Speech, Self, and Place in American Fiction from Hawthorne to DeLillo

A Groundbreaking Exploration of Language, Identity, and the American Landscape

In this groundbreaking work of literary scholarship, renowned author and professor examines the intricate relationship between speech, self, and place in American fiction. Through meticulous analysis of iconic works spanning from the enigmatic world of Nathaniel Hawthorne to the postmodern complexities of Don DeLillo, this book sheds new light on the profound influence of language on identity formation and the ways in which physical and social landscapes shape our narratives.

Drawing on insights from linguistics, philosophy, and geography, the author argues that speech is not merely a means of communication but a constitutive element of the self. Through language, we articulate our thoughts, feelings, and experiences, and in ng so, we create and shape our own identities. At the same time, the physical and social landscapes in which we live provide the context for our speech, influencing the ways in which we express ourselves and the meanings we attach to our words.



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This meticulously researched and elegantly written book is essential reading for anyone interested in American literature, language, identity, or the human condition. It is a major contribution to the field of literary studies and will undoubtedly shape the way we think about the relationship between speech, self, and place in American fiction.

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