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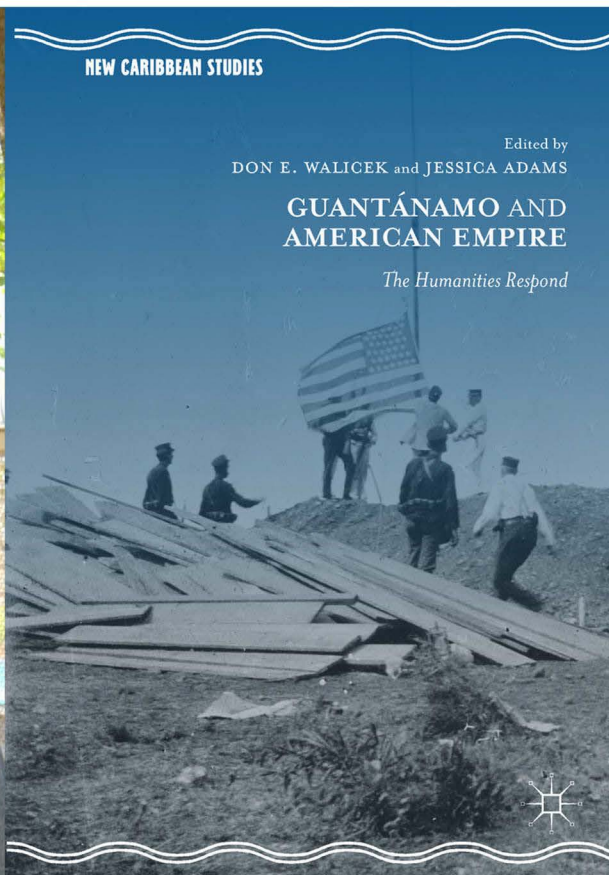
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This edited volume explores the humanities as a platform for understanding and responding to the military prison at Guantánamo Bay, tensions between the United States and Cuba, and the contested place of freedom in American Empire. Its 12 chapters present the work of scholars and writers based in Cuba's Guantánamo Province, Puerto Rico, and various parts of the United States. Its essays, short stories, poetry, and other texts engage the far-reaching meaning and significance of Gitmo by bringing together what happens on the U.S. side of the fence—or *la cerca*, as it is called in Cuba—with perspectives from the outside world. Chapters include critiques of artistic renderings of the Guantánamo region; historical narratives contemplating the significance of freedom; analyses of the ways the base and region inform the Cuban imaginary; and fiction and poetry published for the first time in English.

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