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This cultural history of the Saltire Society Literary Awards demonstrates the significance the awards have had within Scottish literary and cultural life. It is one piece of the wider cultural award puzzle and illustrates how, far from being parochial or niche, lesser-known awards, whose histories may be yet untold, play their own role in the circulation of cultural value through the consecration of literary value. The study of the Society's Book of the Year and First Book of the Year Awards not only highlights how important connections between literary awards and national culture and identity are within prize culture and how literary awards, and their founding institutions, can be products of the socio-political and cultural milieu in which they form, but this study also illustrates how existing literary award scholarship has only begun to scratch the surface of the complexities of the phenomenon. This book promotes a new approach to considering literary prizes, proposing that the concept of the literary awards hierarchy can contribute to emerging and developing discourses pertaining to literary, and indeed cultural, prizes more broadly.

Focusing on James's last three completed novels - The Ambassadors, The Wings of the Dove, and The Golden Bowl - Maya Higashi Wakana shows how a microsociological approach to James's novels radically revises the widespread tradition of putting James's characters into historical and cultural contexts. Wakana begins with the premise that day-to-day living is inherently theatrical and thus duplicitous, and goes on to show that James's art relies significantly on his

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powerful sense of the agonizing and even dangerous complications of mundane face-to-face rituals that pervade his work. Centrally informed by social thinkers such as G. H. Mead and Erving Goffman, Wakana's study discloses the richness, complexity, and singularity of the interpersonal connections depicted in James's late novels. Persuasively argued, and rich in original close readings, her book makes an important contribution to James's studies and to theories of social interaction.

"The thirty essays in this book trace how the tangentiality of English and other modes of language affects the production of English literature, and investigate how questions of linguistic "code" can be made accessible to literary analysis".--BOOKJACKET.

How can higher education today create a community of critical thinkers and searchers for truth that transcends the boundaries of class, gender, and nation? Philosopher and classicist Martha C. Nussbaum takes up the challenge of conservative critics of academe to argue persuasively that sustained reform in the aim and content of liberal education is the most vital and invigorating force in higher education.

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James Hersh, a mentally disturbed former journalist-anarchist from Canada, moves to South Korea to teach English and to escape his dysfunctional life back home. Contractually locked into a job he hates, he spends his days battling the authorities of We're Englishing Academy, and his nights pickled in soju, battling himself. But when he meets the gloriously weird Ana Inez, and then gets involved with the anti-war H. student union, things start to change...

Meet Francis Plug, a troubled and often drunk misfit who causes chaos and confusion wherever he goes. And where he most likes to go is to real author events, collecting signatures from the likes of Salman Rushdie, Hilary Mantel,

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and Eleanor Catton, all the while gleaning advice for a self-help book he is writing with the novice writer in mind. His timely manual promises to be full of sage wisdom and useful tidbits to help ease freshly published novelists into the demands of life in the public eye. Essential reading for anyone with an interest in the literary world - or, in fact, humanity in general. Because while it is a brilliant slapstick comedy, blurring fact, fiction, and absurdity to astonishing effect, *How To Be A Public Author* by Francis Plug is also a surprising and touching meditation on loneliness and finding a place in the world. Francis, it seems, just doesn't fit in. And as you read, you may wonder if he'll even make it to the end of his own book...

This new edition of an established text provides a lively, concise and up-to-date historical overview of the story of English literature. Focusing on how writing both reflects and challenges the periods in which it is produced, John Peck and Martin Coyle combine close readings of key texts with recent critical thinking on the interaction of literary works and culture. *A Brief History of English Literature*: • offers an engaging chronological narrative of all the main literary periods, from Anglo-Saxon times through to the present day • now features a new final chapter on twenty-first century literature and an updated Chronology and Further Reading section • places novels, poems, plays and other forms of writing in their social, political and cultural contexts • covers canonical and non-canonical texts. A true masterpiece of clarity and compression, this is essential reading for students of English Literature and general readers alike.

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Challenging the dominant view of a broken and discontinuous dramatic culture in Scotland, this book outlines the variety and richness of the nation's performance traditions and

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multilingual theatre history. Brown illuminates enduring strands of hybridity and diversity which use theatre and theatricality as a means of challenging establishment views, and of exploring social, political, and religious change. He describes the ways in which politically and religiously divisive moments in Scottish history, such as the Reformation and political Union, fostered alternative dramatic modes and means of expression. This major revisionist history also analyses the changing relationships between drama, culture, and political change in Scotland in the 20th and 21st centuries, drawing on the work of an extensive range of modern and contemporary Scottish playwrights and drama practitioners. Ian Brown is a playwright, poet and Professor of Drama at Kingston University, London. Until recently Chair of the Scottish Society of Playwrights, he was General Editor of the *Edinburgh History of Scottish Theatre* (EUP, 2007) and editor of *From Tartan to Tartanry: Scottish Culture, History and Myth* (EUP, 2010) and *The Edinburgh Companion to Scottish Drama* (EUP, 2011). He has published widely on theatre, cultural policy and literature and language.

An effective tool for reading postcolonial con/texts, ideology also provides a matrix to grasp the world, enabling collective political action. This interdisciplinary volume reflects that each position is subject to asymmetrical power relations, with critiques of ideological manifestations occurring in intersecting cultural, social, and political configurations.

This invaluable Guide explores the primary debates in the literary criticism of contemporary British fiction. Drawing heavily from a wide range of current criticism, Nick Bentley examines key trends and issues in the work of some of the main contemporary novelists, critics and theorists.

Sheds new light on literary representations of blindness from a disability studies perspective

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The Book of Martyrs by John Foxe written in the 16th century has long been the go-to source for studying the lives and martyrdom of the apostles. Whilst other scholars have written individual treatments on the more prominent apostles such as Peter, Paul, John, and James, there is little published information on the other apostles. In *The Fate of the Apostles*, Sean McDowell offers a comprehensive, reasoned, historical analysis of the fate of the twelve disciples of Jesus along with the apostles Paul, and James. McDowell assesses the evidence for each apostle's martyrdom as well as determining its significance to the reliability of their testimony. The question of the fate of the apostles also gets to the heart of the reliability of the kerygma: did the apostles really believe Jesus appeared to them after his death, or did they fabricate the entire story? How reliable are the resurrection accounts? The willingness of the apostles to die for their faith is a popular argument in resurrection studies and McDowell offers insightful scholarly analysis of this argument to break new ground within the spheres of New Testament studies, Church History, and apologetics. As the world has been reshaped since the 1970s by economic globalization, neoliberalism, and financialization, writers and artists have addressed the problem of representing the economy with a new sense of political urgency. Anxieties over who controls capitalism have thus been translated into

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demands upon literature, art, and mass media to develop strategies of representation that can account for capitalism's power. *Reading Capitalist Realism* presents some of the latest and most sophisticated approaches to the question of the relation between capitalism and narrative form, partly by questioning how the "realism" of austerity, privatization, and wealth protection relate to the realism of narrative and cultural production. Even as critics have sought to locate a new aesthetic mode that might consider and move beyond theorizations of the postmodern, this volume contends that narrative realism demands renewed scrutiny for its ability to represent capitalism's latest scenes of enclosure and indebtedness. Ranging across fiction, nonfiction, television, and film, the essays collected here explore to what extent realism is equipped to comprehend and historicize our contemporary economic moment and what might be the influence or complicity of the literary in shaping the global politics of lowered expectations. Including essays on writers such as Mohsin Hamid, Lorrie Moore, Jess Walter, J. M. Coetzee, James Kelman, Ali Smith, Russell Banks, William Vollmann, and William Gibson, as well as examinations of Hollywood film productions and *The Wire* television series, *Reading Capitalist Realism* calls attention to a resurgence of realisms across narrative genres and questions realism's ability to interrogate the crisis-driven logic

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of political and economic “common sense.”

This book brings together fourteen of the most ambitious and thought-provoking recent essays by David Punter, who has been writing on the Gothic to academic and general acclaim for over thirty years. Punter addresses developments in Gothic writing and Gothic criticism since the mid-eighteenth century, by isolating and discussing specific themes and scenarios that have remained relevant to literary and philosophical discussion over the decades and centuries, and also by paying close attention to the motifs, figures and recurrences that loom so large in twenty-first-century engagements with the Gothic. This book, while engaging deeply with Gothic history, constantly addresses our continuing immediate encounters with Gothic tropes – the vampire, the zombie, the phantom, the living dead. Paul Jessop and James Handle are two fourteen-year-olds who have known each other all their lives. One very warm day while out roaming through the local countryside and woods, not far from home, they're suddenly surprised when they spot a naturist rambler. Having never seen anyone walk about like this before their curiosity gets the better of them and they decide to follow him. It leads to them finding out about a naturist swim at their own local leisure centre and, after deducing what the word 'naturist' means, want to find a way of getting in to see for themselves what's going on. However, this is far

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from straightforward and, as you might guess, they're both very reserved boys. They manage to get in without being seen, but how? Who do they meet? Do they make any friends, and what's more; do they get away with it? What will their parents say if they find out? Read the full story and discover the delights of naturism for yourself.

Ever since the loss of her best friend, strange things have started happening to Maddie. The stranger the things get, the more Maddie finds herself involved in a world she didn't know existed, quickly discovering that there are more to some people than what meets the eye and that somebody has been watching her every move. As fate throws her in an unseen direction, Maddie finds herself fighting for her life on more than one occasion. Desperate to find answers, Maddie dives into untouched waters, searching for the truth.

Leo Proudhammer, an African American actor, reminisces about his past life and loves, while lying in the hospital, recovering from a heart attack

Blue-blooded lawyer James Carlson is working on the case of his life. After winning this trial, his career will be set. He won't let anything...or anyone...alter his course. Then he meets his witness. Maggie Eagle Heart makes him question everything--his family, his goals, his future. Because she's the one woman he wants, and she's the one woman who is completely off-limits. Yet even as he struggles to keep their relationship all about business, he can't deny the attraction is mutual--and irresistible.

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James has always done what is expected of him...until now.

Britain and Japan in the Contemporary World provides up-to-date analyses of these two countries in terms of economics, politics, security and identity on the global, regional, subnational and civic levels. The book moves beyond an analysis of state-to-state relations between Britain and Japan by examining the role of civil society in the relationship and analyzing the way the two countries deal with common issues, such as the 'special relationship' both maintain with the US; the relationship with the continents that both of these island nations border; the question of the degree of decentralization to allow within their contested borders. Both countries also face the pressures of globalization, as seen by the responses of the global cities of London and Tokyo. The editors have brought a selection of top scholars in a collection of chapters aimed at examining the similarities and differences in the way Britain and Japan respond to issues of common concern on these different levels. ?????(???)??

Physicist and civil engineer Dr. Richard St. James lives on the Mars Settlement and works for the Mars Administration. A failed relationship on the Moon propelled him to seek out a new beginning on the Red Planet. Now he must contend with the ever-changing face of science. But it is a new galaxy. Following the economic and political collapse of Earth's governments, powerful groups organize the Economic Zones to replace national boundaries. The Economic Council promulgates facts, forbids the teaching of history, philosophy,

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metaphysics, and spiritual faith, instead channeling their energy into fielding planetary colonies and space stations. A generation grows up that has never seen the sun from Earth, or experienced any culture other than the self-centered, hard-scrabble struggle to survive in the darkness of space. It is this very darkness that St. James must confront, especially when he meets the beautiful and exotic Socorro, a chemist recently transferred to the Mars Administration. Memories return to haunt him as he struggles to understand his place in this new world, one far removed from his humble Southern U.S. beginnings. A mysterious artifact found during an exploration propels Socorro and St. James into an uncertain future, one guaranteed to change their lives forever.

On a beautiful autumn day, James is out for a leisurely stroll in the city sunshine. In his wanderings, he spots a beautiful woman standing on the subway platform. When she boards the train, he can't help but be entranced by her grace and beauty, but they are separated when he gives up his seat to an elderly woman. He disembarks soon after, reluctantly leaving the woman behind.

Coming upon a small cafe, James sees the woman again, and the two instantly strike up a conversation. Her name is Lauren, and she is a professional model. They have an enjoyable lunch together, and Lauren agrees to have dinner with James soon. Ecstatic, James returns to his job as an ER doctor and can't stop thinking about her. The road to love is a rocky one. Lauren is already in a relationship and struggles with her feelings for James. When she breaks up with her boyfriend, James is overjoyed and falls head over heels in love with her. For

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a time, they bask in the newness of their relationship, but it's not long before Lauren's fear of commitment reappears. Can Lauren and James surpass the obstacles to love, or will their relationship succumb to doubt and fear?"

Kenneth Burke may be best known for his theories of dramatism and of language as symbolic action, but few know him as one of the twentieth century's foremost theorists of the relationship between language and bodies. In *Moving Bodies*, Debra Hawhee focuses on Burke's studies from the 1930s, 40s, and 50s while illustrating that his interest in reading the body as a central force of communication began early in his career. By exploring Burke's extensive writings on the subject alongside revealing considerations of his life and his scholarship, Hawhee maps his recurring invocation of a variety of disciplinary perspectives in order to theorize bodies and communication, working across and even beyond the arts, humanities, and sciences. Burke's sustained analysis of the body drew on approaches representing a range of specialties and interests, including music, mysticism, endocrinology, evolution, speech-gesture theory, and speech-act theory, as well as his personal experiences with pain and illness. Hawhee shows that Burke's goal was to advance understanding of the body's relationship to identity, to the creation of meaning, and to the circulation of language. Her study brings to the fore

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one of Burke's most important and understudied contributions to language theory, and she establishes Burke as a pioneer in a field where investigations into affect, movement, and sense perception broaden understanding of physical ways of knowing.

Home in British Working-Class Fiction offers a fresh take on British working-class writing that turns away from a masculinist, work-based understanding of class in favour of home, gender, domestic labour and the family kitchen. As Nicola Wilson shows, the history of the British working classes has often been written from the outside, with observers looking into the world of the inhabitants. Here Wilson engages with the long cultural history of this gaze and asks how 'home' is represented in the writing of authors who come from a working-class background. Her book explores the depiction of home as a key emotional and material site in working-class writing from the Edwardian period through to the early 1990s. Wilson presents new readings of classic texts, including *The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists*, *Love on the Dole* and *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning*, analyzing them alongside works by authors including James Hanley, Walter Brierley, Lewis Grassie Gibbon, Buchi Emecheta, Pat Barker, James Kelman and the rediscovered 'ex-mill girl novelist' Ethel Carnie Holdsworth. Wilson's broad understanding of

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working-class writing allows her to incorporate figures typically ignored in this context, as she demonstrates the importance of home's role in the making and expression of class feeling and identity. What does it mean to study English Literature? How can you navigate and get the most from your degree? The English Literature Companion is your comprehensive introduction to, and exploration of, the discipline of English and Literary Studies. It is your advisor on key decisions, and your one-stop reference source throughout the course. It combines:

- A wide-ranging introduction to the nature, breadth and key components of the study of English Literature
- Essays by experts in the field on key topics, periods and critical approaches
- A glossary of critical terms and a chronology of literary history
- Guidance about study skills, from using your time effectively to the practical mechanics of writing essays
- Extensive signposting to wider reading and further sources of information
- Advice on key decisions taken during a degree and on subsequent career direction and further study.

Giving you the foundation and resources you need for success in English Literature, this book is essential pre-course reading and will be an invaluable reference resource throughout your degree.

The Handbook systematically charts the trajectory of the English novel from its emergence as the foremost literary genre in the early twentieth century

