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As poet, critic, theorist and teacher, Charles Olson extended the possibilities of modern writing. From *Call Me Ishmael*, his pioneering study of Herman Melville, to his epic poetic project *The Maximus Poems*, Olson probed the relation between language, space and community. Writing in the aftermath of the Second World War, he provided radical resources for the re-imagining of place and politics, resources for collective thought and creative practice we are still learning how to use. Re-situating Olson's work in relation both to his own moment and to current concerns, the essays assembled in *Cont*
