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Italo Calvino's Animals - Serenella Iovino 2021-09-23

The words 'Anthropocene animals' conjure pictures of dead albatrosses' bodies filled with plastic fragments, polar bears adrift on melting ice sheets, solitary elephants in the savannah. Suspended between the impersonal nature of the Great Extinction and the singularity of exotic individuals, these creatures appear remote, disconnected from us. But animals in the Anthropocene are not simply 'out there.' Threatening and threatened, they populate cities and countryside, often trapped in industrial farms, zoos, labs. Among them, there are humans, too. Italo Calvino's *Animals* explores Anthropocene animals through the visionary eyes of a classic modern author. In Calvino's stories, ants, cats, chickens, rabbits, gorillas, and other critters emerge as complex subjects and inhabitants of a world under siege. Beside them, another figure appears in the mirror: that of an anthropos without a capital A, epitome of subaltern humans with their challenges and inequalities, a companion species on the difficult path of co-evolution.

Urban Geography - Tim Hall 2012-03-12

This extensively revised and updated fourth edition not only examines the new geographical patterns forming within and between cities, but also investigates the way geographers have sought to make sense of this urban transformation. It is structured into three sections: 'contexts', 'themes' and 'issues' that move students from a foundation in urban geography through its major themes to contemporary and pressing issues. The text critically synthesizes key literatures in the following areas: the urban world changing approaches to urban geography urban form and structure economy and the city urban politics planning, regeneration and urban policy cities and culture architecture and urban landscapes images of the city experiencing the city housing and residential segregation transport and mobility in cities sustainability and the city. The fourth edition combines the topicality and accessibility of previous editions with extensive new material, including many new chapters such as the urban world and politics, housing and Residential Segregation, and transport in cities, as well as a wealth of international case studies, extending its range of coverage across the field. This book features enhanced pedagogy including a range of new illustrations and tables, a list of key ideas for each chapter, end of chapter essay questions and project activities, and annotated further reading from books, journals and websites. Written in an engaging, student friendly style, this is an essential read for students and scholars of Urban Geography.

Numbers in the Dark - Italo Calvino 2014-11-18

From the acclaimed, genre-bending Italian fabulist author, a posthumous collection of career-spanning stories previously unavailable in English. "Everybody telephones everybody at every possible moment, and nobody can speak to anybody . . . Distance has been the warp that supports the weft of every love story." —from *Numbers in the Dark* Written between 1943 and 1984, the stories in *Numbers in the Dark* span the career of one of fiction's modern masters: from Italo Calvino's earliest fables, to tales informed by life in World War II-era Italy, to the delightful experimentation that would define his later work. Here are speculative stories on life in the digital age, genre-bending wonders, and "impossible interviews" with the likes of Montezuma and a Neanderthal. Deftly translated by Tim Parks, *Numbers in the Dark* shows off Calvino's lifelong gift for subtle humor and shimmering philosophical insight. Praise for *Numbers in the Dark* "Numbers in the Dark is a glorious grab-bag . . . [with] enough gems from every phase in Calvino's career to make it feel indispensable." —Seattle Times "These stories reward the patient reader with

wisdom, humor, and insight." —Library Journal "Calvino . . . is well-represented in this continually surprising collection Novelist Parks's superb translations capture Calvino's quirky, iconoclastic voice, helping to make this a worthy addition to the Calvino shelf." —Publishers Weekly

The Best Things - Mel Giedroyc 2021-04-01

ENJOY THIS WARM HUG OF A READ FROM BELOVED NATIONAL TREASURE AND SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR MEL GIEDROYC 'I enjoyed it HUGELY. A real treat' MARIAN KEYES 'A brilliant cast of characters and properly funny!' GRAHAM NORTON 'Exactly like Mel herself: engaging, uproarious and gleeful. A stonking good read' JO BRAND _____ A big-hearted story of a family on the brink and a mother scrambling to hold everyone up. Sally Parker is struggling to find the hero inside herself. All she wants to do is lie down. Her husband Frank has lost his business, their home and their savings, in one fell swoop. Their bank cards are being declined. The children are running wild. And now the bailiffs are at the door. What does an ordinary woman do when the bottom falls out? Sally Parker is about to surprise everybody. Most of all herself. _____ SHORTLISTED FOR THE COMEDY WOMEN IN PRINT PRIZE 2021 'A warm contemporary fable bursting with colourful characters and comic energy' DAILY MAIL 'This book is a riot! Delicious in its detail' SOPHIE KINSELLA 'Funny and fresh. No soggy bottoms here' CLARE MACKINTOSH 'A warm, honest and humorous look at a family and what really matters in life. Brimming with hilarious scenes, it is also a redemptive book, and one of hope' WOMAN & HOME 'Wonderfully warm and uplifting, full of unforgettable characters and so much heart' RICHARD ROPER REAL READERS ADORE THE BEST THINGS... 'This book is everything I would have expected from the wonderful Mel Giedroyc. Funny and touching*****' 'A well written, warm hug of a read. Something much needed in these days of doom and gloom' 'I could hear Mel reading this book! Terrific characters. Very entertaining *****' 'A lovely, warm cuddle of a book' 'One of the best things I've read this year. Please read it *****' 'I felt like Mel was reading this into my ear. I was left with the warm fuzzys at the end*****' 'Would make a brilliant film or sitcom. The Parker family are a chaotic, loveable bunch' 'I zipped through it with many an accompanying titter, the occasional chortle and the odd unladylike snort. A nice piece of escapism, so needed at this time *****' 'Warm, interesting, clever and funny, as well as poignant at times. A brave heroine, a cast of strong characters and a page-turner of a story *****' 'Glorious storytelling, this is a rich comedic feast of domesticity. Excellent characters. Kept me gripped throughout. *****'

The Complete Cosmicomics - Italo Calvino 2014

Together for the first time, a new translation of the revered, contemporary Italian author's short stories describing the beginning of the universe and other natural phenomena builds creative tales around well-known scientific facts.

Literature and Animal Studies - Mario Ortiz-Robles 2016-06-17

Why do animals talk in literature? In this provocative book, Mario Ortiz Robles tracks the presence of animals across an expansive literary archive to argue that literature cannot be understood as a human endeavor apart from its capacity to represent animals. Focusing on the literary representation of familiar animals, including horses, dogs, cats, and songbirds, Ortiz Robles examines the various tropes literature has historically employed to give meaning to our fraught relations with other animals. Beyond allowing us to imagine the lives of non-humans, literature can make a lasting contribution to Animal Studies, an

emerging discipline within the humanities, by showing us that there is something fictional about our relation to animals. Literature and Animal Studies combines a broad mapping of literary animals with detailed readings of key animal texts to offer a new way of organizing literary history that emphasizes genera over genres and a new way of classifying animals that is premised on tropes rather than taxa. The book makes us see animals and our relation to them with fresh eyes and, in doing so, prompts us to review the role of literature in a culture that considers it an endangered art form.

Twentieth-century Italian Literature in English Translation - Robin Healey 1998-01-01

This bibliography lists English-language translations of twentieth-century Italian literature published chiefly in book form between 1929 and 1997, encompassing fiction, poetry, plays, screenplays, librettos, journals and diaries, and correspondence.

Hermit in Paris - Italo Calvino 2014

"The posthumously published collection *Hermit in Paris* draws together an array of Italo Calvino's autobiographical writings that provide an illuminating and unexpectedly intimate portrait of one of the postwar era's most inventive and fascinating writers. In these pages, Calvino recounts his experiences in Italy's antifascist resistance, pays homage to his influences, traces the evolution of his literary style, and, in one of the book's most humorous and entertaining sections, provides a wry commentary on his travels in the United States in 1959 and 1960"--

Italian Literature since 1900 in English Translation - Robin Healey 2019-03-14

Providing the most complete record possible of texts by Italian writers active after 1900, this annotated bibliography covers over 4,800 distinct editions of writings by some 1,700 Italian authors. Many entries are accompanied by useful notes that provide information on the authors, works, translators, and the reception of the translations. This book includes the works of Pirandello, Calvino, Eco, and more recently, Andrea Camilleri and Valerio Manfredi. Together with Robin Healey's *Italian Literature before 1900 in English Translation*, also published by University of Toronto Press in 2011, this volume makes comprehensive information on translations from Italian accessible for schools, libraries, and those interested in comparative literature.

Iron Man: A New Hero - Marco Valdo 2008-03-25

Billionaire Tony Stark builds an iron suit which allows him to fly and rescue people in need, but then a villain named Iron Monger steals the design for the suit and Iron Man must destroy him before he can use it to hurt people.

A Critical and Historical Corpus of Florentine Painting - Richard Offner 2007

Thinking Design Through Literature - Susan Yelavich 2019-09-13

This book deploys literature to explore the social lives of objects and places. The first book of its kind, it embraces things as diverse as escalators, coins, skyscrapers, pottery, radios, and robots, and encompasses places as various as home, country, cities, streets, and parks. Here, fiction, poetry, and literary non-fiction are mined for stories of design, which are paired with images of contemporary architecture and design. Through the work of authors such as César Aires, Nicholson Baker, Lydia Davis, Orhan Pamuk, and Virginia Woolf, this book shows the enormous influence that places and things exert in the world.

Using Italian Vocabulary - Marcel Danesi 2003-08-07

Using Italian Vocabulary provides the student of Italian with an in-depth, structured approach to the learning of vocabulary. It can be used for intermediate and advanced undergraduate courses, or as a supplementary manual at all levels - including elementary level - to supplement the study of vocabulary. The book is made up of twenty units covering topics that range from clothing and jewellery, to politics and environmental issues, with each unit consisting of words and phrases that have been organized thematically and according to levels so as to facilitate their acquisition. The book will enable students to acquire a comprehensive control of both concrete and abstract vocabulary allowing them to carry out essential communicative and interactional tasks. • A practical topic-based textbook that can be inserted into all types of course syllabi • Provides exercises and activities for classroom and self-study • Answers are provided for a number of exercises

Marcovaldo o sea las estaciones en la ciudad - Italo Calvino 2013-09

PEN America 14: The Good Books -

Understanding Italo Calvino - Beno Weiss 1993

Highlights Calvino's fascination with folk tales, knights, social & political allegories, & science fiction.

Invisible Cities - Italo Calvino 2013-08-12

Italo Calvino's beloved, intricately crafted novel about an Emperor's travels—a brilliant journey across far-off places and distant memory. "Cities, like dreams, are made of desires and fears, even if the thread of their discourse is secret, their rules are absurd, their perspectives deceitful, and everything conceals something else." In a garden sit the aged Kublai Khan and the young Marco Polo—Mongol emperor and Venetian traveler. Kublai Khan has sensed the end of his empire coming soon. Marco Polo diverts his host with stories of the cities he has seen in his travels around the empire: cities and memory, cities and desire, cities and designs, cities and the dead, cities and the sky, trading cities, hidden cities. As Marco Polo unspools his tales, the emperor detects these fantastic places are more than they appear.

Short Stories in Italian for Beginners - Olly Richards 2018-10-04

An unmissable collection of eight unconventional and captivating short stories for young and adult learners. "I love Olly's work - and you will too!" - Barbara Oakley, PhD, Author of New York Times bestseller *A Mind for Numbers* *Short Stories in Italian for Beginners* has been written especially for students from beginner to intermediate level, designed to give a sense of achievement, and most importantly - enjoyment! Mapped to A2-B1 on the Common European Framework of Reference, these eight captivating stories will both entertain you, and give you a feeling of progress when reading. What does this book give you? · Eight stories in a variety of exciting genres, from science fiction and crime to history and thriller - making reading fun, while you learn a wide range of new vocabulary · Controlled language at your level, including the 1000 most frequent words, to help you progress confidently · Authentic spoken dialogues, to help you learn conversational expressions and improve your speaking ability · Pleasure! It's much easier to learn a new language when you're having fun, and research shows that if you're enjoying reading in a foreign language, you won't experience the usual feelings of frustration - 'It's too hard!' 'I don't understand!' · Accessible grammar so you learn new structures naturally, in a stress-free way Carefully curated to make learning a new language easy, these stories include key features that will support and consolidate your progress, including · A glossary for bolded words in each text · A bilingual word list · Full plot summary · Comprehension questions after each chapter. As a result, you will be able to focus on enjoying reading, delighting in your improved range of vocabulary and grasp of the language, without ever feeling overwhelmed or frustrated. From science fiction to fantasy, to crime and thrillers, *Short Stories in Italian for Beginners* will make learning Italian easy and enjoyable.

Encyclopedia of Italian Literary Studies: A-J - Gaetana Marrone 2007

Publisher description

The Origins of Florentine Painting, 1100-1270 - Miklós Boskovits 1993

Attempts to provide a comprehensive study of the paintings produced in Florence between circa 1100 and 1270 - the scope of the book ranges from early examples of medieval art to the generation of painters preceding Cimabue. All known works of the period are included accompanied by descriptions.

Why Read the Classics? - Italo Calvino 2014-12-16

A posthumously published collection of thirty-six essays offering Italo Calvino's invigorating and illuminating analysis of his most treasured literary classics.

Ecocritical Approaches to Italian Culture and Literature - Pasquale Verdicchio 2016-08-23

By recognizing the groundbreaking work of many non-Italian ecocritics, and linking to the homegrown contributions of Serenella Iovino, Marco Armerio, and Giovanna Ricoveri, the authors of *Ecocritical Approaches to Italian Culture and Literature: The Denatured Wild*, challenge the narrowly defined conventions of Italian Studies and illuminate the complexities of an Italian ecocriticism that reveals a rich environmentally engaged literary and cultural tradition.

A Study Guide for Italo Calvino's "Garden of Stubborn Cats" - Gale, Cengage Learning

A Study Guide for Italo Calvino's "Garden of Stubborn Cats," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed *Short Stories for Students*. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study

questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Short Stories for Students for all of your research needs.

Under the Radiant Sun and the Crescent Moon - Angela M. Jeannet 2000-01-01

Understanding Italo Calvino's love of storytelling is pivotal to understanding the cultural and literary matrix of his lush fictional universe. A rich and vibrant critical portrait of Calvino's work.

Difficult Games - Franco Ricci 2006-01-01

Examining Calvino's literary experiments as a young artist in search of his narrative voice, Ricci explores the psychological and existential motivations intrinsically linked to the writer's need for textual and systemic patterning. *I racconti* contains some of Calvino's least-read works, yet these early stories address issues, present scenarios and generate a growing variation of themes that form the heart of Calvino's narrative discourse. Ricci points out that melancholy permeates Calvino's works—even at his most playful. He suggests that if Calvino's highest merit was his sense of wonder and his urge to transform and defeat obscurantism with all the joy he could muster, one must remember that his work expressed, often painfully, the limits of human rationalism. *I racconti* can thus be read as a catalogue of the anxieties of both the young author and postwar Italian society.

Semiotics of Re-reading - Anthony Julian Tamburri 2003

This study examines the necessity of reading retrospectively. In this manner, the reader who comes along after the composition of an author's opus may better understand the author's earlier works after reading a later one. In contrast to a reader contemporary to the text, who does not have the opportunity of 'hind-sight,' this special reader (recto-lector) draws on information gathered from a later text in order to understand a previously composed text. For example, the relationship between Aldo Palazzeschi's: *riflessi* (1908) and his later manifestoes (1914-1915) amply demonstrates the value and necessity of such a reading process: this is especially true with regard to non-canonical writers as is Palazzeschi. The retro-lector of: *riflessi*, therefore, comes away with an interpretation both different and more complete than that which the contemporary reader would acquire after a strict canonical reading. Along with works by Palazzeschi, 'Semiotics of Re-reading' also examines poetry by Guido Gozzano and short fiction by Italo Calvino

Who's Who in Verdi - Jonathan Lewsey 2019-04-11

This title was first published in 2001. Concentrating exclusively on the dramatic content of Verdi's opera, this text illuminates the characters and plot scenarios that inspired one of the greatest composers of opera. Organized alphabetically, the reference contains over 250 entries, with synopses and first performance and cast details.

Marcovaldo, Or, The Seasons in the City - Italo Calvino 1983

Marcovaldo, and irrepressible dreamer and inveterate schemer embarks on a series of adventures, with unpredictable results

Mr. Palomar - Italo Calvino 1986-09-22

A novel of a delightful eccentric on a search for truth, by the renowned author of *Invisible Cities*. In *The New York Times Book Review*, the poet Seamus Heaney praised *Mr. Palomar* as a series of "beautiful, nimble, solitary feats of imagination." Throughout these twenty-seven intricately structured chapters, the musings of the crusty Mr. Palomar consistently render the world sublime and ridiculous. Like the telescope for which he is named, Mr. Palomar is a natural observer. "It is only after you have come to know the surface of things," he believes, "that you can venture to seek what is underneath." Whether contemplating a fine cheese, a hungry gecko, or a topless sunbather, he tends to let his meditations stray from the present moment to the great beyond. And though he may fail as an objective spectator, he is the best of company. "Each brief chapter reads like an exploded haiku," wrote *Time Out*. A play on a world fragmented by our individual perceptions, this inventive and irresistible novel encapsulates the life's work of an artist of the highest order, "the greatest Italian writer of the twentieth century" (*The Guardian*).

Material Nation - Emanuela Scarpellini 2011-03-31

A consumer history of Italy from unification in the 19th century to the present day, combining economic and cultural history with a vivid narrative style.

Our Ancestors - Italo Calvino 2010-12-23

Morgante - Luigi Pulci 2000

A classic picaresque epic detailing the thrilling exploits of Orlando, *Morgante* is a tale of war and of the calamities that befall the romantic hero, his fellow knights, and their sovereign, Charlemagne. After encountering the fierce *Morgante*, Orlando converts the giant, who then becomes his squire and trusted companion. This annotated English translation will lead to a new appreciation of Luigi Pulci's singular epic masterpiece and contribute to a reassessment of the author's influence on modern English literature.

Difficult Loves - Italo Calvino 1984

In a collection of stories written during the 1940s and 1950s, the author captures moments of revelation in the lives of ordinary people, instants blending recognition and alarm as deceptions and illusions are laid bare

Under the Jaguar Sun - Italo Calvino 1988

Three tales, each dominated by one of three senses, present a married couple touring Mexico, a tyrant made prisoner of contradictory messages, and a fashionable Parisian and a drugged rock musician impassioned by scents

Art and Architecture in Italy 1250-1400 - John White 1993-01-01

The 14th century in Italian art is a very rich one, and Professor White's book gives architecture equal weight with painting and sculpture. The story of the Gothic style and the prehistory of the Renaissance is given: all the facts are related, but also the works of art are described with insight and for their own sakes, and not simply as data for fitting into schemes and theories. Among the great names are those of Arnolfo di Cambio, the Pisani, Cavallini, Cimabue, Duccio, Giotto, Simone Martini, and the Lorenzetti; among the buildings S. Croce, S. Maria Novella, the cathedral and the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence, and the cathedrals of Siena, Orvieto, and Milan, as well as churches, castles, and civic buildings from the Val d'Aosta to Sicily. The third edition of this work includes colour illustrations and incorporates textual revisions and an updated bibliography.

Marcovaldo, ovvero, Le stagioni in città - Italo Calvino 2011

Il libro è composto da venti novelle. Ogni novella è dedicata ad una stagione; il ciclo delle quattro stagioni si ripete dunque nel libro per cinque volte. Tutte le novelle hanno lo stesso protagonista, Marcovaldo, un personaggio buffo e melanconico.

Encyclopedia of Italian Literary Studies - Gaetana Marrone 2006-12-26

The *Encyclopedia of Italian Literary Studies* is a two-volume reference book containing some 600 entries on all aspects of Italian literary culture. It includes analytical essays on authors and works, from the most important figures of Italian literature to little known authors and works that are influential to the field. The *Encyclopedia* is distinguished by substantial articles on critics, themes, genres, schools, historical surveys, and other topics related to the overall subject of Italian literary studies. The *Encyclopedia* also includes writers and subjects of contemporary interest, such as those relating to journalism, film, media, children's literature, food and vernacular literatures. Entries consist of an essay on the topic and a bibliographic portion listing works for further reading, and, in the case of entries on individuals, a brief biographical paragraph and list of works by the person. It will be useful to people without specialized knowledge of Italian literature as well as to scholars.

Marcovaldo - Italo Calvino 1983

THE BOOK: An enchanting collection of stories both melancholy and funny about an Italian peasant's struggle to reconcile country habits with urban life. The stories in *Marcovaldo* were originally published in the 1960's when Calvino was writing at the height of his powers and in their telling the reader is captured, delighted, informed, horrified, reprimanded and rewarded and as always with Calvino, nothing in these pieces is ever quite as it seems.

Marcovaldo - Italo Calvino 2011-11

"Marcovaldo o les estacions a la ciutat" va ser escrit a Torí l'any 1963. El llibre conté vint contes, cada un dels quals està dedicat a una estació de l'any i tenen com a element comú el seu protagonista, Marcovaldo. Aquest personatge representa el darrer exemplar d'una generació d'ingenus que busca, amb un candor astut, crear-se un espai habitable dins l'àrid desert de la ciutat. Amb una bona dosi de fantasia i d'ironia, Calvino no s'està, en aquesta faula moderna, de mostrar la seva denúncia per un món que no permet la vida

lliure de les persones, i ens proposa, a través de Marcovaldo, una visió diferent i alternativa del nostre

entorn.

Difficult Loves and Marcovaldo - Italo Calvino 2002-06-13