



Prosthetic Gods (Paperback)

By Hal Foster

MIT Press Ltd, United States, 2006. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Imagining a new self equal to the new art of modernism; primordial and futuristic fictions of origin in the work of Gauguin, Picasso, F. T. Marinetti, Max Ernst, and others. How to imagine not only a new art or architecture but a new self or subject equal to them? In Prosthetic Gods, Hal Foster explores this question through the works and writings of such key modernists as Gauguin and Picasso, F. T. Marinetti and Wyndham Lewis, Adolf Loos and Max Ernst. These diverse figures were all fascinated by fictions of origin, either primordial and tribal or futuristic and technological. In this way, Foster argues, two forms came to dominate modernist art above all others: the primitive and the machine. Foster begins with the primitivist fantasies of Gauguin and Picasso, which he examines through the Freudian lens of the primal scene. He then turns to the purist obsessions of the Viennese architect Loos, who abhorred all things primitive. Next Foster considers the technophilic subjects propounded by the futurist Marinetti and the vorticist Lewis. These new egos are further contrasted with the bachelor machines proposed by the...



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