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contradictory definitions. In Notes on Nowhere, author Jennifer Burwell

uses a cross-section of contemporary feminist science fiction to

examine the political and literary meaning of utopian writing and utopian thought. Burwell provides close readings of the science fiction novels of five feminist writers-Marge Piercy, Sally Gearhart, Joanna Russ, Octavia Butler, and Monique Wittig-and poses que