacker, William. “The City.” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., A Companion to Walt Whitman (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 42-59. [Suggests “the impact of Whitman’s vision of the city” and examines his efforts to write a poetry that “can capture the amplitude of urban life.”]


Robbins, Bruce. “Homework: Richard Powers, Walt Whitman, and the Poetry of Commodity.” Ariel: A Review of International English Literature 34 (January 2003), 77-91. [Examines Richard Powers’s novel Gain (1998), in which a key scene involves a student asking his mother for help explicating Whitman’s “Crossing Brooklyn Ferry”; analyzes Powers’s use of Whitman, focusing on how “Whitman refuses to recognize the usual line between how you care about what is private or intimate and how you care about what is public”; concludes that “the best of American poetry, whether in Whitman or in Powers, helps us do the work of getting out of our homes in order to see that the world is already in our homes, and that our homes are very much in the world.”]


Ferry” in historical contexts.]


provoked, and the way they were understood and interpreted in Polish literary culture”; in Part 2, seven chapters deal with Whitman (212-355), looking at early Whitman reception in Poland, where he was initially “perceived as a failed poet by Seweryna Duchinska and Zenon Przesmycki-Miriam,” then truly discovered by Antoni Lange, who wrote about Whitman and translated his poetry, and further responded to by novelist Stefan Zeromski and Stanislaw Brzozowski; exploring how Whitman became “widely known” in Poland through the “enthusiasm” of poets Julian Tuwim, Kazimierz Wierzynski, and Jaroslaw Iwaszkiewicz, as well as translator and critic Stanislaw Vincenz; examining how Whitman was of interest to “Polish futurists, like Jerzy Jankowski” and to Polish expressionists, like Jan Stur and Stefan Stasiak; analyzing the “new ideological mode of reading Whitman,” first by Antonina Sokolicz and later by others who sought to “fit Whitman into the ideal of social realism,” including translators (like Stanislaw Helszynski) who manipulated Whitman’s poetry for ideological reasons; analyzing in detail Czeslaw Milosz’s response to Whitman as “a poet of metaphysical reality”; and discussing recent Polish translations of Whitman by Andrzej Szuba and Krzysztof Boczkowski, who “underline certain aspects of Whitman’s poetry, like the homosexual undertone, not visibly present in [the] Polish tradition of interpreting Leaves of Grass before”; in Polish, with a summary in English (430-433).


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Trachtenberg, Alan. “Whitman at Night: ‘The Sleepers’ in 1855.” Yale Review 94 (April 2006), 1-15. [Offers a close reading of Whitman’s 1855 poem later entitled “The Sleepers,” seeking “an account of the role of night itself, the layers of nocturnal implication that gather toward the trope of darkness as the speaker descends, as if powerless to defy the downward force, into even darker and less scrutatable regions of consciousness.”]


Walsh, Jim. “For Better or Verse, Cemetery Resuscitates Walt.” Courier-Post [Camden-Cherry Hill, NJ] (May 9, 2006). [About a South Jersey Tour-
ism Corporation Whitman tour of Camden, featuring a visit to Whitman’s mausoleum in Harleigh Cemetery, where a Whitman impersonator emerges from the tomb.


Warren, James Perrin. “Style.” In Donald D. Kummings, ed., *A Companion to Walt Whitman* (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 377-391. [Analyzes Whitman’s “perpetual innovation” in style in the various editions of *Leaves of Grass*, discussing how he moves from “the style of an uninspired imitator” in his early prose and poetry to a “career of innovation” based on cataloging, a focus on “American scenes and characters,” a celebration of all he catalogs, a focus on the working class, and a celebration of individuality, moving from long-lined long poems to more and more “experiments with short lyrics,” as well as employing “poetic techniques” in his “postwar prose.”]


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Yun, Isang, and Hyun Ok Kim. *Dimension.* [Original dance inspired by Whitman, performed by Hyun Ok Kim; music by Isang Yun; performed at Walt Whitman Birthplace, Long Island, New York, on July 18, 2004.]


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