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Short Biography

Thomas Frank says that he writes about "cultural politics" - and things that "baffle and annoy people." Hence, perhaps, the name of the journal he founded and edited - *The Baffler*. (See the sampling of articles on page 2.)

Frank was born (1965) in Kansas City, Missouri and grew up in the local suburb of Mission Hills, Kansas. Or, as he puts it, he "pulled himself up by his bootstraps, learned to read, write, and cipher." He graduated from Shawnee Mission East High School. He later attended the University of Kansas. He also attended the University of Virginia and the University of Chicago, where he received a Ph.D. in history in 1994. He currently lives in Washington, DC.

He has written several books, most recently *What's the Matter with Kansas?*. In addition, he has written for many publications, including *Harper's Magazine*, *Artforum International*, *Financial Times*, *New York Times*, and *Los Angeles Times*. An annotated bibliography of selected writings follows the listing of book reviews.

A Sampling of Articles from *The Baffler*

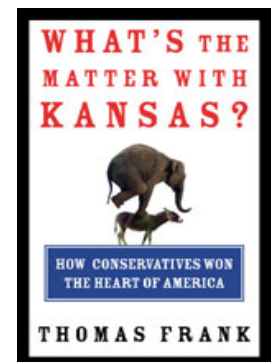
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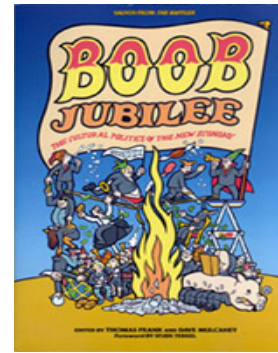
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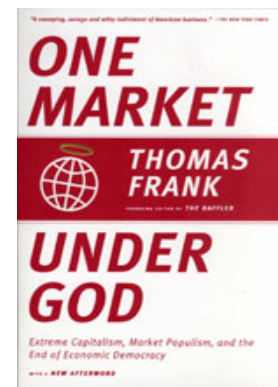
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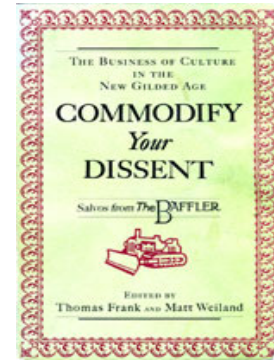
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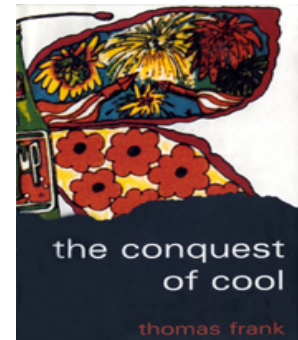
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