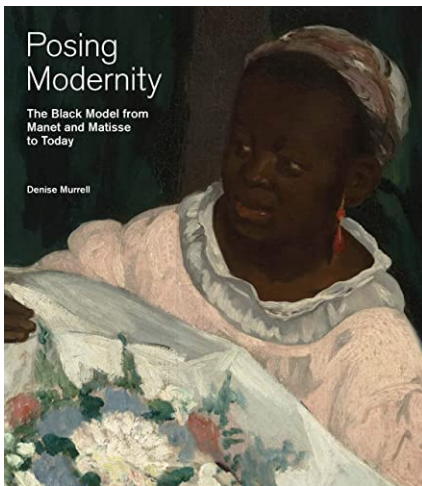


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An ambitious and revelatory investigation of the black female figure in modern art, tracing the legacy of Manet through to contemporary art. This revelatory study investigates how changing modes of representing the black female figure were foundational to the development of modern art. Posing Modernity examines the legacy of Édouard Manet's Olympia (1863), arguing that this radical painting marked a fitfully evolving shift toward modernist portrayals of the black figure as an active participant in everyday life rather than as an exotic "other." Denise Murrell explores the little-known interfaces between the avant-gardists of nineteenth-century Paris and the post-

abolition community of free black Parisians. She traces the impact of Manet's reconsideration of the black model into the twentieth century and across the Atlantic, where Henri Matisse visited Harlem jazz clubs and later produced transformative portraits of black dancers as icons of modern beauty. These and other works by the artist are set in dialogue with the urbane "New Negro" portraiture style with which Harlem Renaissance artists including Charles Alston and Laura Wheeler Waring defied racial stereotypes. The book concludes with a look at how Manet's and Matisse's depictions influenced Romare Bearden and continue to reverberate in the work of such global contemporary artists as Faith Ringgold, Aimé Mpane, Maud Sulter, and Mickalene Thomas, who draw on art history to explore its multiple voices. Featuring over 175 illustrations and profiles of several models, *Posing Modernity* illuminates long-observed figures and proposes that a history of modernism cannot be complete until it examines the vital role of the black female muse within it.

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Manet, Monet, Pissarro, Sisley, Morisot, Renoir, Cassatt, Caillebotte, and crew became the old masters, and exhibitions settled into a comfortable neutral gear, more celebratory than critical: Impressionists in winter, Renoir's full-lengths, Impressionism and fashion, Impressionist gardens. Recently, however, this conceptual torpor has yielded to a new vitality. Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C., Gift of the Harmon Foundation. *Posing Modernity: The Black Model from Manet and Matisse to Today*, on view at Columbia University's Wallach Art Gallery, follows in this vein, offering an overview of how Impressionist and Modernist artists referenced Black models in their works, and showing continuities in contemporary art. In New York, the presentation focuses specifically on the black female figure, beginning with Edouard Manet's 1860s portrayals of Laure, the model who posed as the maid in *Olympia*. In Paris, a broader and expanded treatment of the black figure begins with portraits by Marie-Guillemine Benoist and Jean-Louis Andr e Th odore G ricault at the start of the 19th century. In both New York and Paris, the exhibition explores the work of Manet's Impressionist-era cohort, including Fr d ric Bazille, Edgar Degas and the photographer Nadar; sculptors including Charles Henri Joseph Cordier and Jean-Baptiste A new book by Denise Murrell *Posing Modernity: The Black Model from Manet to Matisse to Today* (2018) reasserts the importance of these women. Frieze News Desk. "a compelling and beautifully made volume" Michele Valerie Ronnick, *caa.reviews*. Finalist for the 2019 PROSE awards, art exhibitions category. This engaging book offers a revelatory study of the role that the black female model has played in the development and evolution of modern art from Edouard Manet to Mickalene Thomas. About the Author. Denise Murrell is curator, *Posing Modernity* exhibition, and Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Research Scholar at the Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Art Gallery at Columbia University. Read more. Tell the Publisher! *Posing Modernity: The Black Model from Manet and Matisse to Today* is on view at Columbia University's Wallach Art Gallery. Curated by Denise Murrell, *Posing Modernity* traces the vexed history of the black model in modern art. Photo: Image courtesy Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C. *Posing Modernity: The Black Model from Manet and Matisse to Today* is the current exhibition at the new Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Art Gallery, part of Columbia University's \$6.3 billion expansion into West Harlem. (Columbia Corporate prefers to call the area Manhattanville.) "Posing Modernity," an interventionist exhibition curated by art historian Denise Murrell, proposed a counter-narrative of modernism rooted in the legacy of Laure, the model for the black maid in Manet's magnum opus. The diligent social art history of "Posing Modernity" gave names to anonymous models, often illuminating their roles as nannies or nightlife performers in an evolving black proletariat. For these line drawings Matisse worked with the Haitian model and dancer Carmen Lahens, a collaboration captured in H ne Adant's stunning photographs of their studio sessions and displayed here in a digital slideshow.