



## What to Read This Summer

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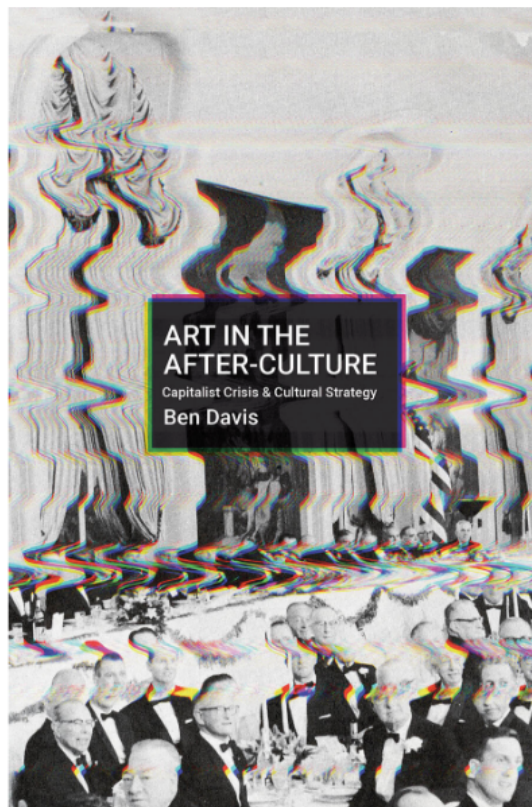


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### *Art in the After-Culture* (2022)

Ben Davis



Ben Davis, *Art in the After-Culture*, 2022, cover image.  
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'It's been an extraordinarily disorienting past few years to write about art' opens Ben Davis's latest and second book, *Art in the After-Culture: Capitalist Crisis and Cultural Strategy* (Haymarket Books, April 2022). Davis originally titled this book *Making Art in Terrible Times*, but had to pivot slightly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which not only delayed the book's publication but also informed its content. The resulting collection of essays grapple with the reality of what it means to make art in a time marked by political sectionalism, environmental catastrophe and seismic new technologies – and together they act both as an elegy for culture as we once knew it and a foreshadowing of a new mode of artistic production.

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