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The Letters of Vincent van Gogh
A Critical Study

Patrick Grant

When he died at the age of thirty-seven, Vincent van Gogh left a legacy of over two thousand artworks, for which he was justly famous. But van Gogh was also a prodigious writer of letters—more than eight hundred of them, addressed to his parents, to friends such as Paul Gauguin and, above all, to his brother Theo. His letters have long been admired for their exceptional literary quality, and art historians have sometimes drawn on some of the letters in their analysis of the paintings. And yet, to date, no one has undertaken a critical assessment of this remarkable body of writing—not as a footnote to the paintings but as a highly sophisticated literary achievement in its own right. Patrick Grant’s long-awaited study provides such an assessment and, as such, redresses a significant omission in the field of van Gogh studies.

As Grant demonstrates, quite apart from furnishing a highly revealing self-portrait of their author, the letters are compelling for their imaginative and expressive power, as well as for the perceptive commentary they offer on universal human themes. Through a subtle exploration of van Gogh’s contrastive style of thinking and his fascination with the notion of imperfection, Grant illuminates gradual shifts in van Gogh’s ideas on religion, ethics, and art. He also analyzes the metaphorical significance of a number of key images in the letters, which prove to yield unexpected psychological and conceptual connections, and probes the relationships that surface when the letters are viewed as a cohesive literary product. The result is a wealth of new insights into van Gogh’s inner landscape.

EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK:
Van Gogh’s writing can remind us of similar effects in the paintings, the differences in audience and intent notwithstanding. Though meant for public viewing, the paintings (like the letters) are often disturbingly confessional and personally revealing; though written for private purposes, the letters, (like the paintings) are often of broad human interest. Van Gogh’s lack of finish, the roughness and imperfection that lie at the far side of technical skill (and are not to be mistaken for lack of technical skill) communicate something essential to his vision, his always unfinished search to know and communicate “what most makes me a human being”.

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Transparent Lives
Surveillance in Canada

*The New Transparency Project*
*Edited by* Colin J. Bennett, Kevin D. Haggerty, David Lyon, and Valerie Steeves

Although most Canadians are familiar with surveillance cameras and airport security, relatively few are aware of the extent to which the potential for surveillance is now embedded in virtually every aspect of our lives. We cannot walk down a city street, register for a class, pay with a credit card, hop on an airplane, or make a telephone call without data being captured and processed. Where does such information go? Who makes use of it, and for what purpose? Is the loss of control over our personal information merely the price we pay for using social media and other forms of electronic communication, or should we be wary of systems that make us visible—and thus vulnerable—to others as never before?

The work of a multidisciplinary research team, *Transparent Lives* explains why and how surveillance is expanding—mostly unchecked—into every facet of our lives. Through an investigation of the major ways in which both government and private sector organizations gather, monitor, analyze, and share information about ordinary citizens, the volume identifies nine key trends in the processing of personal data that together raise urgent questions of privacy and social justice. Intended not only to inform but to make a difference, the volume is deliberately aimed at a broad audience, including legislators and policymakers, journalists, civil liberties groups, educators, and, above all, the reading public.

*The New Transparency: Surveillance and Social Sorting*—a Major Collaborative Research Initiative funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada—seeks to understand the factors contributing to the expansion of surveillance as a technology of governance, including its underlying principles, technological infrastructures, and institutional frameworks, and to elucidate the social consequences of surveillance for institutions and for ordinary people. *Transparent Lives* reflects research conducted during the first half of this seven-year project. The volume was jointly authored by eleven members of the New Transparency team: Colin J. Bennett (University of Victoria), Andrew Clement (University of Toronto), Arthur Cockfield (Queen’s University), Aaron Doyle (Carleton University), Kevin D. Haggerty (University of Alberta), Stéphane Leman-Langlois (Université Laval), David Lyon (Queen’s University), Benjamin Muller (King’s University College, Western University), David Murakami Wood (Queen’s University), Laureen Snider (Queen’s University), and Valerie Steeves (University of Ottawa).
**Vivre à nu**

La surveillance au Canada

**Projet sur la Nouvelle transparence**

*Publié sous la direction de* Colin J. Bennett, Kevin D. Haggerty, David Lyon et Valerie Steeves

Nombre de Canadiens savent que les organismes du gouvernement s’adonnent à de la surveillance de masse en utilisant les données téléphoniques et électroniques. Néanmoins, peu d’entre eux sont réellement conscients de l’influence réelle que cette surveillance a sur presque tous les aspects de leur vie quotidienne. Aujourd’hui, nous ne pouvons faire une promenade au centre-ville, assister à un cours, payer au moyen d’une carte de crédit, monter à bord d’un avion ou faire un appel sans que des données soient capturées et traitées. Où cette information s’en va-t-elle? Qui l’utilise? Qui en sort gagnant et qui en sort perdant? Est-ce que le prix à payer pour utiliser les médias sociaux et d’autres moyens de communication électronique est de desserrer notre emprise sur nos renseignements personnels? Au contraire, devrions-nous nous méfier des systèmes qui nous rendent plus que jamais visibles et, par conséquent, vulnérables aux yeux des autres?

**Vivre à nu** est l’œuvre d’une équipe de recherche multidisciplinaire et explique comment la surveillance s’accroît – pratiquement sans que personne y porte attention – dans toutes les sphères de notre vie. En analysant les principaux moyens employés par le secteur public et le secteur privé pour recueillir, faire le suivi, analyser et échanger des renseignements au sujet des citoyens ordinaires, les auteurs de l’ouvrage ont dégagé neuf grandes tendances dans le traitement des données personnelles. D’ailleurs, collectivement, ces neuf grandes tendances soulèvent des questions pressantes au sujet de la vie privée et de la justice sociale. Cet ouvrage vise non seulement à informer, mais également à changer le cours des choses. Il cible intentionnellement un grand public : les décideurs, les journalistes, les groupes de défense des libertés civiles, les enseignants et, par-dessus tout, les lecteurs du grand public.

**La Nouvelle transparence : surveillance et tri social** s’inscrit dans le cadre des Grands travaux de recherche concertée financés par le Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada. L’initiative a pour objectif de comprendre les facteurs qui contribuent à l’utilisation de plus en plus répandue de la surveillance comme technologie de gouvernance, de même que les principes sous-jacents, l’infrastructure technologique et les cadres institutionnels, et de circonscrire les conséquences sociales de la surveillance pour les institutions et les gens ordinaires. **Vivre à nu** est l’aboutissement des recherches effectuées au cours de ce projet échelonné sur sept ans. L’ouvrage est l’œuvre collective de onze membres de l’équipe de la Nouvelle transparence : Colin J. Bennett (Université de Victoria), Andrew Clement (Université de Toronto), Arthur Cockfield (Université Queen’s), Aaron Doyle (Université Carleton), Kevin D. Haggerty (Université de l’Alberta), Stéphane Leman-Langlois (Université Laval), David Lyon (Université Queen’s), Benjamin Muller (Collège universitaire King’s, Université Western Ontario), David Murakami Wood (Université Queen’s), Laureen Snider (Université Queen’s), et Valerie Steeves (Université d’Ottawa).
Today, efforts at environmental protection commonly take the form of “top-down” measures, in which overarching plans, usually based on scientific reports, are implemented through environmental legislation, which is then enforced at the local level. *Fish Wars and Trout Travesties* offers an instructive glimpse into an earlier era, before the state assumed its present degree of regulatory control over the environment. In southern Alberta of the 1920s, townspeople and civic leaders took a spirited interest in the management of their local rivers and streams and often held strong opinions about which species of fish should be conserved and by what methods. Often these opinions reflected a growing division between the traditional, rural understanding of nature as the means to survival and an emerging urban conception of nature as recreational space. Such conflicting perspectives — founded as they were, on differing views about the relationship of human beings to the natural world — meant that local debates could be quite heated.

Whereas previous histories of conservation in the province have been told through the eyes of its institutions, such as the Alberta Fish and Game Association, Colpitts draws on rarely-consulted historical documents in an effort to tease out the “fault lines” within conservation practice. As he demonstrates, the move for conservation described in *Fish Wars* was largely a grassroots phenomenon, and the rules that the state subsequently formulated were often the result of pressures from below.
Within the rapidly expanding field of educational technology, learners and educators must confront a seemingly overwhelming selection of tools designed to deliver and facilitate both online and blended learning. Many of these tools assume that learning is configured and delivered in closed contexts, through learning management systems (LMS). However, while traditional “classroom” learning is by no means obsolete, networked learning is in the ascendant. A foundational method in online and blended education, as well as the most common means of informal and self-directed learning, networked learning is rapidly becoming the dominant mode of teaching as well as learning.

In *Teaching Crowds*, Dron and Anderson introduce a new model for understanding and exploiting the pedagogical potential of Web-based technologies, one that rests on connections — on networks and collectives — rather than on separations. Recognizing that online learning both demands and affords new models of teaching and learning, the authors show how learners can engage with social media platforms to create an unbounded field of emergent connections. These connections empower learners, allowing them to draw from one another’s expertise to formulate and fulfill their own educational goals. In an increasingly networmed world, developing such skills will, they argue, better prepare students to become self-directed, lifelong learners.

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**Terry Anderson** is professor and researcher in the Technology-Enhanced Knowledge Research Institute at Athabasca University. His interests focus on interaction and on the use of social media in educational contexts. He is the editor of *The Theory and Practice of Online Learning*, the second edition of which won the 2009 Charles E. Wedemeyer Award.
Legal Literacy
An Introduction to Legal Studies

Archie Zariski

To understand how the legal system works, students must consider the law in terms of its structures, processes, language, and modes of thought and argument—in short, they must become literate in the field. Legal Literacy fulfills this aim by providing a foundational understanding of key concepts such as legal personhood, jurisdiction, and precedent, and by introducing students to legal research and writing skills. Examples of cases, statutes, and other legal materials support these concepts.

While Legal Literacy is an introductory text, it also challenges students to consider critically the system they are studying. Touching on significant socio-legal issues such as access to justice, legal jargon, and plain language, Zariski critiques common legal traditions and practices, and analyzes what it means “to think like a lawyer.” As such, the text provides a sound basis for those who wish to pursue further studies in law or legal studies as well as those seeking a better understanding of how the legal field relates to the society that it serves.
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The Science of Satyagraha
Mark A. Mattaini

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Crime and Deviance in Canadian Football
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A Meditation and History on the Great Plains

*Frances W. Kaye*

Amer-European settlement of the Great Plains transformed bountiful Native soil into pasture and croplands, distorting the prairie ecosystem as it was understood and used by its original inhabitants. Settlers justified this transformation on the unexamined premise of deficiency, according to which the Great Plains region was inadequate in flora and fauna and the region lacking in civilization. Drawing on history, sociology, art, and economic theory, Kaye counters the argument of deficiency, and reveals how this assumption shaped the development of the region.
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The Life of a Stó:lō Matriarch
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Recollecting
Lives of Aboriginal Women of the Canadian Northwest and Borderlands
edited by Sarah Carter and Patricia A. McCormack

Multiple award winner, including the 2012 Best Book in Aboriginal History (CHA) and the Willa Literary Award for Scholarly Nonfiction

Drawing on records generated by women themselves, including their beadwork, other material culture, and oral histories, the essays in Recollecting demonstrate the complexity of “contact zone” interactions.
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Archaeology and Palaeoenvironments
edited by Brian M. Ronaghan

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Archaeological Evidence for Native Lifeways on the Northern Plains

Trevor R. Peck

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Investigations in Community Informatics
*edited by Andrew Clement, Michael Gurstein, Graham Longford, Marita Moll, and Leslie Regan Shade*

Connecting Canadians represents the work of the Community Research Alliance for Community Innovation and Networking (CRACIN), the largest national and international research effort to examine the burgeoning field of community informatics, a cross-disciplinary approach to the mobilization of information and communications technologies for community change.

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Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection in a Networked World
*Lorna Stefanick*

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Cities and the Unemployed in Prairie Canada, 1929–39
Eric Strikwerda

Focusing on three prairie cities—Edmonton, Saskatoon, and Winnipeg—The Wages of Relief sets municipal administrations of the 1930s within a wider literature on welfare and urban poor relief. Strikwerda argues that officials prioritized action to mitigate perceived threats to the social order, especially unmarried, unemployed men. Ultimately, these policy changes impacted the national approach to unemployment—a precursor to Canada’s current welfare system.

Working People in Alberta
A History
Alvin Finkel with contributions by Jason Foster, Winston Gereluk, Jennifer Kelly and Dan Ciu, James Muir, Joan Schiebelbein, Jim Selby, and Eric Strikwerda

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Solidarity and Struggle in Niagara
Carmela Patrias and Larry Savage

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Rival Images of a New World in 1930s Vancouver
Todd McCallum

In the early years of the Great Depression, thousands of unemployed homeless transients settled into Vancouver’s “hobo jungle.” The jungle operated as a distinct community, in which goods were exchanged and shared directly, without benefit of currency. The organization of life was immediate and consensual, conducted in the absence of capital accumulation. McCallum argues that, threatened by this “ungovernable society,” Vancouver’s Relief Department employed Fordist management methods that ultimately stripped the transients of their individuality.

Provincial Solidarities
A History of the New Brunswick Federation of Labour
David Frank

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« S’appuie sur une recherche de premier ordre ... c’est un ouvrage tout à fait valable qui représente un apport intéressant et utile à la connaissance du syndicalisme et de la classe ouvrière. » —Jacques Rouillard, Université de Montréal

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From the first entrepreneurs who attempted to lure customers into movie exhibition halls, to the digital revolution and its impact on moviegoing, *Reel Time* highlights the pivotal role of amusement venues in shaping the leisure activities of working- and middle-class people across North America. Seiler and Seiler show how the movie industry shaped the development of the Canadian Prairie West and propelled the region into the modern era.

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