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—*Georgia Straight (Georgia Straight)*

. . . an ambitious compilation of essays relating to one of the past century's most persistent images: the cyborg.

—*Quill & Quire (Quill & Quire)*

. . . an ass-kicking interface into the alternately fearful, ambivalent, erotic, empowering, enigmatic—and above all, persistent - image of the cyborg in contemporary consciousness.

—*Fast Forward (Fast Forward)*

The collection of imaginative essays interweaving aesthetics, analysis, history, and cultural studies carries this primary interest of modern society to its limits.

—*Midwest Book Review (Midwest Book Review)*

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WINNER - Award for Outstanding Achievement from the Canadian Museum Association

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