Introduction: Reading and Writing Berlin

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Abstract
On June 20, 1991, eight and a half months after the peaceful reunification of Germany, the German Bundestag voted 337 to 320 to move the capital of the Federal Republic from Bonn to Berlin...

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Writing the New Berlin. Introduction: Newness and Its Discontents: Berlin Writing the New Berlin. The German Capital in Post-Wall Literature. Chapter. Even before the Berlin Wall had been fully dismantled, critics began to call for the one comprehensive novel that could explain what was happening to Germany and the Germans. This novel never appeared. Instead, writers created a patchwork body of about three hundred texts about a city whose postwar identity was disintegrating virtually overnight. In many ways, the experience of German unification was too diverse, too ambiguous, and too influenced by global developments to be captured by one novel.