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and American Identities*

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## **Slippery Characters Ethnic Impersonators And American Identities:**

*Slippery Characters* Laura Browder,2000 In the 1920s black janitor Sylvester Long reinvented himself as Chief Buffalo Child Long Lance and Elizabeth Stern the native born daughter of a German Lutheran and a Welsh Baptist authored the immigrant s narrative I Am a Woman\_and a Jew in t **Ethnicity and Ethnic Identity in Jeffrey Eugenides' "Middlesex"** Anika Götje,2007-08 Thesis M A from the year 2005 in the subject American Studies Literature grade 1 5 University of Hannover Englisch Seminar 36 entries in the bibliography language English abstract Instead of investigating the most obvious aspect of the novel namely gender identity this work focuses on the ethnic novel Middlesex with its particular interpretation of ethnicity and ethnic identity These assumed marginal aspects are of unique importance when it comes to their relationship with the main theme of the book gender identity The concept of Greekness in the novel is not just a side effect or accidentally connected to the hermaphrodite story the connection is clear as the hermaphrodite myth goes back to the Greeks What Americanness means to the protagonist and the individual characters in the novel whether they would see themselves as hyphenated Americans or not are questions tangled in this paper Middlesex is a novel that overflows with different notions of ethnic representation ethnic identity ethnic struggle and self fashioning Identity is nothing fixed but always changing as it is subject to choice and self invention Eugenides depicts an overarching concept of the new man woman in the sense that the hermaphrodite Zora s statement Because we re what s next 552 is the central message

Reconstructing Hybridity Joel Kuortti,Jopi Nyman,2007 This interdisciplinary collection of critical articles seeks to reassess the concept of hybridity and its relevance to post colonial theory and literature The challenging articles written by internationally acclaimed scholars discuss the usefulness of the term in relation to such questions as citizenship whiteness studies and transnational identity politics In addition to developing theories of hybridity the articles in this volume deal with the role of hybridity in a variety of literary and cultural phenomena in geographical settings ranging from the Pacific to native North America The collection pays particular attention to questions of hybridity migrancy and diaspora **Matrilineal**

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Slippery Characters Laura Browder, 2000. Examining the creation and reception of ethnic impersonator autobiographies from the 1830s through the 1990s, Browder uncovers their surprising influence in shaping American notions of identity.

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