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Cambridge Scholars Publishing, United Kingdom, 2011. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 1st Unabridged. 208 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. This book focuses on liminal bodies and their delicate transaction with themselves and other people s bodies. More specifically, it explores the spatiality and discourses of the body dying; the body opened in surgery, or through MRIs, CATs, and sometimes in autopsies; the body preserved through computerized images such as those created by the Visual Human Project; the metonymic body that continues to live in another body through organ replacement; and the bodily parts cast in silver, and then abandoned in a museum. This study also analyzes the discourses of the contemporary body commissioned by the vast industry of mass-media. This type of body has started to direct itself toward frugal, almost furtive pleasures; consequently-unlike those seriously affected by illnesses-a body constantly guarded by fear eventually runs on empty, becomes a corps-deja-vu, and thus moves toward different types of minimal and liminal topology. The primary works examined include memoirs (Marjorie Williams s *Hit by Lightning: A Cancer Memoir*, Arthur W. Frank s *At the Will of the Body: Reflections on Illness*, Audre Lorde s *The Cancer Journals*), films (Alejandro Amenabar s *The Sea Inside*, Akira Kurosawa s *Ikiru*, Pedro Almodovar s *All about My Mother*), stories (Marisa Silver s *Night Train to Frankfurt* ), visual artworks (as accomplished by Jo Spence, David Wojnarowicz, Felix Gonzales-Torres, and Natalie Horne) and plays (Bryony Lavery s *Last Easter*, Paula Vogel s *Baltimore Waltz*, William Hoffman s *As Is*), which are read comparatively, namely as works positioned at the intersection between literature/visual art and social diaries. This book has become part of the collections of the world s leading universities: Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, the Library of Congress, and more.

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