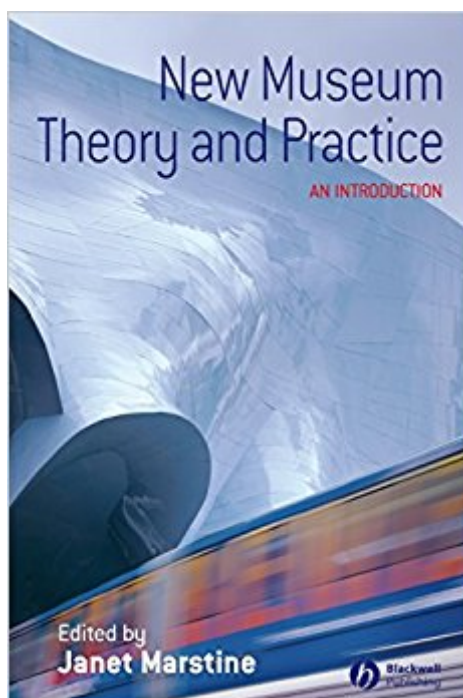


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Great Book! This book was used in my arts administration graduate course to share what and how museums are changing to engage a public that is desensitized to thinking for themselves--about any subject! This book shows how museum change to make what they do more hands-on, interactive or touch-friendly as the public feels the need for constant entertainment. I like elements of new museum theory--especially for children but I think it is great to have traditional museums. Great book!

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