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Acts of suicide by enslaved people carried significant cultural, legal, and political implications in the emerging slave societies of British America and, later, the United States. This study features a wide range of evidence from ship logs and surgeon's journals, legal and legislative records, newspapers, periodicals, novels, and plays, abolitionist print and slave narratives in order to consider the intimate circumstances, cultural meanings, and political consequences of enslaved peoples' acts of self-destruction in the context of early American slavery. *Inscrutable Suicide: Politics, Gender, and the Felo de se in Early Modern Drama* reveals how representations of suicide in English drama constitute new but inchoate forms of individual and collective agency in early modern law and

politics. At the heart of this project is the term for a criminal suicide found to be committed willfully by a sane person: *felo de se*, or felon of the self. First articulated in Bracton's thirteenth-century treatise on English common law, the term *felo de se* provokes several questions: who is the "self" against whom the crime is committed? To whom does the self belong and from whom can this self be taken? These questions provoked early modern people to test the reach of the sovereign's power and the extent of a subject's agency. In my analysis, I focus on characters who attempt, desire, or commit suicide and who are marginalized by their gender or sexuality. I draw from early modern medical treatises, coroners' inquests, popular pamphlets, political writings, and martyrologies as I survey canonical plays (Shakespeare's *King Lear* and *Hamlet*), a non-canonical play (John Fletcher's *The Tragedie of Bonduca*), and a closet drama (Milton's *Samson Agonistes*). I suggest that legal categories of suicide—the *felo de se* and *non compos mentis*, or non-culpable suicides found to be committed by a person not of sound mind—fail to adequately describe the dramatic representations of suicide that I analyze. When audience members or readers evaluate a character who commits, attempts, or considers suicide and who is politically disenfranchised by their gender or sexuality, they implicitly critique the legal and political categories of identity upon which authorities justify their power and their regulation of non-normative bodies. This project ultimately contests a grand narrative of suicide generally accepted by literary critics and historians that proclaims suicide to have become, by the twentieth century, a medicalized and tolerated act rather than a sinful or criminal one, as it supposedly was in the early modern period. I show that multiple meanings of suicide, drawn from multiple classical

and biblical models of suicide, existed simultaneously in the early modern period as well as today. The multiple meanings and models of suicide, I argue, had a profound impact on the ways that authors represented suicide in early modern dramatic performances and dramatic texts. Furthermore, these multiple meanings and models provided audiences with an array of choices that prompted them to engage in interpretative practices of evaluation and judgment. These interpretative practices invited audiences to participate in and become cognizant of the potential for collective agency that might, in some ways, challenge traditional legal and political authority. The spectacle of the inscrutable suicidal character on the stage amplifies contradictions within English law regarding how the ideal political and legal subject was to appear, act, and desire. For instance, despite early modern culture's insistence that the ideal political subject was male, both men and women suspected of suicide could posthumously face trial and punishments for their acts of self-killing because authorities viewed them as violating the monarch's authority. By idealizing the political subject as male but implicitly legitimizing the political threats suicidal women posed, authorities created a slippery space where women who killed themselves demonstrated a political agency supposedly inaccessible to them. Political authorities also idealized the political subject as able-bodied (as well as able-minded) and heteronormative. But those authorities invited debate about how to distinguish between a non compos mentis and a *felo de se* death. Examining the extent to which a person was mentally disabled lay at the heart of these designations; mental disabilities included not only insanity or depression but also a spectrum of non-heteronormative desires evidenced by a character's impotency and homoeroticism. When a seemingly disabled or queer figure commits suicide in the dramas I analyze, his or her death provokes audiences and readers to evaluate if insanity or non-heteronormative desire could obfuscate or invoke agency. My focus on the disruptive potential of the suicidal body on the stage energizes critical discussions of gender, disability, and queerness as I demonstrate the political subversiveness of suicide that critics have overlooked. First published in

1993, *The Virgin Suicides* announced the arrival of a major new American novelist. In a quiet suburb of Detroit, the five Lisbon sisters—beautiful, eccentric, and obsessively watched by the neighborhood boys—commit suicide one by one over the course of a single year. As the boys observe them from afar, transfixed, they piece together the mystery of the family's fatal melancholy, in this hypnotic and unforgettable novel of adolescent love, disquiet, and death. Jeffrey Eugenides evokes the emotions of youth with haunting sensitivity and dark humor and creates a coming-of-age story unlike any of our time. Adapted into a critically acclaimed film by Sofia Coppola, *The Virgin Suicides* is a modern classic, a lyrical and timeless tale of sex and suicide that transforms and mythologizes suburban middle-American life. Has your life been a failure? Let's make your death a success. With the twenty-first century just a distant memory and the world in environmental chaos, many people have lost the will to live. And business is brisk at *The Suicide Shop*. Run by the Tuvache family for generations, the shop offers an amazing variety of ways to end it all, with something to fit every budget. The Tuvaches go mournfully about their business, taking pride in the morbid service they provide. Until the youngest member of the family threatens to destroy their contented misery by confronting them with something they've never encountered before: a love of life. In 1453 CE an island was discovered in the North Atlantic called Ambrojjio, and was donated to the Catholic Church. Pope Nicholas V (the first humanist Pope) used the land to erect a secret monastery for an artist colony of monk-poets he employed to formulate what he called a prophetic or inspired document, that was to be published in the year 2050. This artist colony (now called the Order of Quantum Catholics) has survived to the present day and still employs monk-poets who remain hard at work on this document, now titled *Quantum Psalter*. Here is the first volume describing their heroic work. First published in the US in 1991 by the Hemlock Society, it discusses the practicalities of suicide and assisted suicide for those terminally ill, and is intended to inform mature adults suffering from a terminal illness. It also gives guidance to those who may support the option of suicide under those circumstances.

The Australian edition was prepared by Dr Helga Kuhse. The author is a US journalist who has written or co-authored books on civil liberties, racial integration and euthanasia and is a past president of the World Federation of Right to Die societies. Sales of the book are category one restricted: not available to persons under 18. When fourteen-year-old Liyanne Abboud, her younger brother, and her parents move from St. Louis to a new home between Jerusalem and the Palestinian village where her father was born, they face many changes and must deal with the tensions between Jews and Palestinians. The Art of Suicide is a history of the visual representation of suicide from the ancient world to its decriminalization in the 20th century. After looking at instances of voluntary death in ancient Greece, Ron Brown discusses the contrast between the extraordinary absence of such events in early Christianity and the proliferation of images of biblical suicides in the late medieval era. He emphasizes how differing attitudes to suicide in the early modern world slowly merged, and pays particular attention to the one-time chasm between so-called heroic suicide and self-destruction as a "crying crime". Brown tracks the changes surrounding the perception of suicide into the pivotal Romantic era, with its notions of the "man of feeling", ready to hurl himself into the abyss over a woman or an unfinishable poem. After the First World War, the meaning of death and attitudes towards suicide changed radically, and in time this led to its decriminalization. The 20th century in fact witnessed a growing ambivalence towards suicidal acts, which today are widely regarded either as expressions of a death-wish or as cries for help. Brown concludes with Warhol's picture of Marilyn Monroe and the videos taken by the notorious Dr Kevorkian. For anyone trying to understand how and why suicide happens, here is a provocative exploration of the subject. Colt interviewed hundreds of people who have had intimate encounters with suicide to unveil the mysteries that surround this tragic phenomenon. This study examines the presentation of suicide within the genre of the eighteenth-century novel. Referencing several key writers of the period, McGuire demonstrates that their work inscribes a nationalist imperative to frame suicide as self-sacrifice. Illustrated in a stark and

simple style, this collection of outrageous cartoons follows over 100 bunnies as they find ever more outlandish ways to do themselves in. This book is an exceptionally critical and insightful contribution to the scholarly discourse of suicidology. The book offers in-depth analyses of the conceptual evolution and various perspectives of suicide; a very detailed mapping of the conceptualisation of the critical idiom of 'Text'; explication of the theoretical contributions of Barthes, Derrida, Foucault and others; and analyses of suicides of immortalised characters, forgotten writers, and the culturally devalued. The book locates the notion of 'Text' in a range of literary and cultural theories, from New Criticism to New Historicism, and explores the methodology of analysing enigmatic suicides as 'Texts' in and of themselves. This study examines the presentation of suicide within the genre of the eighteenth-century novel. Referencing several key writers of the period, McGuire demonstrates that their work inscribes a nationalist imperative to frame suicide as self-sacrifice. A wise, affecting novel from the beloved, award-winning author of Dickens and Prince, High Fidelity, and About A Boy. New York Times-bestselling author Nick Hornby mines the hearts and psyches of four lost souls who connect just when they've reached the end of the line. A Long Way Down is now a major motion picture from Magnolia Pictures starring Pierce Brosnan, Toni Collette, Aaron Paul, and Imogen Poots. Meet Martin, JJ, Jess, and Maureen. Four people who come together on New Year's Eve: a former TV talk show host, a musician, a teenage girl, and a mother. Three are British, one is American. They encounter one another on the roof of Topper's House, a London destination famous as the last stop for those ready to end their lives. In four distinct and riveting first-person voices, Nick Hornby tells a story of four individuals confronting the limits of choice, circumstance, and their own mortality. This is a tale of connections made and missed, punishing regrets, and the grace of second chances. Intense, hilarious, provocative, and moving, A Long Way Down is a novel about suicide that is, surprisingly, full of life. Consulting an extensive archive of early modern literature, Joy of the Worm asserts that voluntary death in literature is not always a matter of tragedy. In this study, Drew Daniel

identifies a surprisingly common aesthetic attitude that he calls “joy of the worm,” after Cleopatra’s embrace of the deadly asp in Shakespeare’s play—a pattern where voluntary death is imagined as an occasion for humor, mirth, ecstatic pleasure, even joy and celebration. Daniel draws both a historical and a conceptual distinction between “self-killing” and “suicide.” Standard intellectual histories of suicide in the early modern period have understandably emphasized attitudes of abhorrence, scorn, and severity toward voluntary death. Daniel reads an archive of literary scenes and passages, dating from 1534 to 1713, that complicate this picture. In their own distinct responses to the surrounding attitude of censure, writers including Shakespeare, Donne, Milton, and Addison imagine death not as sin or sickness, but instead as a heroic gift, sexual release, elemental return, amorous fusion, or political self-rescue. “Joy of the worm” emerges here as an aesthetic mode that shades into *schadenfreude*, sadistic cruelty, and deliberate “trolling,” but can also underwrite powerful feelings of belonging, devotion, and love. When all the joy in life is over, when simply waiting for an unavoidable and imminent death, it is the simplest of human rights to choose a quick and easy death in place of a slow and horrible one. This book covers the practicalities of implementing a quick, easy and painless suicide, and where to obtain the necessary equipment. The searing, visionary memoir of founding Black Panther Huey P. Newton, in a dazzling graphic package *Tracing the birth of a revolutionary*, Huey P. Newton's famous and oft-quoted autobiography is as much a manifesto as a portrait of the inner circle of America's Black Panther Party. From Newton's impoverished childhood on the streets of Oakland to his adolescence and struggles with the system, from his role in the Black Panthers to his solitary confinement in the Alameda County Jail, *Revolutionary Suicide* is unrepentant and thought-provoking in its portrayal of inspired radicalism. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by

introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators. *Suicide* cannot be read as simply another novel—it is, in a sense, the author's own oblique, public suicide note, a unique meditation on this most extreme of refusals. Presenting itself as an investigation into the suicide of a close friend—perhaps real, perhaps fictional—more than twenty years earlier, Levé gives us, little by little, a striking portrait of a man, with all his talents and flaws, who chose to reject his life, and all the people who loved him, in favor of oblivion. Gradually, through Levé's casually obsessive, pointillist, beautiful ruminations, we come to know a stoic, sensible, thoughtful man who bears more than a slight psychological resemblance to Levé himself. But *Suicide* is more than just a compendium of memories of an old friend; it is a near-exhaustive catalog of the ramifications and effects of the act of suicide, and a unique and melancholy farewell to life. On *Suicide* is neither a defense of suicide nor an invitation to assisted suicide, but an analysis of the state of mind of those who are suicidal and who actually do commit suicide. It is also a strident defense of the freedom of the individual and a plea for the recognition of the fact that we belong to ourselves before belonging to another person, or an institution, nation, or religion, and that our right to choose to end our life can have priority over social entanglements and biological destiny. Book jacket. An unforgettable coming of age novel for fans of *13 Reasons Why*, *It's Kind of a Funny Story*, and *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. Fifteen-year-old Jeff wakes up on New Year's Day to find himself in the hospital—specifically, in the psychiatric ward. Despite the bandages on his wrists, he's positive this is all some huge mistake. Jeff is perfectly fine, perfectly normal; not like the other kids in the hospital with him. But over the course of the next forty-five days, Jeff begins to understand why he ended up here—and realizes he has more in common with the other kids than he thought. “With a sprinkling of dark humor and a full measure of humanness, *Suicide Notes* is quirky, surprising, and a riveting read.” —Ellen Hopkins, author of *The You I've Never Known* and *Love Lies Beneath* “Like the very best teen novels, *Suicide Notes* is both classic and edgy, timeless and provocative.”

—Brent Hartinger, author of *Geography Club* “Makes a powerful emotional impact.” —Publishers Weekly (starred review) “Jeff’s wit and self-discovery are refreshing, poignant, and, at times, laugh-out-loud funny.” —School Library Journal “[A] well-written exploration of the cultural and legal meanings of slave suicide in British North America . . . far-reaching, compelling, and relevant.” —Choice The history of slavery in early America is a history of suicide. On ships crossing the Atlantic, enslaved men and women refused to eat or leaped into the ocean. They strangled or hanged themselves. They tore open their own throats. In America, they jumped into rivers or out of windows, or even ran into burning buildings. Faced with the reality of enslavement, countless Africans chose death instead. In *The Power to Die*, Terri L. Snyder excavates the history of slave suicide, returning it to its central place in early American history. How did people—traders, plantation owners, and, most importantly, enslaved men and women themselves—view and understand these deaths, and how did they affect understandings of the institution of slavery then and now? Snyder draws on an array of sources, including ships’ logs, surgeons’ journals, judicial and legislative records, newspaper accounts, abolitionist propaganda and slave narratives to detail the ways in which suicide exposed the contradictions of slavery, serving as a powerful indictment that resonated throughout the Anglo-Atlantic world and continues to speak to historians today. In the wake of a suicide, the most troubling questions are invariably the most difficult to answer: How could we have known? What could we have done? And always, unremittingly: Why? Written by a clinical psychologist whose own life has been touched by suicide, this book offers the clearest account ever given of why some people choose to die. Drawing on extensive clinical and epidemiological evidence, as well as personal experience, Thomas Joiner brings a comprehensive understanding to seemingly incomprehensible behavior. Among the many people who have considered, attempted, or died by suicide, he finds three factors that mark those most at risk of death: the feeling of being a burden on loved ones; the sense of isolation; and, chillingly, the learned ability to hurt oneself. Joiner tests his theory against diverse facts taken from clinical

anecdotes, history, literature, popular culture, anthropology, epidemiology, genetics, and neurobiology—facts about suicide rates among men and women; white and African-American men; anorexics, athletes, prostitutes, and physicians; members of cults, sports fans, and citizens of nations in crisis. The result is the most coherent and persuasive explanation ever given of why and how people overcome life's strongest instinct, self-preservation. Joiner's is a work that makes sense of the bewildering array of statistics and stories surrounding suicidal behavior; at the same time, it offers insight, guidance, and essential information to clinicians, scientists, and health practitioners, and to anyone whose life has been affected by suicide. What drives a person to take his or her own life? Why would an individual be willing to strap a bomb to himself and walk into a crowded marketplace, blowing himself up at the same time as he kills and maims the people around him? Does suicide or ‘voluntary death’ have the same meaning today as it had in earlier centuries, and does it have the same significance in China, India and the Middle East as it has in the West? How should we understand this distressing, often puzzling phenomenon and how can we explain its patterns and variations over time? In this wide-ranging comparative study, Barbagli examines suicide as a socio-cultural, religious and political phenomenon, exploring the reasons that underlie it and the meanings it has acquired in different cultures throughout the world. Drawing on a vast body of research carried out by historians, anthropologists, sociologists, political scientists and psychologists, Barbagli shows that a satisfactory theory of suicide cannot limit itself to considering the two causes that were highlighted by the great French sociologist Émile Durkheim – namely, social integration and regulation. Barbagli proposes a new account of suicide that links the motives for and significance attributed to individual actions with the people for whom and against whom individuals take their lives. This new study of suicide sheds fresh light on the cultural differences between East and West and greatly increases our understanding of an often-misunderstood act. It will be the definitive history of suicide for many years to come. Translated from French, this classic provides readers with an

understanding of the impetus for suicide and its psychological impact on the victim, family, and society. Critical reading for parents, educators, and anyone wanting to understand the tragic epidemic of suicide—"a powerful book [that] will change people's lives—and, doubtless, save a few" (Newsday). The first major book in a quarter century on suicide—and its terrible pull on the young in particular—Night Falls Fast is tragically timely: suicide has become one of the most common killers of Americans between the ages of fifteen and forty-five. From the author of the best-selling memoir, *An Unquiet Mind*—and an internationally acknowledged authority on depression—Dr. Jamison has also known suicide firsthand: after years of struggling with manic-depression, she tried at age twenty-eight to kill herself. Weaving together a historical and scientific exploration of the subject with personal essays on individual suicides, she brings not only her remarkable compassion and literary skill but also all of her knowledge and research to bear on this devastating problem. This is a book that helps us to understand the suicidal mind, to recognize and come to the aid of those at risk, and to comprehend the profound effects on those left behind. "Suicide," writes the noted English poet and critic A. Alvarez, "has permeated Western culture like a dye that cannot be washed out." Although the aims of this compelling, compassionate work are broadly cultural and literary, the narrative is rooted in personal experience: it begins with a long memoir of Sylvia Plath, and ends with an account of the author's own suicide attempt. Within this dramatic framework, Alvarez launches his enquiry into the final taboo of human behavior, and traces changing attitudes towards suicide from the perspective of literature. He follows the black thread leading from Dante through Donne and the romantic agony, to the *Savage God* at the heart of modern literature. A young man describes his torment as he struggles to reconcile the diverse influences of Western culture and the traditions of his own Japanese heritage. Part of the authoritative Oxford Textbooks in Psychiatry series, the new edition of the Oxford Textbook of Suicidology and Suicide Prevention remains a key text in the field of suicidology, fully updated with new chapters devoted to major psychiatric disorders and their relation to suicide. What

happens when a suicide crosses over? Where do they go? "Readers, I crossed over into the spirit world 25 years ago, having ended my life prematurely by what you call on Earth suicide. You would call me a suicide victim. I have a lot to say, having been here now for this long and having searched all of that time for someone there on Earth to communicate with. Someone to bring back the knowledge that I now have access to and share that knowledge with persons, like the person I was while alive, who have lost hope and feel so heavily burdened by life that only death itself seems like a solution. I also have much that I want to share with families of persons who have ended their lives early. While I reside now, here in the spirit realm, I have a greater understanding of the mechanics of life on Earth. Why we choose to come down to Earth to begin with, how we allow ourselves to get caught up in the world of illusion, and how we can easily lose touch with the true essence of who we really are while living on the Earth; which is what happens all too often and escalates to the point of a desire to end life before its perfect time. This is the collection of information from the spirit known as George who ended his life early while on the Earth and seeks to impart a greater knowledge to others who are contemplating the same fate."

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