

Warning

This 'book' opposes reading—linear, logical, habitual reading. Reading as we have been taught—from left to right, from top to bottom, and from A to Z. It WILL frustrate you. It WILL confuse you. In short, it WILL thwart and frustrate all attempts at conventional reading practice. It will prevent a traditional reading trajectory. It will prevent a passive reception. It will resist the rationality of scholarly thinking. It is a book that refuses to behave like a book. It is a book that refuses to impart information simply or efficiently. It is a book that undermines its own history and purpose. It is a book attempting to collapse the book by collapsing meaning. It is a book that collapses authorial intention and demands reader reception. It is a book that throws responsibility for meaning and interpretation back to the reader. It is a book that demands the reader become 'writer' and the writer become 'reader.' It is a book that is no longer a book—but a 'fabric of traces' (Derrida)—'a tissue of quotations drawn from the innumerable centres of culture' (Barthes)—in short, a 'text'—leading to, not from, the abyss. And why not?