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*Reader's Guide to Literature in English* - Mark Hawkins-Dady  
2012-12-06

Reader's Guide Literature in English provides expert guidance to, and critical analysis of, the vast number of books available within the subject of English literature, from Anglo-Saxon times to the current American, British and Commonwealth scene. It is designed to help students, teachers and librarians choose the most appropriate books for research and study.

*Postmodern American Literature and Its Other* - W. Lawrence Hogue 2009

Redefining postmodern American literature to include the voices of women and nonwhite writers

*The Social Conscience of Latin American Writing* - Naomi Lindstrom 2010-01-01

Literature in Latin America has long been a vehicle for debates over the interpretation of social history, cultural identity, and artistic independence. Indeed, Latin American literature has gained international respect for its ability to present social criticism through works of imaginative creation. In this comprehensive, up-to-the-minute survey of research and opinion by leading Latin American cultural and literary critics, Naomi Lindstrom examines five concepts that are currently the focus of intense debate among Latin American writers and thinkers. Writing in simple, clear terms for both general and specialist readers of Latin American literature, she explores the concepts of autonomy and dependency, postmodernism, literary intellectuals and the mass media, testimonial literature, and gender issues, including gay and lesbian themes. Excerpts (in English) from relevant literary works illustrate each concept, while Lindstrom also traces its passage from the social sciences to literature.

*Native American Literature* - Helen May Dennis 2006-11-22

Considering Native American literature within a modernist framework, and comparing it with writers such as Woolf, Stein, T.S Eliot and Proust results in a valuable and enriching context for the selected texts.

**Writing the Subject** - Gunilla Theander Kester 1995

Explores the difference between the African American and the European Bildungsroman. Focus is on issues of subjectivity, gender, and history in maturation stories by Ralph Ellison, Toni Morrison, Gayl Jones, Charles Johnson, and Shelly Anne Williams. A comparative discussion of the Africa-American tradition of self-representation, the European tradition of the Bildungsroman, and postmodernist notions of subjectivity elucidates fundamental traits of the African American narrative of Bildung. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

**Coyote Kills John Wayne** - Carlton Smith 2000

Exploring the cultural and literary borderlands between Native American, postcolonial, and postmodern theories of cultural representation, Carlton Smith explicates Frederick Jackson Turner's famous frontier thesis in terms of the repressed Other. Through readings of six important contemporary works by innovative writers, Smith provides rich insight into "minority" versions of the frontier.

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**Comparative Literature: Sharing Knowledges for Preserving Cultural Diversity - Volume I** - Lisa Block de Behar, Paola Mildonian, Jean-Michel Djian, Djelal Kadir, Alfons Knauth, Dolores Romero Lopez and Marcio Seligmann Silva 2009-10-29

Comparative Literature: Sharing Knowledges for Preserving

Cultural Diversity theme is a component of Encyclopedia of Social Sciences and Humanities in the global Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS), which is an integrated compendium of twenty one Encyclopedias. The Theme on Comparative Literature: Sharing Knowledge's for Preserving Cultural Diversity provides six different topics: 1. Language, literature and human sustainability; 2. Relationships among literature and other artistic activities and discourses ; 3. Comparative literature and other fields of knowledge; 4. Comparative literature, criticism and media ; 5. Comparative literature in the age of global change; 6. Translatio studii and cross-cultural movements or Weltverkehr. These three volumes are aimed at a wide spectrum of audiences: University and College Students, Educators and Research Personnel.

*The Cambridge Companion to Postmodern American Fiction* - Paula Geyh 2017-04-24

Few previous periods in the history of American literature could rival the richness of the postmodern era - the diversity of its authors, the complexity of its ideas and visions, and the multiplicity of its subjects and forms. This volume offers an authoritative, comprehensive, and accessible guide to the American fiction of this remarkable period. It traces the development of postmodern American fiction over the past half-century and explores its key aesthetic, cultural, and political contexts. It examines its principal styles and genres, from the early experiments with metafiction to the most recent developments, such as the graphic novel and digital fiction, and offers concise, compelling readings of many of its major works. An indispensable resource for students, scholars, and the general reader, the Companion both highlights the extraordinary achievements of postmodern American fiction and provides illuminating critical frameworks for understanding it.

*Everybody's America* - David Witzling 2008

Emphasizing the relationship between Pynchon's formal experimentation and his interest in American and international race relations, this book argues that an ambivalent reaction to the emergence of identity politics and multiculturalism is central to Pynchon's work and, more generally, to the advent of postmodernism in United States culture.

*Postmodernism's Role in Latin American Literature* - H. Weldt-Basson 2010-06-21

Augusto Roa Bastos (1917-2005), winner of the prestigious Cervantes prize, is one of the most important Latin American writers of the twentieth century. This commemorative collection consists of articles by nine scholars reflecting upon the postmodern nature of the Paraguayan author's literary production and his place in world literature. The volume includes articles on the author's screenplays, his masterpiece, the dictator novel *The Supreme*, his short stories, feminist approaches to Roa Bastos's novels, reflections on the writer's Guaraní poetry, and a study of the complex, intertextual relationships between his novel *El fiscal* and his other texts.

*American Indian Culture and Research Journal* - 2008

**Dreams of Fiery Stars** - Catherine Rainwater 2010-08-03

Selected by Choice magazine as an Outstanding Academic Book for 1999 Since the 1968 publication of N. Scott Momaday's *House Made of Dawn*, a new generation of Native American storytellers has chosen writing over oral traditions. While their works have found an audience by observing many of the conventions of the mainstream novel, Native American written narrative has emerged as something distinct from the postmodern novel with which it is

often compared. In *Dreams of Fiery Stars*, Catherine Rainwater examines the novels of writers such as Momaday, Linda Hogan, Leslie Marmon Silko, Gerald Vizenor, and Louise Erdrich and contends that the very act of writing narrative imposes constraints upon these authors that are foreign to Native American tradition. Their works amount to a break with—and a transformation of—American Indian storytelling. The book focuses on the agenda of social and cultural regeneration encoded in contemporary Native American narrative, and addresses key questions about how these works achieve their overtly stated political and revisionary aims. Rainwater explores the ways in which the writers "create" readers who understand the connection between storytelling and personal and social transformation; considers how contemporary Native American narrative rewrites Western notions of space and time; examines the existence of intertextual connections between Native American works; and looks at the vital role of Native American literature in mainstream society today.

**The Postmodern Fuentes** - Chalene Helmuth 1997

"This book addresses issues of identity, textual composition, discourse, and history in the later novels of Carlos Fuentes." "Readers familiar with other postmodern narratives will find a guide to reading Fuentes, a recognized innovator of Spanish American fiction. To readers familiar with the novels of the Boom and its considerable scholarship, this study provides a key to understanding Fuentes's interest in questions of an epistemological and ontological nature. This process draws on the various interpretive strategies of postmodernity, resulting in an analysis that contributes both to the body of criticism on Carlos Fuentes, and to the development of an accurate conceptualization of postmodern writing in Spanish America."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Reading North by South - Neil Larsen 1995

"Seminal work deals with the import and political consequences of the most influential approaches to the study of Latin American literature in the US. Chief virtue resides in scholarly method: a deep investigation of the theoretical foundations of major c *Black Metafiction* - Madelyn Jablon 1997

*Black Metafiction* examines the tradition of self-consciousness in African American literature. It points to the short-comings of theories of metafiction founded on studies of Anglo-American literature. While some literary critics situate metafiction within the domain of postmodernism, others regard it to be as old as storytelling itself. Scholars of African American literature acknowledge it to be a distinguishing feature. Critics such as Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Houston A. Baker, Jr., perceive it as fundamental to the aesthetics of the black vernacular. *Black Metafiction* analyzes and evaluates these theories, comparing work by scholars of comparative, Anglo-American, and African American literature. Jablon's study leads to her revision of established theories and provides a model for the evaluation and reformulation of other Eurocentric theories. Jablon begins with a historical overview of theories of metafiction by scholars who specialize in African American literature and Anglo-American literature. She situates metafiction within African American literary history, tracing it from slave narratives to a discussion of ten contemporary novels, including Alice Walker's *The Temple of My Familiar*, Leon Forrest's *Divine Days*, Walter Mosley's *Black Betty*, Charles Johnson's *Middle Passage*, Rita Dove's *Through the Ivory Gate*, Arthur Flowers' *Another Good Loving Blues*, Ernest Gaines' *A Lesson Before Dying*, Toni Morrison's *Tar Baby*, Octavia Butler's *Parable of the Sower*, and Charlotte Watson Sherman's *One Dark Body*. Among the topics Jablon addresses are the Kunstlerroman and the blues hero; the thematization of art; voice, metanarrative, and the oral tradition; and genres of metafiction.

Contemporary American Literature (1945-present) - Karen Meyers 2010

Focusing on a variety of topics, from the violence of war and the struggle for civil rights to the social impact of technology and the moral significance of money, this colorfully illustrated guide to American literature from the postwar period to the present day has been expanded and fully updated. A new section titled "Into the Future" contains a discussion of the best young writers of recent years. A concise, engaging guide to American

contemporary literature, this volume provides information on 21st-century writers; the 1950s, '60s, and beyond; contemporary American poetry; and the postmodern movement. Topics include: Post-World War II and Vietnam War literature New Journalism Beat literature and existentialism The rise of ethnic and minority literature The civil rights movement Postmodernism Confessional poetry and poetry of witness Millennial voices in fiction And more. Writers covered include: Raymond Carver Sandra Cisneros Ralph Ellison Robert Frost Norman Mailer N. Scott Momaday Toni Morrison Sylvia Plath Thomas Pynchon Adrienne Rich J.D. Salinger Kurt Vonnegut Tom Wolfe And many others.

**Unsettling the Literary West** - Nathaniel Lewis 2003-01-01

The test of western literature has invariably been Is it real? Is it accurate? Authentic? The result is a standard anything but literary, as Nathaniel Lewis observes in this ambitious work, a wholesale rethinking of the critical terms and contexts?and thus of the very nature?of western writing. ø Why is western writing virtually missing from the American literary canon but a frequent success in the marketplace? The skewed status of western literature, Lewis contends, can be directly attributed to the strategies of the region?s writers, and these strategies depend consistently on the claim of authenticity. A perusal of western American authorship reveals how these writers effectively present themselves as accurate and reliable recorders of real places, histories, and cultures?but not as stylists or inventors. The imaginative qualities of this literature are thus obscured in the name of authentic reproduction. Through a study of a set of western authors and their relationships to literary and cultural history, Lewis offers a reconsideration of the deceptive and often undervalued history of western American literature. ø With unequivocal admiration for the literature under scrutiny, Lewis exposes the potential for startling new readings once western writing is freed from its insistence on a questionable authenticity. His book sets out a broader system of inquiry that points writers and critics of western literature in the direction of a new and truly sustaining literary tradition.

Some Other Frequency - Larry McCaffery 1996

McCaffery converses with the young, recklessly daring, and furiously productive William Vollmann and with Marianne Hauser, who published her first novel nearly sixty years ago ... with Native American trickster novelist Gerald Vizenor and "guerrilla writer" Harold Jaffe (whose literary technique is to "plant a bomb, sneak away") ... with stark minimalist Lydia Davis and text-and-collage artist Derek Pell ... with muscular pop icon Mark Leyner and proto-punk diva Kathy Acker. They are a diverse lot, shaped by very different literary and personal influences, and addressing divergent readerships.

**Postmodernism and a Sociology of the Absurd and Other Essays on the "nouvelle Vague" in American Social Science** - Stanford M. Lyman 1997

In the fifth volume in the *Studies in American Sociology Series*, Stanford M. Lyman offers commentaries on and critiques of postmodernism, poststructuralism, and deconstruction, posing questions concerning theoretical and epistemological problems arising from what appears to be a "nouvelle vague." Postmodernism, poststructuralism, and deconstructionism are interrelated aspects of the newest theoretical development in sociology and the social sciences. This new wave of thought challenges virtually all paradigms currently in use. In this, his fifth volume in the *Studies in American Sociology Series*, Stanford M. Lyman offers commentaries on and critiques of this new perspective, posing questions concerning theoretical and epistemological problems arising from what appears to be a nouvelle vague. Among the basic themes and issues explored are the allegation that modernity has defaulted on the promise of the Enlightenment; the question of whether the rational basis for knowledge and action is still valid; the controversy over the place of metanarratives and macrosociological outlooks; and newer concerns over race, gender, sexual preferences, the self, and the "Other." Professor Lyman provides empirically based and historically specific analyses of the relation of the race question to the problem of otherness and to the legal construction of racial identity in American court proceedings. Focusing on the issues of citizenship affecting European, Middle Eastern, and Asian immigrants; African Americans; and the special cases of the Chinese and Native Americans, he relates major public problems

to the modern as well as the postmodern perspectives on justice. The debate over assimilation and multiculturalism, the dynamics of gender-specific emotions as expressed in six decades of Hollywood films, and the postmodern approach to deviance are each examined. He also offers proposals for a social science attuned to, but critical of, postmodernism and poststructuralism. Such a sociology might offer a perspective that treats the drama of social relations in the routine as well as the remarkable aspects of everyday life. Professor Lyman provides not only a new understanding of postmodernism but also a program of how to proceed with respect to its challenges.

Cutting the Darkness - Thomas Alan Mackenzie 2010

"Looking to interject hope into postmodern literature that often produces little more than a "crisis of belief" and empty rhetoric, Ihab Hassan expressed despair when he wrote, "I do not know how to make our [postmodern] desert a little greener...except to remythify the imagination" (184). Though he never acknowledged it, by relying of a mythopoetic vision, Native American fiction provides new life to the desert of Native American narrative and its communities. "Cutting the Darkness: Re-Envisioning Postmodern American Fiction Through A Native American Worldview Lens," seeks to remythify contemporary American fiction through the filter of a contextualized Native American worldview. Investing in indigenous concepts of mythology and storytelling, Native American emphasis on community and context, and the proactive experience of cultures that have learned to survive amidst the veil of genocide, this dissertation develops a new approach for reading contemporary fiction. The proposed Realist Mythopoetic Vision invigorates narrative with an alternative lens that provides the novel greater context, meaning, and structure. It provides a new lens for asking questions of the author, the text, and the audience. A Realist Mythopoetic Vision makes Hassan's desert greener in three primary ways. First, it provides an alternative reading of the text through the stance of survivance. Enactment of a mythopoetic vision entrusts people with moral agency to proactively create a better world. Secondly, it revives the author--long declared dead by postmodernism--as instrumental to the establishment of shared meaning and the development of community. Finally, a mythopoetic vision enables a hopeful narrative to walk on what Native Americans call *cankú lúta* , or the "good road," even when life seems unbearable. Its hopeful future, based in the recursive nature of mythic experience, enables individuals to find purpose and meaning in communities that proactively serve both creation and culture. "Cutting the Darkness" produces insightful new renderings of three novels: *The Surrounded* by D'Arcy McNickle, Ana Castillo's *So Far From God* , and *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy. This analysis is followed by implications of the approach and a means for stabilizing, if not "greening," the postmodern landscape."--P.vii-viii.

*From Puritanism to Postmodernism* - Richard Ruland 1991

A map of American literature that puts every writer in historical place from a contemporary perspective.

**Where "Indians" Fear to Tread?** - Fabienne C. Quennet 2001

The two fields of contemporary Native American literature and culture exist in the tension between two literary traditions: the Native oral and literary tradition and the modern Western mainstream literary influence. In her North Dakota quartet *Love Medicine* (1984), *The Beet Queen* (1986), *Tracks* (1988), *The Bingo Palace* (1994), Native American mixedblood author, Louise Erdrich (b. 1954) exemplifies where and how these traditions meet and interact. A postmodern reading of the quartet shows that Native American authors and literary critics alike need not be afraid to tread into postmodernism, since an interpretation from this perspective opens up the possibility of freeing Native American literature from the limiting label of "ethnic or minority literature" and of establishing it as a vital part of American literature. This postmodern interpretation of Louise Erdrich's quartet offers a discussion of the theoretical issues involved in the context of ethnic writing and its relation to postmodernism, as well as an analysis of her intricate narrative strategies, in particular, her use of multiple perspectives and of intertextual techniques. The main part of the interpretation consists of a reading of postmodern concepts such as magical realism, carnivalesque humor, the relationship between reader and text, gender roles and sexual identities, history and textuality, the trickster figure, and games

and chance as can be found in Louise Erdrich's North Dakota quartet.

**The Encyclopedia of Twentieth-Century Fiction, 3 Volume Set** - Brian W. Shaffer 2011-01-18

This Encyclopedia offers an indispensable reference guide to twentieth-century fiction in the English-language. With nearly 500 contributors and over one million words, it is the most comprehensive and authoritative reference guide to twentieth-century fiction in the English language. Contains over 500 entries of 1000-3000 words written in lucid, jargon-free prose, by an international cast of leading scholars Arranged in three volumes covering British and Irish Fiction, American Fiction, and World Fiction, with each volume edited by a leading scholar in the field Entries cover major writers (such as Saul Bellow, Raymond Chandler, John Steinbeck, Virginia Woolf, A.S. Byatt, Samuel Beckett, D.H. Lawrence, Zadie Smith, Salman Rushdie, V.S. Naipaul, Nadine Gordimer, Alice Munro, Chinua Achebe, J.M. Coetzee, and Ngûgî Wa Thiong'o) and their key works Examines the genres and sub-genres of fiction in English across the twentieth century (including crime fiction, Sci-Fi, chick lit, the noir novel, and the avant-garde novel) as well as the major movements, debates, and rubrics within the field, such as censorship, globalization, modernist fiction, fiction and the film industry, and the fiction of migration, diaspora, and exile

**Postmodern Cartographies** - Brian Jarvis 1998

'Does a fine job of reading the theories of the space to be found in Jean Baudrillard and others against a selection of novels and films. ... The fertility of the insights being produced shows how valuable the findings of a new literary geography could be.' John Kerrigan, Times Literary Supplement

**Adaptation Theory and Criticism** - Gordon E. Slethaug 2014-06-19

Traditional critics of film adaptation generally assumed a) that the written text is better than the film adaptation because the plot is more intricate and the language richer when pictorial images do not intrude; b) that films are better when particularly faithful to the original; c) that authors do not make good script writers and should not sully their imagination by writing film scripts; d) and often that American films lack the complexity of authored texts because they are sourced out of Hollywood. The 'faithfulness' view has by and large disappeared, and intertextuality is now a generally received notion, but the field still lacks studies with a postmodern methodology and lens. Exploring Hollywood feature films as well as small studio productions, *Adaptation Theory and Criticism* explores the intertextuality of a dozen films through a series of case studies introduced through discussions of postmodern methodology and practice. Providing the reader with informative background on theories of film adaptation as well as carefully articulated postmodern methodology and issues, Gordon Slethaug includes several case studies of major Hollywood productions and small studio films, some of which have been discussed before (*Age of Innocence*, *Gangs of New York*, and *Do the Right Thing*) and some that have received lesser consideration (*Six Degrees of Separation*, *Smoke*, *Smoke Signals*, *Broken Flowers*, and various *Snow White* narratives including *Enchanted*, *Mirror Mirror*, and *Snow White and the Huntsman*). Useful for both film and literary studies students, *Adaptation Theory and Criticism* cogently combines the existing scholarship and uses previous theories to engage readers to think about the current state of American literature and film.

*That Dream Shall Have a Name* - David L. Moore 2020-04-01

The founding idea of "America" has been based largely on the expected sweeping away of Native Americans to make room for EuroAmericans and their cultures. In this authoritative study, David L. Moore examines the works of five well-known Native American writers and their efforts, beginning in the colonial period, to redefine an "America" and "American identity" that includes Native Americans. *That Dream Shall Have a Name* focuses on the writing of Pequot Methodist minister William Apess in the 1830s; on Northern Paiute activist Sarah Winnemucca in the 1880s; on Salish/Métis novelist, historian, and activist D'Arcy McNickle in the 1930s; and on Laguna poet and novelist Leslie Marmon Silko and on Spokane poet, novelist, humorist, and filmmaker Sherman Alexie, both in the latter twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. Moore studies these five writers' stories about the conflicted topics

of sovereignty, community, identity, and authenticity--always tinged with irony and often with humor. He shows how Native Americans have tried from the beginning to shape an American narrative closer to its own ideals, one that does not include the death and destruction of their peoples. This compelling work offers keen insights into the relationships between Native and American identity and politics in a way that is both accessible to newcomers and compelling to those already familiar with these fields of study.

**Ideology and Aesthetics in American Literature and Arts** - Jaroslav Kušnír 2012-01-31

This book includes contributions by African, East and West European, Asian and North American scholars which deal with and compare ideological and non-ideological approaches to the analysis of literary, artistic as well as popular works (popular music) mostly by American authors. Most of the essays deal with a way various aspects of American identity are depicted, represented, treated, ideologized and aestheticized in different literary genres, forms of art and media. The contributions offer multidisciplinary, cross-cultural and comparative perspectives and represent a diversity of scholarly voices ranging from the general discussion on the relationship between ideology and art (Anton Pokrivčák), ideology and multiculturalism (Cristina Garrigós). They also give the analysis of poetry (Pokrivčák, Obododima Oha), postmodern fiction (Pi-Hua Ni, Cristina Garrigós), drama (Zoe Detsi-Diamanti, Csaba Csapó) as well as the comparative analysis of the depiction of the identity of North American Indians in such different media as literature and film (Michal Peprník). In addition to this, the book includes the analysis of Black rap music (Wojciech Kallas).

**Postmodern Literature and Race** - Len Platt 2015-02-19

Postmodernism and Race explores the question of how dramatic shifts in conceptions of race in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries have been addressed by writers at the cutting edge of equally dramatic transformations of literary form. An opening section engages with the broad question of how the geographical and political positioning of experimental writing informs its contribution to racial discourses, while later segments focus on central critical domains within this field: race and performativity, race and the contemporary nation, and postracial futures. With essays on a wide range of contemporary writers, including Bernadine Evaristo, Alasdair Gray, Jhumpa Lahiri, Andrea Levy, and Don DeLillo, this volume makes an important contribution to our understanding of the politics and aesthetics of contemporary writing.

*Politics and Aesthetics in Contemporary Native American Literature* - Matthew Herman 2010-02-01

Over the last twenty years, Native American literary studies has taken a sharp political turn. In this book, Matthew Herman provides the historical framework for this shift and examines the key moments in the movement away from cultural analyses toward more politically inflected and motivated perspectives. He highlights such notable cases as the prevailing readings of the popular within Native American writing; the Silko-Erdrich controversy; the ongoing debate over the comparative value of nationalism versus cosmopolitanism within Native American literature and politics; and the status of native nationalism in relation to recent critiques of the nation coming from postmodernism, postcolonialism, and subaltern studies. Herman concludes that the central problematic defining the last two decades of Native American literary studies has involved the emergence in theory of anti-colonial nationalism, its variants, and its contradictions. This study will be a necessary addition for students and scholars of Native American Studies as well as 20th-century literature.

**The Anthropological Imagination in Latin American Literature** - Amy Fass Emery 1996

Emery develops the concept of an "anthropological imagination" - that is, the conjunction of anthropology and fiction in twentieth-century Latin American literature. Emery also gives consideration to documentary and testimonial writings.

**Melting Pots & Mosaics: Children of Immigrants in US-American Literature** - Rüdiger Heinze 2017-12-31

In the past decades, children of immigrants have drawn increased attention not only in press and media, but also in a number of academic fields, among them sociology, history, or ethnology.

Surprisingly, literary and cultural studies have been somewhat more reluctant to approach the topic. While there is work on individual authors or, at the very most, particular ethnic groups, comparative approaches are rare. This monograph aims to amend this. It provides an extensive discussion of US-American literature about children of immigrants, comparing different authors, different ethnic groups and different literary and historical contexts.

Other Destinies - Louis Owens 1992

This first book-length critical analysis of the full range of novels written between 1854 and today by American Indian authors takes as its theme the search for self-discovery and cultural recovery. In his introduction, Louis Owens places the novels in context by considering their relationships to traditional American Indian oral literature as well as their differences from mainstream Euroamerican literature. In the following chapters he looks at the novels of John Rollin Ridge, Mourning Dove, John Joseph Mathews, D'Arcy McNickle, N. Scott Momaday, James Welch, Leslie Marmon Silko, Louise Erdrich, Michael Dorris, and Gerald Vizenor. These authors are mixedbloods who, in their writing, try to come to terms with the marginalization both of mixed-bloods and fullbloods and of their cultures in American society. Their novels are complex and sophisticated narratives of cultural survival - and survival guides for fullbloods and mixedbloods in modern America. Rejecting the stereotypes and clichés long attached to the word Indian, they appropriate and adapt the colonizers language, English, to describe the Indian experience. These novels embody the American Indian point of view; the non-Indian is required to assume the role of "other". In his analysis Owens draws on a broad range of literary theory: myth and folklore, structuralism, modernism, poststructuralism, and, particularly, postmodernism. At the same time he argues that although recent American Indian fiction incorporates a number of significant elements often identified with postmodern writing, it contradicts the primary impulse of postmodernism. That is, instead of celebrating fragmentation, ephemerality, and chaos, these authors insist upon a cultural center that is intact and recoverable, upon immutable values and ecological truths. *Other Destinies* provides a new critical approach to novels by American Indians. It also offers a comprehensive introduction to the novels, helping teachers bring this important fiction to the classroom.

**The Bloomsbury Introduction to Postmodern Realist Fiction** - T.V. Reed 2021-03-25

Postmodern realist fiction uses realism-disrupting literary techniques to make interventions into the real social conditions of our time. It seeks to capture the complex, fragmented nature of contemporary experience while addressing crucial issues like income inequality, immigration, the climate crisis, terrorism, ever-changing technologies, shifting racial, sex and gender roles, and the rise of new forms of authoritarianism. A lucid, comprehensive introduction to the genre as well as to a wide variety of voices, this book discusses more than forty writers from a diverse range of backgrounds, and over several decades, with special attention to 21st-century novels. Writers covered include: Kathy Acker, Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche, Julia Alvarez, Sherman Alexie, Gloria Anzaldua, Margaret Atwood, Toni Cade Bambara, A.S. Byatt, Octavia Butler, Angela Carter, Ana Castillo, Don DeLillo, Junot Diaz, Jennifer Egan, Awaeki Emezi, Mohsin Hamid, Jessica Hagedorn, Maxine Hong Kingston, Ursula K. Le Guin, Daisy Johnson, Bharati Mukherjee, Toni Morrison, Vladimir Nabokov, Tommy Orange, Ruth Ozeki, Ishmael Reed, Eden Robinson, Salman Rushdie, Jean Rhys, Leslie Marmon Silko, Art Spiegelman, Kurt Vonnegut, and Jeannette Winterson, among others.

Enemies Within - Jacqueline Foertsch 2001

She considers the "false binaries" (straight/gay, patriot/traitor, healthy/infected) that promise protection from an invasive threat and the utopian impulse to purge, homogenize, and relocate problematic individuals outside the city walls."--BOOK JACKET.

Literary Research and American Postmodernism - Emily Witsell 2016-07-18

This book is a guide to scholarly research in the field of American postmodern literature, defined as the period between 1950 and 1990 and provide advanced undergraduate students, graduate students, and scholars of literature with a comprehensive view of the print and online resources available in literature and related

subject areas

**The Turn to the Native** - Arnold Krupat 1998-01-01

The Turn to the Native is a timely account of Native American literature and the critical writings that have grown up around it. Arnold Krupat considers racial and cultural "essentialism," the ambiguous position of non-Native critics in the field, cultural "sovereignty" and "property," and the place of Native American culture in a so-called multicultural era. Chapters follow on the relationship of Native American culture to postcolonial writing and postmodernism. Krupat comments on the recent work of numerous Native writers. The final chapter, "A Nice Jewish Boy among the Indians," presents the author's effort to balance his Jewish and working-class heritage, his adherence to Western "critical" ideals, and his ongoing loyalty to the values of Native cultures.

Enduring Critical Poses - Gordon Henry Jr. 2021-02-01

A celebration of Anishinaabe intellectual tradition. *Enduring Critical Poses* examines the stories, poems, plays, and histories centered in the Great Lakes region of North America, where the Anishinaabeg live in a space Basil Johnston referred to as "Maazikamikwe," a maternal earth. The Anishinaabeg are a confederacy of many communities, including the Odawa, Saulteaux, Ojibwe, Potawatomi, Oji-Cree, and Algonquin peoples, who share cultural practices and related languages. Bringing together senior scholars and new voices on the Anishinaabe intellectual landscape, this volume specifically explores Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi culture, language, and literary heritage. Through a tribal-centric framework, the contributors connect various branches of Native American literary studies and celebrate Anishinaabe narrative diversity to offer a single, overarching story

of Anishinaabe survival and endurance. Gordon Henry Jr. is an enrolled member of the White Earth Anishinaabe Nation in Minnesota and Professor of American Indian Literature, Creative Writing, and American Indian Studies at Michigan State University. His books include *Afterlives of Indigenous Archives: Essays in Honor of the Occom Circle* (coedited with Ivy Schweitzer) and *The Light People*. Margaret Noodin is Professor of English and American Indian Studies and Director of the Electa Quinney Institute for American Indian Education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Her books include *Bawaajimo: A Dialect of Dreams in Anishinaabe Language and Literature*. David Stirrup is Professor of American Literature and Indigenous Studies at the University of Kent, United Kingdom. His books include *Picturing Worlds: Visuality and Visual Sovereignty in Contemporary Anishinaabe Literature*.

*Black Chant* - Aldon Lynn Nielsen 1997-01-13

A study of postmodernism and African-American poets.

*Hicks, Tribes, and Dirty Realists* - Robert Rebein 2021-10-21

Robert Rebein argues that much literary fiction of the 1980s and 90s represents a triumphant, if tortured, return to questions about place and the individual that inspired the works of Hawthorne, Melville, Twain, Faulkner, and other giants of American literature. Concentrating on the realist bent and regional orientation in contemporary fiction, he discusses in detail the various names by which this fiction has been described, including literary postmodernism, minimalism, Hick Chic, Dirty Realism, ecofeminism, and more. Rebein's clearly written, nuanced interpretations of works by Raymond Carver, Cormac McCarthy, Don DeLillo, Louise Erdrich, Dorothy Allison, Barbara Kingsolver, E. Annie Proulx, Chris Offut, and others, will appeal to a wide range of readers.