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*Her Husband* - Luigi Pirandello 2000

One of the twentieth century's greatest literary artists and winner of the Nobel prize in 1934, Luigi Pirandello wrote the novel *Her Husband* in 1911, before he produced any of the well-known plays with which his name is most often associated today. *Her Husband*--translated here for the first time into English--is a profoundly entertaining work, by turns funny, biting satirical, and tinged with anguish. As important as any of the other works in Pirandello's oeuvre, it portrays the complexities of male/female relations in the context of a newly emerging, small but vocal Italian feminist movement. Evoking in vivid detail the literary world in Rome at the turn of the century, *Her Husband* tells the story of Silvia Roncella, a talented young female writer, and her husband Giustino Boggiolo. The novel opens with their arrival in Rome after having left their provincial southern Italian hometown following the success of Silvia's first novel, the rather humorously titled *House of Dwarves*. As his wife's self-appointed (and self-important) promoter, protector, counselor, and manager, Giustino becomes the primary target of Pirandello's satire. But the couple's relationship--and their dual career--is also complicated by a lively supporting cast of characters, including literary bohemians with avant-garde pretensions and would-be aristocratic esthetes who are all too aware of the newly acquired power of journalists and the publishing establishment to make or break their careers. Having based many of the

characters--including Silvia and Giustino--on actual literary acquaintances of his, Pirandello reacted to the novel's controversial reception by not allowing it to be reprinted after the first printing sold out. Not until after his death were copies again made available in Italy. Readers will find *Her Husband* eerily evocative of the present in myriad ways--not the least of which is contemporary society's ongoing transformation wrought by the changing roles of men and women, wives and husbands.

**One, No One, and One Hundred Thousand** - Luigi Pirandello 2018  
When Vitangelo Moscarda's wife tells him his nose is tilted to one side, he becomes obsessed with the fact that each person sees him differently, and with trying to make other people see him only as the person he wants them to see.

*11 Novelle* - Luigi Pirandello 1994-05-06

Masterly stories include "Little Hut," "With Other Eyes," "A Voice," "Citrons from Sicily," "A Character's Tragedy," six more. Presented in the original Italian with English translations on the facing pages.

**Luigi Pirandello** - Gian-Paolo Biasin 1999-01-01

Essays discuss the texts of Luigi Pirandello, one of the literary giants of this century and present an up-to-date re-evaluations of Pirandello's works, including his poetry, novels, short stories, plays, essays, letters, and memoirs.

*Authorial Echoes* - Catherine O'Rawe 2017-12-02

"Luigi Pirandello is best known for his experimental plays, but his narrative production has not enjoyed the same degree of critical attention. O'Rawe's study represents the first major reassessment of this output, including the 'realist' novels, the historical novel *I vecchi e i giovani* (1909) and the autobiographical *Suo marito* (1911). The book identifies in Pirandello a practice of 'self-plagiarism' - constant rewriting and revision and obsessive re-use of material - and explores the relation of these overlooked modes of composition to the author's own theories of authorship and textuality. Drawing on a wide range of critical theory, O'Rawe repositions Pirandello as a major figure in the development of European narrative modernism."

**Stories for the Years** - Luigi Pirandello 2020-08-05

Regarded as one of Europe's great modernists, Pirandello was also a master storyteller, a fine observer of the drama of daily life with a remarkable sense of the crushing burdens of class, gender, and social conventions. Set in the author's birthplace of Sicily, where the arid terrain and isolated villages map the fragile interior world of his characters, and in Rome, where modern life threatens centuries-old traditions, these original stories are sun baked with the deep lore of Italian folktales. In "The Jar," a broken earthenware pot pits its owner, a quarrelsome landholder, against a clever inventor of a mysterious glue. "The Dearly Departed" tells the story of a young widow and her new husband on their honeymoon, haunted at every turn by the sly visage of the deceased. The scorned lover, the despondent widow, the intransigent bureaucrat, the wretched peasant—Pirandello's characters expose the human condition in all its fatalism, injustice, and raw beauty. For lovers of Calvino and Pasolini, these picturesque stories preserve a memory of an Italy long gone, but one whose recurring concerns still speak to us today.

*On Humor* - Luigi Pirandello 1960

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*A Study Guide for Luigi Pirandello's "A Day Goes By"* - Gale, Cengage Learning

*A Study Guide for Luigi Pirandello's "Six Characters in Search of an Author"* - Gale, Cengage Learning

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*Luigi Pirandello, Director* - A. Richard Sogliuzzo 1982

**Three Plays by Luigi Pirandello** - Luigi Pirandello 2014-03

This Is A New Release Of The Original 1922 Edition.

**Understanding Luigi Pirandello** - Fiora A. Bassanese 1997

This is an introduction to the life and literary contributions of a Nobel Prize winner and one of Italy's most distinguished writers, Luigi Pirandello. It evaluates the significance of his influence on 20th century literature.

*Tales of Madness* - Luigi Pirandello 1984

This book constitutes a unique selection from that monumental corpus, will introduce to the English reading public some of Pirandello's most moving novelle. In each of them one can sense the deep compassion the author must have felt for his characters, generally portrayed as disaffected victims of society, destiny, or their own self deceptions.

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*One, None and a Hundred Thousand* -

*Six Characters in Search of an Author* - Luigi Pirandello 1968

Arena Stage, Thomas Fichandler, executive director, Zelda Fichandler, producing director, Kenneth K. Kitch, associate executive director, Edwin Sherin, associate producing director, Arena Stage presents "Six Characters in Search of an Author," by Luigi Pirandello, translated by Paul Avila Mayer, directed by Zelda Fichandler, settings by John Conklin,

costumes by Marjorie Slaiman, lighting by William Eggleston, produced by special arrangement with the Pirandello estate.

*Six Characters in Search of an Author* - Luigi Pirandello 2021-06-21

*Six Characters in Search of an Author* (1921) is a metatheatrical drama by Luigi Pirandello. Viewed as an important work of absurdist literature, the play was a critical failure when it was first staged in Rome. Revised by its author and bolstered by successful performances in New York City, *Six Characters in Search of an Author* has been recognized as a pioneering examination of the nature of creativity, the relationship of the director and actors to the work of art, and the psychological stress associated with staging a theatrical production. While preparing to rehearse a new play by director Luigi Pirandello, a theatre company is interrupted with the arrival of six strangers on set. After a moment of frustration and confusion, the director is told that they are six unfinished characters whose story cannot be told without his intervention. The Father, Mother, Son, Stepdaughter, Boy, and Child refuse to leave, forcing the director to convince his actors to help them fulfill their wish. As the story begins to take shape, the characters exert more and more control over the set and the participation of the other actors, soon overtaking the director entirely. Strange and compelling, *Six Characters in Search of an Author* is a unique play which saw resistance from critics and theatergoers for one reason only: its methods forced them to question the nature of reality itself. With a beautifully designed cover and professionally typeset manuscript, this edition of Luigi Pirandello's *Six Characters in Search of an Author* is a classic work of Italian literature reimagined for modern readers.

**Characters and Authors in Luigi Pirandello** - Ann Caesar 1998

Luigi Pirandello is best known in the English-speaking world for his radical challenge to traditional Western theatre with plays such as *Six Characters in Search of an Author*. But theatre is just one manifestation of his experiments with language which led to a remarkable collection of novels, short stories, and essays as well as his work for a film industry then in its infancy. This study, which is based on the view that Pirandello's writings are most fruitfully discussed in a European context, takes as its starting-point the author's belief in the primacy of the literary character in

acreative process which is necessarily conflictual. The book argues that all Pirandello's characters are engaged in a continual performance which transcends the genre distinction between narrative and dramatic forms. In this performance it is the spoken word in which the characters invest most heavily as they struggle to sustain an identity of their own, tell their life-stories, and assert themselves before their most prominent antagonist, the author himself.

**Pamphlets on Luigi Pirandello** - Frederick May

Luigi Pirandello - Harold Bloom 2003

User's guide - Editor's notes and intro. - Comprehensive bio. - Detailed plot summaries of each play - Extracts from critical essays that examine important aspects of each work - A complete biography of the writer's plays - A list of critical works about the playwright - An index of themes and ideas covered in the plays

*Loveless Love* - Luigi Pirandello 2019-10-28

In *The Wave*, a young man falls dangerously in love with the tenant downstairs, who is engaged to be married; in *The Signorina*, a flirtatious young woman is caught between her feelings and her parents' desire for a good match; in *A Friend to the Wives*, the peerless Pia Tolosani leaves a trail of regret in the life of a former suitor. In this collection of stories Pirandello's first published work of fiction the master of Italian modernism dissects the passions that are either dimly felt or unrequited, ultimately raising doubts about the very nature and existence of love, while simultaneously foreshadowing the themes and the psychologically nuanced characters that he would go on to develop in his later works.

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**The Late Mattia Pascal** - Luigi Pirandello 2004-11-30

Mattia Pascal endures a life of drudgery in a provincial town. Then, providentially, he discovers that he has been declared dead. Realizing he

has a chance to start over, to do it right this time, he moves to a new city, adopts a new name, and a new course of life—only to find that this new existence is as insufferable as the old one. But when he returns to the world he left behind, it's too late: his job is gone, his wife has remarried. Mattia Pascal's fate is to live on as the ghost of the man he was. An explorer of identity and its mysteries, a connoisseur of black humor, Nobel Prize winner Luigi Pirandello is among the most teasing and profound of modern masters. The *Late Mattia Pascal*, here rendered into English by the outstanding translator William Weaver, offers an irresistible introduction to this great writer's work

Luigi Pirandello in the Theatre - Susan Bassnett 2014-03-18

First Published in 1993. *Contemporary Theatre Studies* is a book series of special interest to everyone involved in theatre. This collection of documents is the first attempt in English to bring together a body of material on Luigi Pirandello as multi-faceted man of the theatre. Because relatively few of his works have been easily available to English language readers, he is thought of most frequently as a playwright, the author of *Six Characters in Search of an Author* and *Henry IV* in particular, and his contribution to theatre, both in theory and in practice, has tended to be overlooked. Emphasising his role as a director, the book traces the rise and fall of his own theatre company, the Teatro d'Arte where he struggled to instil new practices and comments on Pirandello's attempts during the years of Fascism to give Italy a national theatre in a European context.

Luigi Pirandello, by Susan Bassnett-McGuire - Susan Bassnett 1983

**Six Characters in Search of an Author and Other Plays** - Luigi Pirandello 1996-02-01

A volume of plays from the founding architect of twentieth-century drama, including his most popular and controversial work *A Penguin Classic* Pirandello is brilliantly innovative in his forms and themes, and in the combined energy, imagination and visual colours of his theatre. This volume of plays, translated from the Italian by Mark Musa, opens with *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, in which six characters invade the stage and demand to be included in the play. The tragedy *Henry IV*

dramatizes the lucid madness of a man who may be King. In *So It Is (If You Think So)*, the townspeople exercise a morbid curiosity attempting to discover "the truth" about the Ponza family. Each of these plays can lay claim to being Pirandello's masterpiece, and in exploring the nature of human personality, each one stretches the resources of drama to their limits. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,800 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

**Stories for the Years** - Luigi Pirandello 2020-08-05

A masterful collection by a literary giant of the past century, rendered by one of our most esteemed Italian translators. Regarded as one of Europe's great modernists, Pirandello was also a master storyteller, a fine observer of the drama of daily life with a remarkable sense of the crushing burdens of class, gender, and social conventions. Set in the author's birthplace of Sicily, where the arid terrain and isolated villages map the fragile interior world of his characters, and in Rome, where modern life threatens centuries-old traditions, these original stories are sun baked with the deep lore of Italian folktales. In "The Jar," a broken earthenware pot pits its owner, a quarrelsome landholder, against a clever inventor of a mysterious glue. "The Dearly Departed" tells the story of a young widow and her new husband on their honeymoon, haunted at every turn by the sly visage of the deceased. The scorned lover, the despondent widow, the intransigent bureaucrat, the wretched peasant--Pirandello's characters expose the human condition in all its fatalism, injustice, and raw beauty. For lovers of Calvino and Pasolini, these picturesque stories preserve a memory of an Italy long gone, but one whose recurring concerns still speak to us today.

**The Mirror of Our Anguish** - Douglas Radcliff-Umstead 1978

Introduces to the English-reading public the seven novels and the most typical tales of that writer, whose literary fame still rests upon his

achievements as a dramatist.

**Short Stories** - Luigi Pirandello 1987

Moments of Selfhood - James V. Biundo 1990

Questions central to the drama of the Italian writer Luigi Pirandello (1867-1936) are the distinctions between Life and Form; what is the Self, if indeed there is one; what is Truth; and what is the artist's responsibility in revealing the Self. This book examines the processes by which Pirandello, dramatic innovator and Nobel Laureate, explored the relativity of truth and the stripping away of masks in three major plays. His characters experience these moments of -costruirsi- as they come face to face with their individual moments of Truth and either disintegrate or become fully realized."

**The Drama of Luigi Pirandello** - Domenico Vittorini 2018-03-19

Pirandello, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, is a little known to most English readers. Too few of his plays and stories have been translated. This book, therefore, serves the double purpose of introducing the Italian genius through a summary of all his dramatic work and interpreting his accomplishments from an artistic viewpoint. As a background for his criticism, the Domenico Vittorini shows first how Pirandello's compassionate pessimism and tragic mockery resulted from his own tortured existence and in what way his art is related to Italian literary tradition and contemporary thought. Proceeding chronologically, Pirandello's growth is traced from the elementary naturalism of his early writing, through his more reflective plays, to the crowning achievements of later years in which dramatic situations are approached from a highly intellectualized point of view.

**Luigi Pirandello, 1867 - 1936, 3rd Edition** - Walter Starkie 2022-09-23

This title is part of UC Press's Voices Revived program, which commemorates University of California Press's mission to seek out and cultivate the brightest minds and give them voice, reach, and impact. Drawing on a backlist dating to 1893, Voices Revived makes high-quality, peer-reviewed scholarship accessible once again using print-on-demand technology. This title was originally published in 1965.

*Luigi Pirandello, 1867-1936 [by] Walter Starkie - Walter Starkie 1967*

**The Georgics** - Claude Simon 1989

Events from the French Revolution through the twentieth century, including the Spanish Civil War and the defeat of France in 1940, are interwoven to present an ironic view of history and the folly and wastefulness of war.

Tales of Suicide - Luigi Pirandello 1988

Suicide, the act of killing oneself voluntarily and intentionally, is clearly one of the most important themes developed by Pirandello during his long

literary career. Although he never focused on self-destruction as an end in itself, he made ample use of it to dramatise his tragic view of the human condition. Indeed, this theme recurs with astonishing frequency in his short stories, play and novels. It even appears sporadically in his poetry.

Luigi Pirandello, 1867-1936 - Luigi Pirandello 1998

The second of a two-volume set containing English translations of Luigi Pirandello's original Sicilian plays, retaining the names of the original characters, their dialogue, other peculiarities of the Sicilian tongue, and the nature and flavour of their mores.