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Sommario/riassunto Acts and apparitions examines how new performance practices from

the 1990s to the present day have been driven by questions of the real

and the ensuing political implications of the concept's rapidly

disintegrating authority. This book departs significantly from existing scholarship on contemporary performance in its rejection of the dramatic/postdramatic binary and its interrogation of previous

applications of Derridean poststructuralism to theatrical representation

and notions of the real. It offers new perspectives on the political

analysis of contemporary theatre and performance across a wide range of models from Forced Entertainment and the Wooster Group, to Roland Schimmelpfennig and Howard Barker; from verbatim theatre to audio tours and the interactive performances of Ontroerend Goed.