

Contents

PREFACE.....	ix
--------------	----

SABINE COELSCH-FOISNER

Introduction: Fantastic Body Transformations	1
--	---

Part I: Cultural Transformations of Body Transformations

WŁADYSŁAW WITALISZ

Body Transformation and Medieval Gender Politics: Chaucer's "Wife of Bath's Tale" and Gower's "Tale of Florent"	11
--	----

MAURO SPICCI

The Dialectics of Self-Anatomy: Dissection, Bloodshed and Autoptic Visions in Shakespeare's <i>Macbeth</i>	19
---	----

ATTILA KISS

The Semiography of the Fantastic Body	31
---	----

GYÖRGY E. SZÖNYI

The Reincarnations of the Magus: Alchemy, John Dee, and Magic in Some Postmodern Historical Metafiction	45
--	----

MICHAELA SCHWARZBAUER

Metamorphosis in Benjamin Britten's <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	61
--	----

MARKUS NIEDERWIMMER

Body Transformations and the Transferability of Gender Attributes: Three Postmodern Gender Parodies	67
--	----

KLÁRA BICANOVÁ

Uncanny Transformation and Marvellous Initiation: Angela Carter's Visions of Female Identity in <i>The Passion of New Eve</i>	81
--	----

ANNA KÉRCHY

Angela Carter's <i>The Passion of New Eve</i> : Grotesque Body Modification, Freaked Femininity and Narrative Self-Decomposition	89
---	----

ARNOLD LEITNER

Marvels and Marbles: Juno, Proserpina, and Galatea in
Henry James's "The Last of the Valerii" 107

SUHASINI VINCENT-PRABAKAR

Hybridity, Intermingling, and Body Transformations
in Salman Rushdie's Fictional Canvas 117

Part II: Body Transformations as Sites of the Struggle for Identity

MILADA FRANKOVÁ

Gor and the Giant: Grotesque Bodies in Social Combat..... 133

JOHN WOOLFORD

The Victorian Grotesque Body..... 141

CHRISTOPHER SMITH

On The Brink with Fantasy: David Garnett's *Lady into Fox* 153

D.M. DE SILVA

Other Kingdoms: The Metamorphoses of E.M. Forster 163

GULSHAN TANEJA

Bodies, Cyber-Bodies and the Body Snatchers:
Keats and the New Technologies 177

SILVIA ANTOSA

"Soul and Body Have No Bounds":
Fantastic Body Transformations in Jeanette Winterson's Fiction..... 191

LORI PARKS

A Vulnerable Body: Negotiation and Transformation through *Crash* 203

INGRID VON ROSENBERG

From Devilish Fantasies to Cool Routine:
The Boom of Cosmetic Surgery and Its Reflection in the American
TV-Series *Nip/Tuck* 211

Part III: Body Transformations and Their Generic Implications

PASCAL NICKLAS

Shape-Shifting as Gothic Trope 227

MARIA CONCETTA COSTANTINI

Metamorphosis and Monstrosity in *The Beetle* by Richard Marsh..... 239

MONIKA COGHEN

Fantastic Transformations of the Female Body in
Coleridge's "Christabel" and Keats's "Lamia" 257

MARISTELLA TRULLI

The Grotesque Body in Swift's Satire:
A Tale of a Tub and *Gulliver's Travels* 269

JOSEPH EUGENE MULLIN

Philip Roth's *Breast*: A Strange Bodily Transformation Indeed..... 283

BENJAMIN WRIGHT

J.G. Ballard's *The Crystal World*:
Fantasy Planet or Science-Fictional Sphere? 295