



## Minor Histories: Statements, Conversations, Proposals (Paperback)

By Mike Kelley

MIT Press Ltd, United States, 2004. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The second volume of writings by Los Angeles artist Mike Kelley, focusing on his own work. What John C. Welchman calls the blazing network of focused confluences from which Mike Kelley's styles are generated is on display in all its diversity in this second volume of the artist's writings. The first volume, *Foul Perfection*, contained thematic essays and writings about other artists; this collection concentrates on Kelley's own work, ranging from texts in voices that grew out of scripts for performance pieces to expository critical and autobiographical writings. *Minor Histories* organizes Kelley's writings into five sections. *Statements* consists of twenty pieces produced between 1984 and 2002 (most of which were written to accompany exhibitions), including *Ajax*, which draws on Homer, Colgate-Palmolive, and Longinus to present its eponymous hero; *Some Aesthetic High Points*, an exercise in autobiography that counters the standard artist bio included in catalogs and press releases; and a sequence of creative writings that use mass cultural tropes in concert with high art mannerisms--approximating in prose the visual styles that characterize Kelley's artwork. *Video Statements* and *Proposals* are introductions...



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