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Joel Deshaye 2013-10-30 The Modes of Modern Writing tackles some of the fundamental questions we all encounter when studying or reading literature, such as: what is literature? What is realism? What is relationship between form and content? And what dictates the shifts in literary fashions and tastes? In answering these questions, the book examines texts by a wide range of modern novelists and poets, including James Joyce, T.S. Eliot, Ernest Hemingway, George Orwell, Virginia Woolf, Samuel Beckett and Philip Larkin, and draws on the work of literary theorists from Roman Jakobson to Roland Barthes. Written in Lidge's typically accessible style this is essential reading for students and lovers of literature at any level. The Bloomsbury Revelations edition includes a new Foreword/Afterword by the author.

Sixteen Modern American Authors: Jackson R. Bryer 1990 Provides brief updated portraits of eminent poets, novelists, and playwrights, accompanied by summaries of recent critical scholarship and data on the manuscripts, editions, and bibliographies of their works

Emerson's English Traits and the Natural History of Metaphor: David LaRocca 2013-09-26 Metaphors are ubiquitous and yet-often that very reason go largely unseen. We are all variously susceptible to a blindness or blurry vision of metaphors; yet even when they are seen clearly, we are left to situate the ambiguities, confluences and contradictions they regularly present-logically, aesthetically and morally. David LaRocca's book serves as a set of 'reminders' of certain features of the natural history of our language—especially the tropes that permeate and define it. As part of his investigation, LaRocca turns to Ralph Waldo Emerson's only book on a single topic, English Traits (1856), which teems with genealogical and generative metaphors—blood, birth, plants, parents, family, names and race. In the first book-length study of English Traits in over half a century, LaRocca considers the presence of metaphors in Emerson's fertile text—a unique work in his expansive corpus, and one that is regularly overlooked. As metaphors are encountered in Emerson's book, and drawn from a long history of usage in work by others, a reader may realize (or remember) what is inherent and encoded in our language, but rarely seen: how metaphors circulate in speech and through texts to become the lifeblood of thought.

Metaphors of Confinement: Monika Fludernik 2019-08-08 Metaphors of Confinement: The Prison in Fact, Fiction, and Fantasy offers a historical survey of imaginings of the prison as expressed in carceral metaphors in a range of texts about imprisonment from Antiquity to the present as well as non-penal situations described as confining or restrictive. These imaginings coalesce into a 'carceral imaginary' that determines the way we think about prisons, just as social debates about punishment and criminals feed into the way carceral imaginary develops over time. Examining not only English-language prose fiction but also poetry and drama from the Middle Ages to postcolonial, particularly African, literature, the book juxtaposes literary and non-literary contexts and contrasts fictional and nonfictional representations of (im)prison[ment] and discussions about the prison as institution and experiential reality. It comments on present-day trends of punitive and foregrounds the ethical dimensions of penal punishment. The main argument concerns the continuity of carceral metaphors through the centuries despite historical developments that included major shifts in policy (such as the invention of the penitentiary). The study looks at selected carceral metaphors, often from two complementary perspectives, such as the home as prison or the prison as home, or the factory as prison and the prison as factory. The case studies present particularly relevant genres and texts that employ these metaphors, often from a historical perspective that analyses development through different periods.

The Metaphor of Celebrity: Joel Deshaye 2013-10-30 The Metaphor of Celebrity is an exploration of the significance of literary celebrity in Canadian poetry. It focuses on the lives and writing of four widely recognized authors who wrote about stardom—Leonard Cohen, Michael Ondaatje, Irving Layton, and Gwendolyn MacEwen—and the specific moments in Canadian history that affected the ways in which they were received by the broader public. Joel Deshaye elucidates the relationship between literary celebrity and metaphor in the identity crises of celebrities, who must try to balance their public and private selves in the face of considerable publicity. He also examines the ways in which celebrity in Canadian poetry developed in a unique way in light of the significant cultural events of the decades between 1950 and 1980, including the Massey Commission, the flourishing of Canadian publishing, and the considerable interest in poetry in the 1960s and 1970s, which was followed by a rapid fall from public grace, as poetry was overwhelmed by greater popular interest in Canadian novels.

Imagery in Vladimir Nabokov's Last Russian Novel (Dar), Its English Translation (The Gift), and Other Prose Works of the 1930s-Nassim Winnie Berdjis 1995

Metonymy and Drama: Jutta Devenyi 1996 Based on various models of metonymy, this book distinguishes metonymic drama structure from the metaphoric, symbolic, and allegorical. It applies Kristeva's theory of the "semiotic" to dramatic texts and Barker's observations on the private body to their potential theatrical representation in order to argue that there is a relationship between fragmented representations of the subject and metonymic drama structure. In the four plays this book investigates (Webster's The Duchess of Malfi, Shakespeare's Troilus and Cressida, Racine's Phedre, and Buchner's Danton's Death), the dramatic hero goes through a process that disrupts his or her consciousness, which in turn is reflected and accentuated by dramatic structure. These changes in mind can be isolated on all levels of dramatic representation: aesthetic, linguistic, and dramaturgical. The ideology resonating in the dramatic world has a special connection with structure, which manifests itself in unique and different ways in the plays. Nevertheless, despite the uniqueness of representation, it is always metonymic structure that seems to parallel the fragmentation of consciousness. Having distinguished the functions of metonymy in drama as a potential focus of structure from those of the other major tropes, the book then examines its variants without evolutionary considerations. The argument differs from prevailing concepts of the two master tropes, formulated by Burke, Lodge, Ricoeur, and Laplanche. The book does not focus on their categorizational separate, but investigates the possibilities of a creative mind to depict the world in a way that actively involves and challenges the audience.

Writing the Land: Daniel G. Payne 2008 At the time of his death in 1921, John Burroughs (1837-1921) was America's most beloved nature writer, a best-selling author whose friends and admirers included Walt Whitman, Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, Henry Ford, and Thomas Edison. Burroughs was second only to Emerson in fostering the nature study movement of the nineteenth-century, and the popularity of his work inspired Houghton Mifflin to publish or reissue the work of numerous other nature writers, including that of Thoreau and Muir. His first collection of essays, Wake-Robin, was published in 1871, and over the next fifty years Burroughs wrote almost two dozen books, and hundreds of essays—not only on nature, but on literature, travel, philosophy, religion, and science. By the turn of the century, Burroughs was America's most beloved nature writer, whose friends and admirers included Walt Whitman, Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, Henry Ford, and Thomas Edison. Burroughs died in 1921 while on a train ride back to his New York from California. His final words—Are we home yet?—were a remarkably fitting coda to the career of a writer so closely identified with his native Catskill region of New York State. In many of his essays, Burroughs explores the woods and fields of home, and in doing so, like Henry Thoreau and his explorations of Concord, Massachusetts, he transcends the local and examines the universal theme of our relation with nature and our native landscape. Burroughs's emphasis on place and the local now seems modern once more; as the current interest in bioregionalism and climate change demonstrates, it has become increasingly evident that thinking locally is thinking globally. Since 1992, the SUNY College at Oneonta has hosted the biannual John Burroughs Nature Conference and Seminar ("Sharp Eyes"), which honors the influence of Burroughs on American nature writing. Distinguished keynote speakers who have addressed the conference include John Elder, John Tallmadge, Joy Harjo, Robin Wall Kimmerer, Edward Kane, James Perrin Warren, and Edward J. Benehan, Jr. The scope of the conference is not limited solely to Burroughs, however, as each year the writers and scholars in attendance direct their attention toward a particular issue of significance to contemporary nature writers and scholars of environmental literature. The theme of this collection, Writing the Land: John Burroughs and His Legacy was featured in the 2006 conference, and includes essays on John Burroughs as well as essays on the work of other writers who, like Burroughs, are linked closely through their work to a particular landscape or region. The third and final section of this book features invited essays by three distinguished scholars, John Tallmadge, Robert Beuka, and Charlotte Zoe Walker, who consider the topic of what writing about the land and nature means from three different perspectives—urban, suburban, and rural.
flowing of work on economic methodology. However there is no longer any consensus about which direction this should take or, indeed, even what the role and content of economic methodology should be. This book reflects this diversity. Its contributors are responsible for the major developments in this field and together they give an account of all the major positions which currently prevail in economic methodology. These include attempts to rehabilitate the ‘falsification’ of Kuhn, Lakatos and Popper, sociology of knowledge approaches, different forms of realism, contributions from the ‘rhetoric’ project and other perspectives which view the economy as a text. 


Metonymy: Jeanette Littlemore 2015-01-29 ‘Metonymy’ is a type of figurative language used in everyday conversation, a form of shorthand that allows us to use our shared knowledge to communicate with fewer words than we would otherwise need. ‘I’ll pencil you in’ and ‘let me give you a hand’ are both examples of metonymic language. Metonymy serves a wide range of communicative functions, such as textual cohesion, humour, irony, euphemism and hyperbole - all of which play a key role in the development of language and discourse communities. Using authentic data throughout, this book shows how metonymy operates, not just in language, but also in gesture, sign language, art, music, film and advertising. It explores the role of metonymy in cross-cultural communication, along with the challenges it presents to language learners and translators. Ideal for researchers and students in linguistics and literature, as well as teachers and general readers interested in the art of communication.

David Lodge-Bruce K. Martin 1999 Evaluates the works of the British novelist and literary theorist, known as much for his novels as for his critical writings

Living with America, 1946-1996-Peter G. Boyle 1997

Style- 1987

Narratology in the Age of Cross-disciplinary Narrative Research-Sandra Heinen 2009 Narrative Research has over the last 15 years developed into an international and interdisciplinary field. This volume collects fifteen essays which look at narrative and narrativity from various perspectives, including literary studies and hermeneutics, cognitive theory and creativity research, metaphor studies, film theory and intermediality, as well as memory studies, musicoLOGY, theology and psychology. The topics touch on a wide range of issues, such as the current state of narratology and its potential for development, narrativity in visual and auditive art forms, the cultural functions of narrative, and the role of narrative concepts across the disciplines.


The Visible and the Invisible in the Interplay between Philosophy, Literature and Reality-Anna-Teresa Tymieniecka 2012-12-06 Merleau-Ponty’s categories of the visible and the invisible are investigated afresh and with originality in this penetrating collection of literary and philosophical inquiries. Going beyond the traditional and current references to the mental and the sensory, mind and body, perceptual content and the abstract ideas conveyed in language, etc., these studies range from the ‘hidden spheres of reality’, to the play of the visible and the invisible left as traces in works of human genius, the origins of intellect and language, the real and the imaginary in literature, and the ‘hidden realities’ in the philosophy of the everyday world. These literary and philosophical probings collectively reveal the role of this disjoined/conjoined pairing in the ontopoietic establishment of reality, that is, in the manifestation of the logos of life. In tandem they bring to light the hidden play of the visible and the invisible in the emergence of our vital, societal, intimate, intellectual, and creative involvements.

The Old, the New and the Metaphor-Celia M. Wallhead 1999 This study examines the use of metaphor in the novels of A.S. Byatt, including the rhetoric that began with ‘The Virgin in the Garden’. The author looks at the factors that are important to Byatt in the writing of fiction, especially the skill of being both a bestseller and intellectual.

Encyclopedia of Postmodernism-Victor E. Taylor 2002-06-01 The Encyclopedia of Postmodernism provides comprehensive and authoritative coverage of academic disciplines, critical terms and central figures relating to the vast field of postmodern studies. With three cross-referenced sections, the volume is easily accessible to readers with specialized research agendas and general interests in contemporary cultural, historical, literary and philosophical issues. Since its inception in the 1960s, postmodernism has emerged as a significant cultural, political and intellectual force that many scholars would argue defines our era. Postmodernism, in its various configurations, has consistently challenged concepts of selfhood, knowledge formation, aesthetics, ethics, history and politics. This Encyclopedia offers a wide-range of perspectives on postmodernism that illustrates the plurality of this critical concept that is so much part of our current intellectual debates. In this regard, the volume does not adhere to a single definition of postmodernism as much as it documents the use of the term across a variety of academic and cultural pursuits. The Encyclopedia of Postmodernism, it must be noted, resists simply presenting postmodernism as a new style among many styles occupying a particular period. Recognizing the incoherence of the term from its postmodernist origins to the present day, this volume provides a wide range of perspectives on the term, both in its use as a critical concept and as a methodological approach.

It Was Like a Fever-Francesca Polletta 2006-03 Activists and politicians have long recognized the power of a good story to move people to action. In early 1960 four black college students sat down at a whites-only lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, and refused to leave. Within a month sit-ins spread to thirty cities in seven states. Student participants told stories of impulsive, spontaneous action—this despite all the planning that had gone into the sit-ins. “It was like a fever,” they said. Francesca Polletta’s It Was Like a Fever sets out to account for the power of storytelling in mobilizing political and social movements. Drawing on cases ranging from the sixteenth-century tax revolts to contemporary debates about the future of the World Trade Center site, Polletta argues that stories are politically effective not when they have clear moral messages, but when they have complex, often ambiguous ones. The openness of stories to interpretation has allowed disadvantaged groups, in particular, to gain a hearing for new needs and to forge surprising political alliances. But popular beliefs in America about storytelling as a genre have also hurt those challenging the status quo. A rich analysis of storytelling in courtrooms, newsrooms, public forums, and the United States Congress, It Was Like a Fever offers provocative new insights into the dynamics of culture and contention.

Interpreting Radical Metaphor in the Experimental Fictions of Donald Barthelme, Thomas Pynchon, and Kathy Acker—Victoria De Zwaan 2002 This study argues that the often-noted resistance to interpretation by these authors’ experimental fiction has to do with the radical functioning of metaphor in their texts. After an introductory discussion about the contemporary debates about metaphor and narrative, each author’s work is examined in various theoretical contexts such as cognitivist models, deconstruction, modernism and postmodernism, concentrating on a number of narrative strategies which are grouped under the term praxis. The conclusion situates the metaphoric narrative in relation to the competing literary critical paradigms of postmodernist fiction.

An Encyclopedia of Language - N.E. Collinge 2002-09-11 * Examines how language works, accounting for its nature, its use, its study and its history * Two comprehensive indexes of Topics and Technical Terms, and Names * Carefully illustrated to explain key points in the text * This rich repository of information on all aspects of language is a must for all libraries in higher education, schools and larger public libraries." - Library Review * Each article has an excellent bibliography. In addition, there are comprehensive indexes of topics and technical terms and names. Highly recommended for all college and general public libraries." - Choice * This important book is in many ways a state-of-the art survey of current conceptions of, and approaches to, language, with generous references to more detailed sources. Each chapter has a good bibliography." - Language International * A comprehensive guide ... with very thorough bibliographies ... Collinge's Encyclopedia is recommended to academic libraries." - Reference Reviews * The bibliographies are an invaluable aid ... the editor is to be congratulated for having done an excellent job ... there are virtually no areas of language and linguistics that do not get a look in somewhere, and there is good signposting in the text itself." - Nigel Vincent, Times Higher Education Supplement

The Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics: Mel-N - 2006

Modes of Interpretation in Old English Literature - Stanley B. Greenfield 1986

Claude Simon New Directions - Alastair B. Duncan 1985

Fiction and Drama in Eastern and Southeastern Europe - Henrik Birnbaum 1980

Symposium - 2007

The Making of a Modernist - Jayne L. Walker 1984

Love and Sexuality in Modern Arabic Literature - Roger M. A. Allen 1995 Covers the entire history of modern Arabic literature from the late-19th century to the end of the 1980s, with examples drawn from countries as diverse as Egypt and Kuwait. Although the main accent is on the prose of Egypt and the countries of the Mashreq, North African literature is also included.

Costerus - 1986 Essays in English and American language and literature.

The Johns Hopkins Guide to Literary Theory and Criticism - Professor Michael Groden 1994 Introduces important individuals, concepts, schools, and movements in the world of literary criticism

Swiss Papers in English Language and Literature - 1988


Mental Processes and Narrative Possibilities in the German Novelle, 1890-1940 - David Turner 2005 This lucid and wide-ranging study will be of interest to anyone concerned with literature in German at the turn of the twentieth century. It opens up new perspectives on the narratological possibilities which developed out of an increased awareness of the workings of the mind at that period. This stimulating and thought-provoking study uses the tools of narrative theory and grammatical analysis to provide new reading of both classic and lesser known texts. Based on an impressively broad command of the literary and intellectual currents of the period, this clearly argued study focuses on an important but under researched aspect of the history of the Novelle, bringing modern insights to bear on the ways in which short prose forms have been adapted to probe psychological depths.

Paths and Labyrinths - Franz Kafka Symposium 1985

Metonomy, Title, Sequence - Rafael M. Tilton 1994

Reading by Starlight - Damien Broderick 2005-06-29 Reading by Starlight explores the characteristics in the writing, marketing and reception of science fiction which distinguish it as a genre. Damien Broderick explores the postmodern self-referentiality of the sci-fi narrative, its intricate coded language and discursive 'encyclopaedia'. He shows how, for perfect understanding, sci-fi readers must learn the codes of these imaginary worlds and vocabularies, all the time picking up references to texts by other writers. Reading by Starlight includes close readings of paradigmatic cyberpunk texts and writings by SF novelists and theorists including Isaac Asimov, Arthur C. Clarke, Brian Aldiss, Patrick Parrinder, Kim Stanley Robinson, John Varley, Roger Zelazny, William Gibson, Fredric Jameson and Samuel R. Delaney.

The Portable Postmodernist - Arthur Asa Berger 2003 In The Portable Postmodernist, Arthur Asa Berger introduces key concepts written by postmodernism's leading theorists including Lyotard, Baudrillard, and Jameson. This collage of influential writing is followed by Berger's concise, accessible comments. Written for the newcomer, Berger's lucid explanations define the postmodernism's most elusive ideas. Organized in fifty segments, the book runs the gamut from postmodern architecture to feminism to punk music. Berger weaves these diverse topics together, exploring and challenging postmodernism's role in popular culture. This highly-readable book is essential reading for students and anyone interested in media, social, and cultural studies. Visit our website for sample chapters!