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Transfiction

Characters in Search of Translation Studies

Miletich and colleagues have provided translation studies with a unique and canonical contribution, particularly in matters of interpreter and translator (in)visibility as well as its valuable insights into the elusive nature of language and subjectivities. It is in the latter distinction that we discern an emergent transglobal and transdisciplinary strand that is of paramount importance to humanities scholarship. Reading these well-crafted investigations of authors’ aestheticized accounts of translators and interpreters, one is transfixed by the possibility that all that we are and say ultimately owes a debt to translated and interpreted language that precedes and follows us.

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Summary

This book explores the uses of translation, translators, and interpreters in fiction as a gateway to introduce issues related to Translation Studies. The volume follows recent scholarship on Transfiction, a term used to describe the portrayal of translation (both a topic and a motif), as well as translators and interpreters in fiction and film. It expands on the research by Kalus Kaindl, Karleheinz Splitzl, Michael Cronin, and Rosemary Arrojo, among others. Although the volume reflects the preoccupation with translator visibility, it concentrates on the importance of power struggles within the translatorial task. The volume could be an invaluable tool to be used for pedagogical purposes to discuss theoretical aspects within Translation and Interpreting Studies.

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