

The Rise Of Novel Ian P Watt

This is the story of a most ingenious invention: the novel. Described for the first time in *The Rise of The Novel*, Ian Watt's landmark classic reveals the origins and explains the success of the most popular literary form of all time. In the space of a single generation, three eighteenth-century writers -- Daniel Defoe, Samuel Richardson and Henry Fielding -- invented an entirely new genre of writing: the novel. With penetrating and original readings of their works, as well as those of Jane Austen, who further developed and popularised it, he explains why these authors wrote in the way that they did, and how the complex changes in society – the emergence of the middle-class and the new social position of women – gave rise to its success. Heralded as a revelation when it first appeared, *The Rise of The Novel* remains one of the most widely read and enjoyable books of literary criticism ever written, capturing precisely and satisfyingly what it is about the form that so enthral us.

Looks at the novels of Godwin, Wollstonecraft, RAcliffé, Lewis and Shelley to demonstrate that the gothic presents an alternative model of relations: between individuals, characters, parts of a narrative, men and women. This draws together the personal, political and literary aspects of this deviant and subversive form.

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bibliography, language: English, abstract: With the publication of Robinson Crusoe in 1719 the novel became established as a significant literary genre. In this connection Daniel Defoe set new standards for a long period. With his The Life and Strange Surprising Adventures of Robinson Crusoe he laid the foundations of the contemporary Robinsonade. "With its common hero, pseudo-authentic style, and focus on ideological problems of materialism and individualism, it has been widely seen as the first modern realist novel" 1, the critic David Fausett writes. But in the history of interpretation there are dissensions about Defoe's role in the development of the novel. His style although it revolutionised the English novel, first was a topic for extensive discussions. From Maximillian E. Novak we get to know that "many of Defoe's critics have regarded his fiction as a kind of accident arising from his desperate need to support his family and to keep off his creditors."2 In the Rise of the Novel Ian Watt goes so far as to say that Defoe "is perhaps a unique example of a great writer who was very little interested in literature, and says nothing of interest about it as literature."3 In contrast Hammond underlines the novel's "lasting significance" that "surely lies in its consummate blending of divergent literary traditions and its fruitfulness as a source of myth."4 Furthermore he concludes that "a story that has achieved the status of a fable must possess considerably literary and imaginative qualities and respond to some deep need in the human psyche."5 Because there must be something in Defoe's style and narrative technique that justifies the novel's position in literature some critics have

already tried to find an explanation for Defoe's role in the rise of the novel. [...] 1 Fausett, David. 1994. *The Strange Surprising Sources of 'Robinson Crusoe'*. Amsterdam: Rodopi, p. 25. 2 Novak, Maximilian E. "Defoe's Theory of Fiction." In: Heidenreich, Regina und Helmut, eds. 1982. *Daniel Defoe: Schriften zum Erzählwerk*. (Wege der Forschung. Vol. 339). Darmstadt: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, p. 182. 3 Watt, Ian. 1957. *The Rise of the Novel*. Berkeley, p. 70. 4 Hammond, John R. 1993. *A Defoe Companion*. MD: Barnes & Noble, p. 67. 5 *ibid.*, p. 67.

"This book about reading the English novel during the "long eighteenth century," a stretch of time that, in the generally accepted ways of breaking up British literary history into discrete periods for university courses, begins some time after the Restoration of King Charles II in 1660 and ends around 1830, before the reign of Queen Victoria. At the beginning of this period, the novel can hardly be said to exist, and writing prose fiction is a mildly disreputable literary activity. Around 1720, Daniel Defoe's fictional autobiographies spark continuations and imitations, and in the 1740s, with Samuel Richardson and Henry Fielding's novels begin what is perceived as "a new kind of writing." By the end of the period, with Jane Austen and Walter Scott, the novel has not only come into existence, it has developed into a more-or-less respectable genre, and in fact publishers have begun to issue series of novels (edited by Walter Scott and by Anna Barbauld, among others) that establish for that time, if not necessarily for ours, a canon of the English novel. With the decline of the English drama and the almost

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complete eclipse of the epic, the novel has become by default the serious literary long form, on its way to becoming by the mid-nineteenth century, with Dickens, Thackeray, and Eliot, the pre-eminent genre of literature. This chapter will consider how and why the novel came to be when it did"--

Romance novels have attracted considerable attention since their mass market debut in 1939, yet seldom has the industry itself been analyzed. Founded in 1949, Harlequin quickly gained market domination with their contemporary romances. Other publishers countered with historical romances, leading to the rise of "bodice-ripper" romances in the 1970s. The liberation of the romance novel's content during the 1980s brought a vitality to the market that was dubbed a revolution, but the real romance revolution began in the 1990s with developments in the mainstream publishing industry and continues today. This book traces the history and evolution of the romance industry, covering successful (and not so successful) trends and describing changes in romance publishing that paved the way for the many popular subgenres flooding the market in the 21st century.

Looking at such works as *The Adventures of Roderick Random*, *The Expedition of Humphry Clinker* and *The Adventures of Peregrine Pickle*, Douglas explores the ways Smollett uses representations of sentience especially torment and pain - in his critique of the social and political order.

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of the imagination as first theorized by Scottish philosopher and historian David Hume. This aesthetic, Duncan contends, provides a powerful novelistic alternative to the Kantian-Coleridgean account of the imagination that has been taken as normative for British Romanticism since the early twentieth century. Duncan goes on to examine in detail how other Scottish writers inspired by Scott's innovations--James Hogg and John Galt in particular--produced in their own novels and tales rival accounts of regional, national, and imperial history. Scott's *Shadow* illuminates a major but neglected episode of British Romanticism as well as a pivotal moment in the history and development of the novel. Before his masterpiece *The Rise of the Novel* made him one of the most influential post-war British literary critics, Ian Watt was a soldier, a prisoner of war of the Japanese, and a forced labourer on the notorious Burma-Thailand Railway. Both an intellectual biography and an intellectual history of the mid-century, this book reconstructs Watt's wartime world: these were harrowing years of mass death, deprivation, and terror, but also ones in which communities and institutions were improvised under the starkest of emergency conditions. *Ian Watt: The Novel and the Wartime Critic* argues that many of our foundational stories about the novel about the novel's origins and development, and about the social, moral, and psychological work that the novel accomplishes can be traced

to the crises of the Second World War and its aftermath.

Law and the Humanities: An Introduction brings together a distinguished group of scholars from law schools and an array of the disciplines in the humanities.

Contributors come from the United States and abroad in recognition of the global reach of this field. This book is, at one and the same time, a stock taking both of different national traditions and of the various modes and subjects of law and humanities scholarship. It is also an effort to chart future directions for the field. By reviewing and analyzing existing scholarship and providing thematic content and distinctive arguments, it offers to its readers both a resource and a provocation. Thus, Law and the Humanities marks the maturation of this 'law and' enterprise and will spur its further development.

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male writers like Defoe and popular novels by women in the early eighteenth century; the general ideological role played by novels relative to eighteenth-century culture (are they means of ideological conscription or liberation?); poststructuralist analyses of identity and gender; and the emergence of sentimental and domestic codes after Richardson. Since the modern European novel is often thought to have been formed in this period, these debates have clear implications for students of the novel in general as well as for those interested in the early enlightenment. Headnotes place each essay within the map of these wider concerns, and the volume offers a useful further reading list. Taken as a whole, this collection encapsulates the state of criticism at the present moment.

This guide steers students through significant critical responses to the Victorian novel from the end of the nineteenth century to the present day.

Why have scholars located the emergence of the novel in eighteenth-century England? What historical forces and stylistic developments helped to turn a disreputable type of writing into an eminent literary form? This Reader's Guide explores the key critical debates and theories about the rising novel, from eighteenth-century assessments through to present day concerns. Nicholas Seager: • surveys major criticism on authors such as Aphra Behn, Daniel Defoe, Samuel Richardson, Henry Fielding and Jane Austen • covers a range of critical approaches and topics including feminism, historicism, postcolonialism and print culture • demonstrates how critical work is interrelated, allowing readers to discern trends in the critical conversation. Approachable and stimulating, this is an invaluable introduction for anyone studying the origins of the novel and the surrounding body of scholarship.

The female radical writers of the 1790s depict women attempting to use institutions such as the

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family, marriage, and motherhood to achieve social and political reform. Most striking about these novels is their depiction of the failure of these institutions to permit women to succeed in such attempts; these failures reveal a complex critique of the philosophies informing the reformist movement of the 1790s based upon the reformist culture's indifference to female concerns."

A major rethinking of the European novel and its relationship to early evolutionary science The 120 years between Henry Fielding's *Tom Jones* (1749) and George Eliot's *Middlemarch* (1871) marked both the rise of the novel and the shift from the presumption of a stable, universal human nature to one that changes over time. In *Human Forms*, Ian Duncan reorients our understanding of the novel's formation during its cultural ascendancy, arguing that fiction produced new knowledge in a period characterized by the interplay between literary and scientific discourses—even as the two were separating into distinct domains. Duncan focuses on several crisis points: the contentious formation of a natural history of the human species in the late Enlightenment; the emergence of new genres such as the Romantic bildungsroman; historical novels by Walter Scott and Victor Hugo that confronted the dissolution of the idea of a fixed human nature; Charles Dickens's transformist aesthetic and its challenge to Victorian realism; and George Eliot's reckoning with the nineteenth-century revolutions in the human and natural sciences. Modeling the modern scientific conception of a developmental human nature, the novel became a major experimental instrument for managing the new set of divisions—between nature and history, individual and species, human and biological life—that replaced the ancient schism between animal body and immortal soul. The first book to explore the interaction of European fiction with "the natural history of man" from the late Enlightenment

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through the mid-Victorian era, *Human Forms* sets a new standard for work on natural history and the novel.

Observing that the division between theory and empiricism remains inextricably linked to imperial modernity, manifest at the most basic level in the binary between “the West” and “Asia,” the authors of this volume re-examine art and aesthetics to challenge these oppositions in order to reconceptualize politics and knowledge production in East Asia. Current understandings of fundamental ideas like race, nation, colonizer and the colonized, and the concept of Asia in the region are seeped with imperial aesthetics that originated from competing imperialisms operating in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Such aesthetics has sustained both colonial and local modes of perception in the formation of nation-states and expanded the reach of regulatory powers in East Asia since 1945. The twelve thought-provoking essays in this collection tackle the problematics that arise at the nexus of aesthetics and politics in four areas: theoretical issues of aesthetics and politics in East Asia, aesthetics of affect and sexuality, the productive tension between critical aesthetics and political movements, and aesthetic critiques of sovereignty and neoliberalism in East Asia today. If the seemingly universal operation of capital and militarism in East Asia requires locally specific definitions of biopolitical concepts to function smoothly, this book critiques the circuit of power between the universalism of capital and particularism of nation and culture. Treating aesthetic experiences in art at large as the bases for going beyond imperial categories, the contributors present new modes of sensing, thinking, and living that have been unimaginable within the mainstream modality of Asian studies, a discipline that has reproduced the colonial regime of knowledge production. By doing so, *Beyond Imperial Aesthetics* illuminates the aesthetic

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underside of critical theory to uncover alternative forms of political life in East Asia. “This much needed volume takes readers on an erudite and challenging journey. Along the way, its theoretically-minded authors explore what a future liberated from the Cold War shackles of securitized institutions and capitalist exploitation as well as concomitant epistemologies of aestheticized domination might look like in East Asia.” —Todd Henry, UC San Diego “Beyond Imperial Aesthetics is an impressive intervention between art, politics, and theoretical reflection in contemporary East Asia. The project convincingly articulates various sites of resistance to the postwar US hegemon throughout East Asia. The editors are to be congratulated for putting together such a timely and compelling work.” —Richard Calichman, City College of New York

Character and Person explores the category of fictional character, one of the most widely used and least adequately theorized concepts in literary studies, cultural studies, and everyday usage. It sets fictional character in relation to the concept of person and tries to examine how each of these terms is constructed across different cultures.

Novels have been a respectable component of culture for so long that it is difficult for twentieth-century observers to grasp the unease produced by novel reading in the eighteenth century. William Warner shows how the earliest novels in Britain, published in small-format print media, provoked early instances of the modern anxiety about the effects of new media on consumers. Warner uncovers a buried and neglected history of the way in which the idea of the novel was shaped in response to a newly vigorous market in popular narratives. In order to rein in the sexy and egotistical novel of amorous intrigue, novelists and critics redefined the novel as morally respectable, largely masculine in authorship, national in character, realistic in its claims, and finally, literary. Warner considers early novelists in their role as entertainers and

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the acuity with which it both explores and develops the tradition of the novel - ranging from Cervantes, Defoe, and Richardson, to Dostoevsky, Kafka, and Beckett - as part of a sustained attempt to rethink the relationship between writing and politics.

Praise for the new (2001) edition: "Ian Watt's "The Rise of the Novel "still seems to me far and away the best book ever written on the early English novel--wise, humane, beautifully organized and expressed, one of the absolutely indispensable critical works in modern literary scholarship. And W. B. Carnochan's brilliant introduction does a wonderful job of showing how Watt's book came into being and changed for good the way the novel in general is taught and understood."--Max Byrd, author of "Grant: A Novel" "Ian Watt's "The Rise of the Novel "remains the single indispensable, absolutely essential book for students of the 18th-century novel."--John Richetti, author of "The English Novel in History: 1700-1780" Praise for the original edition: "A remarkable book. . . . A pioneer work in the application of modern sociology to literature."--"Manchester Guardian" "An outstanding contribution to the field of historical sociology and the sociology of knowledge. . . . The author has set the 'rise of the novel' as a new literary genre in the social context of eighteenth-century England, with emphasis on the predominant middle-class features of the period."--"American Journal of Sociology"

Narrating Reality offers a provocative and original critique of nineteenth-century British realist fiction and our ways of understanding it. Paying close attention to the role of the narrator, Harry E. Shaw challenges the denigration of realism that has become a critical orthodoxy in recent decades. Drawing on such thinkers as Erich Auerbach, Jürgen Habermas, and J. L. Austin, Shaw contends that realist novels claim not to replicate the world in their pages or to offer transparent access to it, but to involve readers in a process of narrative understanding

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adequate to grasping the complexities of life in history. Seen in this light, the works of such novelists as Sir Walter Scott, Jane Austen, and George Eliot, as they depict their own and other cultures and strive to imagine regions of freedom in the dense and constricting web of history, gain a new interest.

CHI edition of the Somerset Maugham Award winner "First Love, Last Rites: Stories" by Ian McEwan, the bestselling author and the recipient of numerous literature awards includes Booker Prize, Whitbread Award, is a collection of 8 stories illustrated men who conflict with social norm. In CHI. Distributed by Tsai Fong Books, Inc.

The English Novel, Volume II: Smollett to Austen collects a series of previously-published essays on the early eighteenth-century novel in a single volume, reflecting the proliferation of theoretical approaches since the 1970s. The novel has been the object of some of the most exciting and important critical speculations, and the eighteenth-century novel has been at the centre of new approaches both to the novel and to the period between 1750 and 1800. Richard Kroll's introduction seeks to frame the contributions by reference to the most significant critical discussions. These include: the general importance of 'sentimentalism' as a cultural movement after 1750; its relationship to the emergence of the Gothic novel as a specific genre or mode; the rapid rise in the number of women novelists in the later eighteenth century; the relationship between the novel as mediator of social relations and the idea of the 'public sphere'; the relationship between novelistic codes and the massive growth of a consumerist society; the class conflicts of writers like Smollett; the effect on the novel of the new 'British' nation; and the effects of the French Revolution and the subsequent political debates on writers like Wollstonecraft, Godwin, and Austen. This collection will be of interest to students of the later

