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Über die moderne welt sind viele diagnostische mythen im umlauf sie sei homogenisiert individualisiert und die isolierten individuen gäben sich hemmungslos dem konsum hin der englische anthropologe daniel miller hat diese mythen hinterfragt genauer er hat die bewohner einer londoner straße befragt und da die menschen nun einmal nicht gerne über ihr leben auskunft geben hat er mit ihnen über die dinge in ihren wohnungen gesprochen über simons 15000 schallplatten die für ihn alle emotionalen schattierungen zum ausdruck bringen über den laptop auf dem malcolm unmengen von briefen und fotos speichert um die erinnerungskultur seiner aborigines vorfahren aufrechtzuerhalten über die billigen spielfiguren aus dem fast food restaurant mit denen marina ihren kindern ihre liebe zeigt

things make us just as much as we make things and yet unlike the study of languages or places there is no discipline devoted to the study of material things this book shows why it is time to acknowledge and confront this neglect and how much we can learn from focusing our attention on stuff the book opens with a critique of the concept of superficiality as applied to clothing it presents the theories that are required to understand the way we are created by material as well as social relations it takes us inside the very private worlds of our home possessions and our processes of accommodating it considers issues of materiality in relation to the media as well as the implications of such an approach in relation for example to poverty finally the book considers objects which we use to define what it is to be alive and how we use objects to cope with death based on more than thirty years of research in the caribbean india london and elsewhere stuff is nothing less than a manifesto for the study of material culture and a new way of looking at the objects that surround us and make up so much of our social and personal life

what do we know about ordinary people in our towns and cities about what really matters to them and how they organize their lives today this book visits an ordinary street and looks into thirty households it reveals the aspirations and frustrations the tragedies and accomplishments that are played out behind the doors it focuses on the things that matter to these people which quite often turn out to be material things their house the dog their music the christmas decorations these are the means by which they express who they have become and relationships to objects turn out to be central to their relationships with other people children lovers brothers and friends if this is a typical street in a modern city like london then what kind of society is this it s not a community nor a neighbourhood nor is it a collection of isolated individuals it isn t dominated by the family we assume that social life is corrupted by materialism made superficial and individualistic by a surfeit of consumer goods but this is misleading if the street isn t any of these things then what is it this brilliant and revealing portrayal of a street in modern london written by one the most prominent anthropologists shows how much is to be gained when we stop lamenting what

we think we used to be and focus instead on what we are now becoming it reveals the forms by which ordinary people make sense of their lives and the ways in which objects become our companions in the daily struggle to make life meaningful

müll und reste bleiben übrig ohne sich dabei je ganz zu erübrigen sie werden geplant verwaltet vermieden vergessen und wiederentdeckt sie provozieren ordnungen und transformieren sich und unsere gesellschaft statt die illusion einer nachhaltigen restlosigkeit aufrechtzuerhalten und alles Übrige und sonstige sauber fortzukehren betrachten die beiträge in diesem band müll und reste als eine kritische masse als ein praktisches und theoretisches phänomen das von Ökologie und philosophie bis zu medienwissenschaft und soziologie neue perspektiven ermöglicht und neues nachdenken fordert und für die es sich lohnt etwas übrig zu haben

this interdisciplinary essay collection investigates the various interactions of people feelings and things throughout premodern europe it focuses on the period before mass production when limited literacy often prioritised material methods of communication the subject of materiality has been of increasing significance in recent historical inquiry alongside growing emphasis on the relationships between objects emotions and affect in archaeological and sociological research the historical intersections between materiality and emotions however have remained under theorised particularly with respect to artefacts that have continuing resonance over extended periods of time or across cultural and geographical space feeling things addresses the need to develop an appropriate cross disciplinary theoretical framework for the analysis of objects and emotions in european history with special attention to the need to track the shifting emotional valencies of objects from the past to the present and from one place and cultural context to another the collection draws together an international group of historians art historians curators and literary scholars working on a variety of cultural literary visual and material sources objects considered include books letters prosthetics religious relics shoes stone and textiles many of these have been preserved in international galleries museums and archives while others have remained in their original locations even as their contexts have changed over time the chapters consider the ways in which emotions such as despair fear grief hope love and wonder become inscribed in and ascribed to these items producing emotional objects of significance and agency such objects can be harnessed to create affirm or express individual relationships as for example in religious devotion and practice or in the construction of cultural communal and national identities

the relation between religion and things has long been conceived in antagonistic terms privileging spirit above matter belief above ritual and objects meaning above form and inward contemplation above outward action this book addresses these issues

eine berührende liebesgeschichte von der beliebten virgin river autorin ein mann der einfach nur nett sein will auf so einen fällt sie nicht noch mal herein das hat sich die hübsche single mom dory nach schmerzlichen erfahrungen geschworen sofort zu spüren bekommt das der attraktive feuerwehrmann clay kennedy der neben ihr in das haus in fortuna nah dem virgin river tal eingezogen ist denn wer will dory gegen ihren willen helfen als ihr wagen streikt clay und wer mäht ungefragt ihren rasen clay aber je mehr zeit sie mit clay verbringt desto häufiger fragt sie sich ist er vielleicht doch der richtige um ihr herz zu heilen

discussing multiple aspects of material culture and domestic consumption this book tackles the relationship between the trajectories and biographies of people families houses and objects and how they intertwine and produce each other focusing on the life stories of a group of european and catholic brahmin goan families of the colonial elite who left mozambique after the country s independence in 1975 the book shows how material culture interferes with structuring dimensions of migratory experiences in the management of family memories ties and networks of belonging as well as in the social dynamics of positioning hierarchy and distinction

this collection of essays offers a series of rigorously focused art historical historical and philosophical studies that examine ways in which materiality has posed and still poses a religious and cultural problem the volume examines the material agency of objects artifacts and environments art ritual pilgrimage food and philosophy it studies the variable senses of materiality the place of materiality in the formation of modern western religion and its role in christianity s dialogue with non western religions the essays present new interpretations of religious rites and outlooks through the focus on their material components they also suggest how material engagement theory a new movement in cultural anthropology and archeology may shed light on the cultural history of christianity in medieval and early modern europe and the americas it thus fills an important lacuna in the study of western religion by highlighting the longue durée from the middles ages to the modern period of a current dilemma namely the divide between materialistic and what might broadly be called hermeneutical or cultural critical approaches to religion and human subjectivity

this book is about the objects people owned and how they used them twenty three specially written essays investigate the type of things that might have been considered everyday objects in the medieval and early modern periods and how they help us to understand the daily lives of those individuals for whom few other types of evidence survive for instance people of lower status and women of all status groups everyday objects presents new research by specialists from a range of disciplines to assess what the study of material culture can contribute to our understanding of medieval and early modern societies extending and developing key debates in the study of the everyday the chapters provide analysis of such things as ceramics illustrated manuscripts pins handbells carved chimneypieces clothing drinking vessels bagpipes paintings shoes religious icons and the built fabric of domestic houses and guild halls these things are examined in relation to central themes of pre modern history for instance gender identity space morality skill value ritual use belief public and private behaviour continental influence

materiality emotion technical innovation status competition and social mobility this book offers both a collection of new research by a diverse range of specialists and a source book of current methodological approaches for the study of pre modern material culture the multi disciplinary analysis of these everyday objects by archaeologists art historians literary scholars historians conservators and museum practitioners provides a snapshot of current methodological approaches within the humanities although analysis of material culture has become an increasingly important aspect of the study of the past previous research in this area has often remained confined to subject specific boundaries this book will therefore be an invaluable resource for researchers and students interested in learning about important new work which demonstrates the potential of material culture study to cut across traditional historiographies and disciplinary boundaries and access the lived experience of individuals in the past

was ist und wie erforscht man die materialität und präsenz des geschriebenen in non typographischen gesellschaften in diesem ersten band der reihe materiale textkulturen setzt sich der sonderforschungsbereich 933 mit den konzepten materialien und praktiken auseinander zu denen seit dem jahr 2011 an der universität heidelberg geforscht wird in mehr als 50 beiträgen die fast 60 autorinnen und autoren aus zahlreichen disziplinen gemeinsam diskutiert und verfasst haben werden theoretische grundlagen vorgestellt texttragende materialien und gegenstände präsentiert und die vielfältigen praktiken analysiert in die solche texttragenden artefakte eingebunden sind durch eine vielzahl von beispielen und abbildungen aus einem zeitraum von mehr als 4500 jahren werden die analysen vertieft und analogien und differenzen deutlich die nur im disziplinübergreifenden gespräch sichtbar werden der sammelband richtet sich an alle forscherinnen und forscher die mit texttragenden artefakten zu tun haben und sich für die position ihrer gegenstände innerhalb weitreichender textkultureller netzwerke interessieren nicht zuletzt wendet sich das buch an eine breitere Öffentlichkeit der sich der sfb 933 mit diesem handbuch vorstellt

histories of artists personal possessions shed new light on the lives of their owners artists are makers of things yet it is a measure of the disembodied manner in which we generally think about artists that we rarely consider the everyday items they own this innovative book looks at objects that once belonged to artists revealing not only the fabric of the eighteenth century art world in france but also unfamiliar and sometimes unexpected insights into the individuals who populated it including jean antoine watteau françois boucher jean baptiste greuze and elisabeth vigée lebrun from the curious to the mundane from the useful to the symbolic these items have one thing in common they have all been eclipsed from historical view some of the objects still exist like jean honoré fragonard s color box and jacques louis david s table others survive only in paintings such as jeansiméon chardin s cistern in his copper drinking fountain or in documents like françois lemoyne s sword the instrument of his suicide several were literally lost including pastelist jean baptiste perronneau s pencil case in this fascinating book the authors engage with fundamental historical debates about production consumption and sociability through the lens of material goods owned by artists the free online edition of this open access

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at its heart pasztory s thesis is simple and yet profound she asserts that humans create things some of which modern western society chooses to call art in order to work out our ideas that is we literally think with things pasztory draws on examples from many societies to argue that the art making impulse is primarily cognitive and only secondarily aesthetic she demonstrates that art always reflects the specific social context in which it is created and that as societies become more complex their art becomes more rarefied jacket

kritisch konzentriert kompetent insgesamt 57 schlüsselbegriffe von a wie archäologie bis z wie zentralorte werden in diesem nachschlagewerk von 46 experten in kurzen essays sachkundig und inspirierend zugleich vorgestellt dabei werden die grenzen des faches weit überschritten und die beziehungen zwischen den disziplinen offengelegt das buch gewährt studierenden und wissenschaftlern der archäologien im engeren und der kulturwissenschaften im weiteren sinne einen einblick in die konzepte der modernen prähistorischen archäologie die einzelnen beiträge liefern darüber hinaus zahlreiche ideen sowie literaturhinweise für weiterführende studien

design history has become a complex and wide ranging discipline it now examines artefacts from conception to development production mediation and consumption over the last few decades the discipline has developed a diverse range of theories and methodologies for the analysis of objects design history presents the most comprehensive overview and guide to these developments the book first traces the development of the discipline explaining how it draws from art history industrial design cultural history and material culture studies the core of the book then analyses the seminal methodologies used in design history today the final section highlights the key issues concerning knowledge and meaning in design throughout the aim is to present a concise and accessible introduction to this complex field a map to the intellectual landscape of design history the book will be an invaluable guide for students and a very useful reference for scholars

from the pencil to the puppet to the drone the humanities and the social sciences continue to ride a wave of interest in material culture and the world of things how should we understand the force and figure of that wave as it shapes different disciplines other things explores this question by considering a wide assortment of objects from beach glass to cell phones sneakers to skyscrapers that have fascinated a range of writers and artists including virginia woolf man ray spike lee and don delillo the book ranges across the literary visual and plastic arts to depict the curious lives of things beginning with achilles s shield then tracking the object thing distinction as it appears in the work of martin heidegger and jacques lacan bill brown ultimately focuses on the thingness disclosed by specific literary and artistic works combining history and literature criticism and theory other things provides a new way of understanding the inanimate object world and the

place of the human within it encouraging us to think anew about what we mean by materiality itself

drawing upon the work of some of the most influential theorists in the field thinking through things demonstrates the quiet revolution growing in anthropology and its related disciplines shifting its philosophical foundations the first text to offer a direct and provocative challenge to disciplinary fragmentation arguing for the futility of segregating the study of artefacts and society this collection expands on the concerns about the place of objects and materiality in analytical strategies and the obligation of ethnographers to question their assumptions and approaches the team of leading contributors put forward a positive programme for future research in this highly original and invaluable guide to recent developments in mainstream anthropological theory

menschen die auf displays starren das smartphone ist binnen kürzester zeit zu einem unentbehrlichen medium des selbst und weltbezugs für viele menschen geworden alltägliche szenen des nicht bewussten weitgehend habitualisierten gebrauchs künden hiervon timo kaerlein unternimmt die beschreibung historisierung und kritik dieses komplexes nahkörperlicher computernutzung der seit ca mitte der 2000er jahre mit der ubiquitären verbreitung des smartphones aufkam die medienanthropologische perspektive beleuchtet neue aspekte des vermeintlich vertrauten objekts darunter etwa die häufig der sichtbarkeit entzogenen kontrollinfrastrukturen dieser personalisierten Überwachungstechnologie

sfakians on the island of crete are known for their distinctive dress and appearance fierce ruggedness and devotion to traditional ways konstantinos kalantzis explores how sfakians live with the burdens and pleasures of maintaining these expectations of exoticism for themselves for their fellow greeks and for tourists sfakian performance of masculine tradition has become even more meaningful for greeks looking to reimagine their nation s global standing in the wake of stringent financial regulation and for non greek tourists yearning for rootedness and escape from the post industrial north through fine grained ethnography that pays special attention to photography tradition in the frame explores the ambivalence of a society expected to conform to outsiders perception of the traditional even as it strives to enact its own vision of tradition from the bodily reenactment of historical photographs to the unpredictable emotionally charged uses of postcards and commercial labels the book unpacks the question of power and asymmetry but also uncovers other political possibilities that are nested in visual culture and experiences of tradition and the past kalantzis explores the crossroads of cultural performance and social imagination where the frame is both empowerment and subjection

in interplay of things anthony b pinn theorizes religion as a technology for interrogating human experiences and the boundaries between people and other things rather than considering religion in terms of institutions doctrines and creeds pinn shows how religion exposes the openness and porousness of all things and how they are always involved in processes of exchange and interplay pinn examines work by nella larsen and richard wright that illustrates an openness between things and he traces how pop art and readymades point to the multidirectional nature of influence he also shows how ron athey s and clifford owens s performance art draws out inherent interconnectedness to various cultural codes in ways that reveal the symbiotic relationship between art and religion as a technology theorizing that antiblack racism and gender and class based hostility constitute efforts to close off the porous nature of certain bodies pinn shows how many artists have rebelled against these attempts to counter openness his analyses offer a means by which to understand the porous unbounded and open nature of humans and things

a cultural history of objects in antiquity covers the period 500 bce to 500 ce examining ancient objects from machines and buildings to furniture and fashion many of our current attitudes to the world of things are shaped by ideas forged in classical antiquity we now understand that we do not merely do things to objects they do things to us reinterpreting objects in greece and rome casts new light on our understanding of ourselves and turns the ancient world upside down the 6 volume set of the cultural history of objects examines how objects have been created used interpreted and set loose in the world over the last 2500 years over this time the west has developed particular attitudes to the material world at the centre of which is the idea of the object the themes covered in each volume are objecthood technology economic objects everyday objects art architecture bodily objects object worlds robin osborne is professor of ancient history at the university of cambridge uk volume 1 in the cultural history of objects set general editors dan hicks and william whyte

consumption studies has grown tremendously in the past decade researchers in sociology geography anthropology history marketing management organization and even art history have embraced consumption as a key institution of our era and are eager for ideas and insights conversations on consumption makes an important contribution to the growing field of consumption studies by offering readers a lively introduction to debates and dialogues that have shaped the field in the form of engaging interviews and personal reflections from leading theorists and researchers the interviews in this collection were first published in the interdisciplinary journal consumption markets and culture and together form an accessible summary of the leading ideas and key developments in consumption studies and social theory over the past two decades with innovative contributions from marketing academics historians consumer researchers sociologists anthropologists and artists the pieces highlight the interdisciplinary nature of consumption as well as the wide ranging interest in consumption studies they are united in their approach to understand consumption far removed from economic or managerial analysis by focusing more on the role it plays in culture conversations on consumption will be of interest to scholars and students of sociology anthropology consumer research management studies and history

how do we come to know the world around us what about worlds apart from our own outer space distant cultures or even long past eras of history engaging smithsonian objects through science history and the arts explores these questions and suggests an answer we come to know our world and worlds apart through the objects that represent them objects are a window and by looking through them we can learn and understand more about the people who made them and the time and place they came from in the pursuit of this understanding museums are invaluable they are repositories not just of things but also of past present and future knowledge engaging smithsonian objects puts these ideas into practice using objects to bring us to new knowledge and showing how museums support us in the endeavor the book is organized around ten objects from the smithsonian's vast collections some of the objects are iconic the ruby slippers from the the wizard of oz or three stradivarius string instruments while others are more ordinary though no less interesting an iron lung or a hawaiian gourd drum two different authors with expertise in different academic disciplines write about each object from their unique professional and personal perspective both the authors and the ten featured objects represent a range of academic disciplines from art to anthropology to geology taken together the twenty essays in the book demonstrate just how much we can learn from objects by considering their kaleidoscopic meaning and significance from a variety of viewpoints the book s interdisciplinary engagement with objects was inspired by the smithsonian material culture forum now in its twenty sixth year for students of material culture and museum studies this book illustrates the vitality and value of exploring material culture through the lens of intersecting disciplinary perspectives for students of curiosity and lifelong learning this book offers a lively and thoughtful look into the smithsonian s collection and the many vibrant worlds it represents richly illustrated with color plates and photographs throughout engaging smithsonian objects through science history and the arts is a beautiful and stimulating answer to the question how do we know our world and how can we know more

by employing the innovative lenses of thing theory and material culture studies this collection brings together essays focused on the role played by arabia s things from cultural objects to commodities to historical and ethnographic artifacts to imaginary things in creating an arabian identity over time the arabian identity that we convey here comprises both a fabulous arabia that has haunted the european imagination for the past three hundred years and a real arabia that has had its unique history culture and traditions outside the orientalized narratives of the west all things arabia aims to dispel existing stereotypes and to stimulate new thinking about an area whose patterns of trade and cosmopolitanism have pollinated the world with lasting myths knowledge and things of beauty contributors include ileana baird marie claire bakker joseph donica holly edwards yannis hadjinicolaou victoria hightower jennie macdonald kara mckeown rana al ogayyel ceyda oskay chrysavgi papagianni james redman eran segal hülya yağcıoğlu and william gerard zimmerle

this book aims to put walter de la mare back on the literary map a writer beloved by many

he has nevertheless remained on the sidelines of literary history walter de la mare critical appraisals promises to restore his reputation as one of the most memorably haunting of poets as well as a peculiarly unnerving writer of ghost stories a collection of varied wide ranging essays on de la mare s poetry stories novels reviews and lectures it puts his work beside that of many of his famous contemporaries including thomas hardy robert frost w h auden t s eliot and katherine mansfield it also contains an invaluable survey of his archive much of it unpublished and a number of newly commissioned poems reflecting on his legacy this multifaceted volume will be of interest to students working on twentieth century poetry the short story the nature and limits of modernism and british intellectual history as well as on de la mare himself list of contributors catherine charlwood guy cuthbertson peter davidson giles de la mare andrew doyle suzannah v evans adam guy robin holloway yui kajita zaffar kunial gregory leadbetter angela leighton erica mcalpine jenny mcdonnell will may andrew motion paul muldoon a j nickerson seamus perry adrian poole camille ralphs vidyan ravinthiran peter scupham a e stallings mark valentine rory waterman anne welsh david wheatley rowan williams william wootten

this book explores the intersections between wearable objects and human health with particular emphasis on how artists and designers are creatively responding to and rethinking these relations addressing a rich range of wearable artefacts from mobility aids and prosthetics to clothing and accessories to digital health tracking devices its themes include care and cure wellness culture and the commoditization of health and the complex interactions between human bodies and non human objects with a theoretical framework inspired by the work of materialist thinkers including sherry turkle bruno latour and jane bennett and bringing the disciplinary fields of fashion studies art and design practice and medical and health humanities into dialogue for the first time this volume draws attention to the complex agencies entangled in the things we wear and situates fashion and art in relation to broader cultural and historical contexts of health illness and disability

material objects lie at the crux of understanding individual and social relationships in history and the civil war era is no exception before during and after the war americans from all walks of life created used revered exploited discarded mocked and destroyed objects for countless reasons these objects had symbolic significance for millions of people the essays in this volume consider a wide range of material objects including weapons revolutionary artifacts landscapes books vaccine matter human bodies houses clothing and documents together the contributors argue that an examination of the meaning of material objects can shed new light on the social economic and cultural history of the conflict this book will fundamentally reshape our understanding of the war in addition to the editor contributors include lisa m brady peter s carmichael earl j hess robert d hicks victoria e ott jason phillips timothy silver yael a sternhell sarah jones weicksel mary saracino zboray and ronald j zboray

in some post industrial areas re designing structural interiors in an attractive way is becoming increasingly important to community members as it helps promote local pride and a higher quality of life design innovations for contemporary interiors and civic art examines novel techniques in structural designs in various cultural and social scenarios featuring innovative application methods emergent trends and research on tools being utilized in the field this publication is a pivotal reference source for designers researchers practitioners and professionals interested in interior design urban culture and structural aesthetics

sind wir verloren in den dingen oder sind es letztlich die dinge die uns verloren gehen in ihrem Übermaß in ihrer vielfalt in ihrer alltäglichen gegenwart in ihrem unterschwelligen uns entgegen stehen in ihrem aus unserem blick gleiten dieser band verspricht keine klaren antworten aber doch die möglichkeit sich mit neuen fragen an die welt des materiellen den dingen auf eine neuartige weise anzunähern er kann erklären welches komplexe mensch ding verhältnis wir unter lost in things begreifen seine beiträge sind aus der internationalen konferenz lost in things questioning functions and meanings of the material world hervorgegangen die im november 2013 an der goethe universität in frankfurt am main stattgefunden hat und deren anliegen die integration aktueller und innovativer ansätze aus der archäologie und der ethnologie anthropologie zur analyse materieller kultur und des mensch ding verhältnisses war

die neuere montangeschichte beschäftigt sich nach wie vor überwiegend mit archivalischen und schriftlich basierten quellen das potential der in musealen sammlungen verfügbaren objekte für die historische forschung ist dennoch bislang kaum ausgelotet die beiträge des vorliegenden bandes stellen einzelne objekte oder objektgruppen in den mittelpunkt der diskussion dabei geht es um technische modelle als wissensobjekte ebenso wie um bergbaukleidung als alltagsobjekt oder fahnen als gedächtnisobjekte hinzu kommt die reflexion über archäologische funde und ihre relevanz für eine kontextualisierung von bergbauobjekten jenseits überlieferter schriftquellen das buch richtet sich im engeren sinne an forschende auf dem gebiet der montan und technikgeschichte sowie allgemein an diejenigen die sich mit einer materiell basierten erinnerungskultur beschäftigen

theories normally seek to explain something 118 theories of design ing asks us to question those explanations by focusing on a broad range of somewhat overlooked and undervalued essays papers book articles words terms authors and phenomena that swirl around design ing the reader is encouraged to read reflect and question everything this original book will appeal to a global market of university faculty heads and deans museum directors design educators design researchers key design practitioners publishers members of the design media and undergraduate postgraduate and post doctoral students of design

this book is the first in 30 years to take transport museums seriously as vehicles for the making of public histories drawing upon many years experience of visiting and working in transport museums around the world the authors argue that the sector s historical roots are more complex than is usually thought written from a multidisciplinary perspective but

firmly rooted in the practice of making public histories this book brings the study of transport museums firmly into the mainstream of academic and professional debate

hoarding memory analyzes the work of algerian born french creators positioning hoarding as a theoretical framework to examine the productive and destructive nature of clinging to memory through their respective modes of expression

we live in a material world our homes are filled with things from electronics to curios and hand me downs that disclose as much about us and our aspirations as they do about current trends but we are not the first the early modern period was a time of expanding consumption when objects began to play an important role in defining gender as well as social status gusto for things reconstructs the material lives of seventeenth century romans exploring new ways of thinking about the meaning of things as a historical phenomenon through creative use of account books inventories wills and other records renata ago examines early modern attitudes toward possessions asking what people did with their things why they wrote about them and how they passed objects on to their heirs while some inhabitants of rome were connoisseurs of the paintings books and curiosities that made the city famous ago shows that men and women of lesser means also filled their homes with a more modest array of goods she also discovers the genealogies of certain categories of things for instance books went from being classed as luxury goods to a category all their own and considers what that reveals about the early modern era an animated investigation into the relationship between people and the things they buy gusto for things paints an illuminating portrait of the meaning of objects in preindustrial europe

material culture in russia and the user comprises some of the most cutting edge scholarship across anthropology history and material and cultural studies relating to russia and the soviet union from peter the great to putin material culture in russia and the user holds a particularly important role as the distinction between private and public spheres has at times developed in radically different ways than in many places in the more commonly studied west with case studies covering alcohol fashion cinema advertising and photography among other topics this wide ranging collection offers an unparalleled survey of material culture in russia and the user and addresses core questions such as what makes russian and soviet material culture distinctive who produces it what values it portrays and how it relates to high culture and consumer culture

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## Understanding Absolute Value and Square Roots: A Comprehensive Guide

The concept of "absolute value square root" might seem daunting at first glance, but it's a straightforward combination of two fundamental mathematical operations. This article will break down the concept into digestible parts, explaining both absolute value and square roots before combining them to understand the overall meaning and applications. We will explore the relationship between these concepts and highlight their importance in various mathematical contexts.

#### 1. Understanding Absolute Value

The absolute value of a number is its distance from zero on the number line. It's always non-negative, regardless of whether the original number is positive or negative. We denote the absolute value of a number 'x' as |x|. For positive numbers: |x| = x (e.g., |5| = 5) For negative numbers: |x| = -x (e.g., |-5| = -(-5) = 5) For zero: |0| = 0 The absolute value essentially removes the negative sign, leaving only the magnitude of the number. Think of it as representing the size or distance, not the direction. This concept is crucial in various applications, including measuring distances, calculating errors, and representing magnitudes in physics.

#### 2. Understanding Square Roots

The square root of a number is a value that, when multiplied by itself, equals the original number. For example, the square root of 9 is 3 because  $3 \times 3 = 9$ . We denote the square root of a number 'x' as  $\sqrt{x}$ . It's important to note that every non-negative number has two square roots: a positive and a negative one. However, the principal square root (denoted by the  $\sqrt{x}$  symbol) is always the non-negative one. For example, while both 3 and 3 squared equal 4, 4 = 4 Negative numbers do not have real square roots (although they have complex square roots, which is a more advanced topic).

## 3. Combining Absolute Value and Square Roots: The Absolute Value Square Root

Combining these two operations, the "absolute value square root" signifies finding the

principal square root of a number and then taking its absolute value. Since the principal square root is already non-negative, the absolute value operation doesn't change the result in most cases. Let's consider an example: Find the absolute value square root of 16. 1. Find the square root of 16:  $\sqrt{16} = 4$  2. Take the absolute value of the result: |4| = 4 Therefore, the absolute value square root of 16 is 4. Now consider a slightly more complex scenario involving a variable: Find the absolute value square root of  $x^2$ , where x is any real number. 1. Find the square root of  $x^2$ :  $\sqrt{x^2} = |x|$  (Note: we use the absolute value here because  $\sqrt{x^2}$  could be x or -x depending on whether x is positive or negative) 2. Take the absolute value of the result: ||x|| = |x| Therefore, the absolute value square root of  $x^2$  is always |x|, regardless of the sign of x. This demonstrates the significance of the absolute value in ensuring a non-negative result when dealing with variables.

#### 4. Applications of Absolute Value Square Roots

The combination of absolute value and square roots appears in various mathematical contexts, often where we need to ensure a non-negative result regardless of the input's sign. This is commonly seen in: Distance calculations: The distance between two points on a coordinate plane involves square roots. Using the absolute value ensures the distance is always positive. Error analysis: Absolute values are used to represent the magnitude of errors, regardless of whether the error is positive or negative. Combining this with square roots can be seen in calculations of standard deviation or root mean square error. Complex number calculations: While beyond the scope of this article, absolute value square roots play a role in determining the modulus (magnitude) of complex numbers.

#### 5. Summary

The absolute value square root operation combines the concepts of absolute value (distance from zero) and square root (a value multiplied by itself to produce the original number). The absolute value ensures a non-negative result, making the operation particularly useful in scenarios where only the magnitude of a value is relevant, regardless of its sign. This combination finds applications in various fields, from geometry to statistics and beyond.

#### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Is the absolute value square root always positive? Yes, the absolute value square root of a non-negative number is always a non-negative number. 2. What is the absolute value square root of a negative number? This is undefined for real numbers. Square roots of negative numbers are complex numbers, a topic beyond the scope of this explanation. 3. What is the difference between  $\sqrt{x^2}$  and |x|? While  $\sqrt{x^2}$  simplifies to |x|, it's crucial to

understand that  $\sqrt{x^2}$  denotes the principal square root, which is always non-negative. This is equivalent to the absolute value of x. 4. Can I simplify  $\sqrt{(x^2)^2}$ ? Yes,  $\sqrt{(x^2)^2}$  simplifies to |x|. This is because  $\sqrt{(x^2)} = |x|$ , and the square of the absolute value is always positive. 5. Why is the absolute value necessary in the context of square roots? The absolute value ensures the result is always non-negative. Without it, the result of the square root could be negative, which might be incorrect depending on the context (e.g., when representing distance or magnitude).

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