

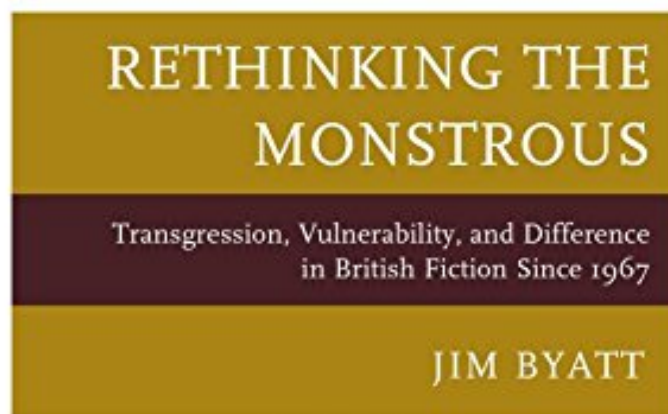
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The book's thought-provoking account of diverse identities will be of interest to those engaged with monstrosity, gender, the health care system, sociology, anthropology, cultural studies and identity formation more widely. . . . Rethinking the Monstrous renders visible many troubling concerns, the stories of diverse marginalised others which demands us all to rethink who should be confined to the borders of society and why. (Centre for Medical Humanities) About the Author Jim Byatt is a teaching fellow in the Department of English at the University of St. Andrews.