

Gustave Flaubert Bouvard Et Pecuchet Lelibertaire

Jacques Barzun's masterful translation proves that Flaubert's Dictionary of Accepted Ideas--an acid catalogue of the clichés of 19th-century France--is as relevant today as ever.

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Scarlett Baron explores the works of two of the most admired and mythologized masters of nineteenth- and twentieth-century prose: Gustave Flaubert (1822-1880) and James Joyce (1882-1941). She uncovers the lifelong fascination that Joyce harboured for Flaubert and investigates how this heightened interest inflected his own creative practice.

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Sentimental Education

Bouvard and Pécuchet ILLUSTRATED

A Novel of Bourgeois Life

'For certain men the stronger their desire, the less likely they are to act.' With his first glimpse of Madame Arnoux, Frédéric Moreau is convinced he has found his romantic destiny, but when he pursues her to Paris the young student is unable to translate his passion into decisive action. He also finds himself distracted by the equally romantic appeal of political action in the turbulent years leading up to the revolution of 1848, and by the attractions of three other women, each of whom seeks to make him her own: a haughty society lady, a capricious courtesan, and an artless country girl. Flaubert offers a vivid and unsparing portrait of the young men of his generation, struggling to salvage something of their ideals in a city where corruption, consumerism, and a pervasive sense of disenchantment undermine all but the most compromised erotic, aesthetic, and social initiatives. *Sentimental Education* combines thoroughgoing irony with an impartial but unexpectedly intense sympathy in a novel whose realism competes with that of Balzac and whose innovations in narrative plot and perspective mark a turning-point in the development of literary modernism. ABOUT THE SERIES: For over 100 years Oxford World's Classics has made available the widest range of literature from around the globe. Each affordable volume reflects Oxford's commitment to scholarship, providing the most accurate text plus a wealth of other valuable features, including expert introductions by leading authorities, helpful notes to clarify the text, up-to-date bibliographies for further study, and much more.

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THE CANDIDATE

A Tragi-Comic Novel of Bourgeois Life

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eager preparations to construct a two-seated desk on which to write.

The ten essays of this comparative study examine the strange kinship of the francophone writers Gustave Flaubert, Samuel Beckett and Marie NDiaye, all of whom are linked, it is argued, by their common preoccupation with aesthetic, emotional and political failure.

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For a New Critique of Political Economy

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A powerful nineteenth-century French classic depicting the moral degeneration of a weak-willed woman

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A Satirical Novel (From the prolific French author of Madame Bovary, Three Tales, November and A Simple Heart)

A young genius reflects upon his life of philosophy, and then his gradual descent into insanity as he obsesses over a beautiful woman he watches carefully by the ocean.

Gustave Flaubert, whose Madame Bovary outraged France's right-thinking bourgeoisie when it was first published in 1857, is brought to life in Frederick Brown's new biography in all his singularity and brilliance. Frederick Brown's portrayal is of an artist fraught with contradictions - his wit and bravado coexisting with great vulnerability. A sedentary man by nature, Flaubert undertook epic voyages through Egypt and the Middle East. He could be flamboyantly uncouth, but was fanatically devoted to a beautifully cadenced prose. While energized by his camaraderie with male friends, such as Turgenev, the Goncourt brothers, Zola and Maupassant, he depended for emotional nurturing upon maternal women, most notably George Sand. Nineteenth-century France literally put Flaubert on trial for portraying 'lewd behaviour' in Madame Bovary. But it also made him a celebrity and, indirectly, brought about his financial ruin, probably hastening his sudden death at the age of fifty-nine. Although writing was something like torture for him, it preoccupied his mind and dominated his life. He privately dreamed of popular success, which he achieved with Madame Bovary, but adamantly refused to sacrifice to it his ideal of artistic integrity. Of Flaubert's life, his inner world, his times and his legacy, Frederick Brown's magisterial biography is a revelation. It was shortlisted for the Whitbread Prize for biography and was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award.

BOOKER PRIZE NOMINEE • The literary detective story of a retired doctor who is obsessed with the 19th century French author Flaubert—and with tracking down a stuffed parrot that once inspired him • From the internationally bestselling author of The Sense of an Ending Julian Barnes playfully combines a detective story with a character study of its detective, embedded in a brilliant riff on literary genius. A compelling weave of fiction and imaginatively ordered fact, Flaubert's Parrot is by turns moving and entertaining, witty and scholarly, and a tour de force of seductive originality.

En 1872, dans une lettre à son amie Mme Roger des Genettes, Flaubert ne cachait pas ses intentions de nuire : " Je médite une chose où j'exhalerai ma colère. Oui, je me débarrasserai enfin de ce qui m'étouffe. Je vomirai sur mes contemporains le dégoût qu'ils m'inspirent, dussé-je m'en casser la poitrine ; ce sera large et violent. " Ce fut le roman des deux bonshommes : deux greffiers s'installent à la campagne pour se consacrer au savoir dont ils explorent tous les domaines. Puis le dégoût les saisit et ils reviennent à leur occupation première : copier. Interrompu par la mort de Flaubert en 1880, Bouvard et Pécuchet est le livre de toutes les vengeances, croisade encyclopédique contre la bêtise universelle, fable philosophique à la fois comique et " d'un sérieux effrayant ", la plus radicale peut-être et la plus impitoyable de toutes ses œuvres. Mais le roman contient un secret : la formule d'une métamorphose qui convertit la bêtise en lucidité et l'assujettissement en libération.

The Aesthetics, Emotions and Politics of Failure

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Modernist Curiosities
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The catastrophic economic, social and political crisis of our time calls for a new and original critique of political economy - a rethinking of Marx's project in the very different conditions of twenty-first century capitalism. Stiegler argues that today the proletariat must be reconceptualized as the economic agent whose knowledge and memory are confiscated by machines. This new sense of the term proletariat is best understood by reference to Plato's critique of exteriorized memory. By bringing together Plato and Marx, Stiegler can show how a generalized proletarianization now encompasses not only the muscular system, as Marx saw it, but also the nervous system of the so-called creative workers in the information industries. The proletarians of the former are deprived of their practical know-how, whereas the latter are shorn of their theoretical practice, and both suffer from a confiscation of the very possibility of a genuine art of living. But the mechanisms at work in this new and accentuated form of proletarianization are the very mechanisms that may spur a reversal of the process. Such a reversal would imply a crucial distinction between one's life work, originating in *otium* (leisure devoted to the techniques of the self), and the job, consisting in a *negotium* (the negotiation and calculation, increasingly restricted to short-term expectations), leading to the necessity of a new conception of economic value. This short text offers an excellent introduction to Stiegler's work while at the same time representing a political call to arms in the face of a deepening economic and social crisis.

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Flaubert

Bouvard and Pécuchet

A Life

A Biography

Flaubert's unforgettable memoirs of travels abroad At once a classic of travel literature and a penetrating portrait of a "sensibility on tour," *Flaubert in Egypt* wonderfully captures the young writer's impressions during his 1849 voyages. Using diaries, letters, travel notes, and the evidence of Flaubert's traveling companion, Maxime Du Camp, Francis Steegmuller reconstructs his journey through the bazaars and brothels of Cairo and down the Nile to the Red Sea. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines.

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Oeuvre Posthume

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'Strandentwining Cable'

Flaubert's Parrot

Bouvard and Pécuchet: Large Print

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