contents



List of Illustrations, xi

1. The Face of World History, 3
2. Licensed Transgression, 10
3. Where Stones Walk like Men, 13
4. Color as Crime, 17
5. Color Walks, 26
6. The Diver, 31
7. Could a Cat Be a Whale? 35
8. In the Time of Lapis Lazuli, 40
9. Polymorphous Magical Substance, 47

10. Plasma, 53

- 11. A Beautiful Blue Substance Flows into Me, 62
- 12. The Red Butterfly, 69

PART TWO: COLOR IN THE COLONY, 77

- 13. Administration by Bluff, 79
- 14. Walking through Fire, 89
- 15. Sailing through Color, 95
- 16. Body Paint, 106
- 17. The Instrument of Ethnographic Observation, 119
- 18. Color and Slavery, 130
- 19. Redeeming Indigo, 141
- 20. Opiation of the Visual Field, 159
- 21. Sex Appeal of the Inorganic, 169

PART THREE: COLOR IN PROUST, 175

- 22. Crossover Men, 177
- 23. Techniques of the Body: What We Falsely Call Life, 184
- 24. An Hour Is Not Merely an Hour, 194
- 25. Cardiac Fatigue, 200
- 26. What Is the Color of the Profane? 210

PART FOUR: COLOR IN COAL, 215

- 27. Creature of the Lightless Depth, 217
- 28. As Colors Pour from Tar, 225
- 29. Colored by Weather, 243

Acknowledgments, 255
Notes, 259
Bibliography, 275

Index, 287