

Pigeon Feathers And Other Stories John Updike Hundchenore

Concentrating on the role of the imagination in Updike's works, this book shows him to be an original and powerful thinker and not the callow sensationalist that he is sometimes accused of being.

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A beautiful, moving collection of short stories, in many of which Updike revisits the haunts of his childhood from the vantage point of old age. In 'Fiftieth' old friends reconnect at a class reunion, and one of them is left wondering, 'What does it mean: the enormity of having been children and now being old, living next to death.' In the story 'The Full Glass' the protagonist describes somewhat ruefully the rituals of old age. Before going to bed, he raises his nightly water glass 'drinking a toast to the visible world, his impending disappearance from it be damned.' In 'Varieties of Religious Experiences' a grandfather, visiting his daughter in Brooklyn Heights, watches the tower of the World Trade Centre fall, and his view of a God is forever altered. Again and again in these memorable stories, Updike strikes to the heart, giving words to what is so often left unsaid. He is at once witty, devastatingly observant, touching - and, of course, a consummate storyteller. This is a collection that will be admired and cherished.

"Great stories pierce this present world in which we live and which we think we already understand, and through that piercing bring us to a deeper understanding of ourselves; the best stories reveal ourselves to ourselves, and ask us how then shall we live." - Bret Lott A story is not only a window into another person's life; it is also a glimpse into the complexities of the human heart. This new volume of Eyes to See presents a stellar collection of short stories by masters of the craft, gathered together by best-selling author Bret Lott. He has chosen stories that speak to the heart with passion and precision, offering moments of delight and insight that give us a glimpse of ourselves, no matter where we live or who we are. From such classic writers as Flannery O'Connor, Leo Tolstoy, G.K. Chesterton, and Charles Dickens to newer voices like Gina Ochsner and John Updike, Eyes to See offers those with "eyes to see" a wonderful collection of short stories with a shared Christian worldview of life, love, and transformation.

Gevierd kinderboekenschrijver Katherine Rundell verrast opnieuw met een prachtig en meeslepend verhaal over een meisje in het Parijs van de twintigste eeuw. Katherine Rundell, bekend van Feo en de wolven en De ontdekkingsreiziger, vertelt in Sophie op de daken een meeslepend verhaal over familie en doorzettingsvermogen. Opnieuw een schitterende jeugdroman van een van de belangrijkste Britse kinderboekenauteurs van dit moment. Sophie overleefde als baby een schipbreuk en iedereen denkt dat ze wees is. Maar Sophie herinnert zich nog dat haar moeder om hulp zwaaide toen Sophie in een cellokist in het Kanaal dreef. Volgens haar voogd is het bijna onmogelijk dat haar moeder nog leeft. Maar 'bijna onmogelijk' betekent 'nog mogelijk', vindt Sophie. Met de enige aanwijzing die ze heeft – het adres van de cellokist – vlucht Sophie naar Parijs. Daar krijgt ze hulp van Matteo en zijn 'daklopers', die in geheime plekken boven de stad wonen. Maar kunnen ze haar moeder vinden voordat Sophie wordt opgepakt door de autoriteiten? Of, nog belangrijker, voordat ze de hoop opgeeft? Katherine Rundells boeken zijn bekroond met grote literaire prijzen, waaronder de Blue Peter Award, Costa Book Award en Waterstones Children's Book Prize.

In this ground breaking work of synthesis, Monika Fludernik combines insights from literary theory and linguistics to provide a challenging new theory of narrative. This book is both an historical survey and theoretical study, with the author drawing on an enormous range of examples from the earliest oral study to contemporary experimental fiction. She uses these examples to prove that recent literature, far from heralding the final collapse of narrative, represents the epitome of a centuries long developmental process.

Posen, a retired physician and a former English major, has indexed 1500 passages from approximately 600 novels, short stories and plays describing physicians. He also analyzes several persistent themes in literature, such as doctors' fees, lack of time, bedside manner and social status. Posen's extensive research has uncovered a resentment of doctors and a discontent with the medical profession that transcends time and place. Annotation : 2004 Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com).

J. D. Salinger's "A Perfect Day for Bananafish," John Cheever's "Goodbye, My Brother," Doris Lessing's "Through the Tunnel": These and dozens of other beloved stories share the beach as their setting. In fact, it is remarkable how many of the finest writers have set stories and novels in whole or in part at the beach -- and how often they use this locale to explore the great themes of love, loss, death, family, and redemption. Beach brings together, for the first time, the very best of this literary tradition, including stories, novel excerpts, and narrative nonfiction.

The winner of every major American literary prize, John Updike (1932-2009) was one of the most popular and prolific novelists of his time and a major cultural figure who traced the high point and fall of midcentury American self-confidence and energy. A superb stylist with sixty books to his credit, he brilliantly rendered the physical surfaces of the nation's life even as he revealed the intense longings beneath those surfaces. In Understanding John Updike, Frederic Svoboda elucidates the author's deep insights into the second half of the twentieth century as seen through the lives of ordinary men and women. He offers extended close readings of Updike's most significant works of fiction, templates through which his entire oeuvre may be understood. A small-town Pennsylvanian whose prodigious talent took him to Harvard, a staff position at the New Yorker, and ultimately a life in suburban Massachusetts, where the pace of his literary output never slowed, Updike was very much in the American cultural tradition. His series of Rabbit Angstrom novels strongly echo Sinclair Lewis's earlier explorations of middle America, while The Witches of Eastwick and related novels are variations on Nathaniel Hawthorne's nineteenth-century classic The Scarlet Letter. His number-one best seller Couples examines what Time magazine called "the adulterous society" in the last year of the Kennedy administration, following the nation's fall from idealism into self-centeredness. Understanding John Updike will give both new readers and those already familiar with the author a firm grasp of his literary achievement. This outline of Updike's professional career highlights his importance in the life of the nation—not only as a novelist but also as a gifted essayist, reviewer, cultural critic, and poet.

This encyclopedia features an informative introduction that surveys the history of the short story in the United States, interprets the current literary landscape, and points to new and future trends. --from publisher description.

Practising Theory and Reading Literature provides an accessible introduction to the study of contemporary literary theories and their applications to a range of literary texts. This is an elementary introduction where the emphasis is on practice, and in this respect it complements A Reader's Guide to Contemporary Literary Theory.

The comedy in John Updike's most important works - The Centaur; Rabbit, Run; Rabbit Redux; Rabbit Is Rich; Rabbit at Rest; and Rabbit Remembered - defines a comic world and its morality. Although critics have failed to recognize the extent and the importance of Updike's comedy, his serious fiction does contain a good deal of farce, burlesque, and irony that, far from being peripheral or mere comic relief, depicts the absurd and contradictory nature of life. Within such a world, set in the everyday Pennsylvania of the second half of the twentieth century,

human beings mature, or gain Kierkegaard's ethical sphere, by fulfilling their societal and generational responsibilities. George Caldwell of *The Centaur* is Updike's paragon, while Rabbit Angstrom embodies the comic hero who, through trial and error, finally matures. Overall, through an analysis of Updike's comedy, this book reveals a dimension of his fiction that is essential to understanding his work.

One of our most valuable capacities is our ability partly to predict what will come next in a text. But linguistic understanding of this remains very limited, especially in genres such as the short story where there is a staging of the clash between predictability and unpredictability. This book proposes that a matrix of narrativity-furthering textual features is crucial to the reader's forming of expectations about how a literary story will continue to its close. Toolan uses corpus linguistic software and methods, and stylistic and narratological theory, in the course of delineating the matrix of eight parameters that he sees as crucial to creating narrative progression and expectation. The book will be of interest to stylisticians, narratologists, corpus linguists, and short story scholars.

This is a structured, annotated and indexed anthology dealing with the personality and the behaviour of doctors, and doctor-patient relationships - ideal for medical humanities courses. For the 100th anniversary of "The Best American Short Stories" series, a retrospective of stories selected by master of the form Lorrie Moore. The stories, along with one hundred years of behind-the-scenes anecdotes and decade-by-decade analysis, tell the history of American short fiction, showcasing representative moments in the series as well as literary moments in time. *Short Story Theories: A Twenty-First-Century Perspective* problematizes different aspects of the renewal and development of the short story. The aim of this collection is to explore the most recent theoretical issues raised by the short story as a genre and to offer theoretical and practical perspectives on the form. Centering as it does on specific authors and on the wider implications of short story poetics, this collection presents a new series of essays that both reinterpret canonical writers of the genre and advance new critical insights on the most recent trends and contemporary authors. Theorizations about genre reflect on different aspects of the short story from a multiplicity of perspectives and take the form of historical and aesthetic considerations, gender-centered accounts, and examinations that attend to reader-response theory, cognitive patterns, sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, postcolonial studies, postmodern techniques, and contemporary uses of minimalist forms. Looking ahead, this collection traces the evolution of the short story from Chaucer through the Romantic writings of Poe to the postmodern developments and into the twenty-first century. This volume will prove of interest to scholars and graduate students working in the fields of the short story and of literature in general. In addition, the readability and analytical transparency of these essays make them accessible to a more general readership interested in fiction.

'De verendief' van Kirk Wallace Johnson is een fascinerend verhaal over vogels, vliegbinden en de destructieve kant van de mens. Wat bezielt iemand om dode vogels te stelen? Op een koele juni-avond in 2009 stapt een twintigjarige Amerikaanse man op de trein naar het Natural History Museum in Tring, thuisbasis van een van de grootste ornithologische collecties ter wereld. Hij breekt in bij het museum en begeeft zich naar de kluis met zeldzame vogelsoorten. Eenmaal binnen grijpt hij honderden geconserveerde vogels en veren en ontsnapt in de duisternis. Twee jaar later staat Johnson in een rivier in het noorden van New Mexico, als zijn vliegvisgids hem vertelt over de roof. Het intrigeert hem. Wat is er geworden van de verdwenen veren? Zijn zoektocht naar antwoorden voert Johnson naar een subcultuur waarvan hij nog nooit had gehoord: de victoriaanse kunst van het vliegbinden.

When this classic collection of stories first appeared—in 1962, on the author's thirtieth birthday—Arthur Mizener wrote in *The New York Times Book Review*: "Updike is a romantic [and] like all American romantics, that is, he has an irresistible impulse to go in memory home again in order to find himself. . . . The precise recollection of his own family-love, parental and marital, is vital to him; it is the matter in which the saving truth is incarnate. . . . *Pigeon Feathers* is not just a book of very brilliant short stories; it is a demonstration of how the most gifted writer of his generation is coming to maturity; it shows us that Mr. Updike's fine verbal talent is no longer pirouetting, however gracefully, out of a simple delight in motion, but is beginning to serve his deepest insight."

The professor of writing analyzes short fiction, sketches, essays, and scripts to discover the secrets of humorous writing and then offers aspiring writers practical advice on how to write humor, comedy, satire, parody, and nonsense. *Simultaneous*. (Literature)

With over a quarter million copies in print in three editions, *The Universe Next Door* has established itself as the premier textbook on worldviews. In clear, readable prose, James W. Sire explains the basics of Christian theism, deism, naturalism, nihilism, existentialism, Eastern pantheistic monism, New Age philosophy and postmodernism. In an increasingly pluralistic academic environment, the ability to understand and evaluate various worldviews is vitally important.

Collects thirty-two interviews with the writer between 1959 and 1993

In *Still Looking*, John Updike has collected together his thoughts and observations on American art to produce an eye-opening follow-up to his 1989 art criticism classic *Just Looking*. Beginning with early American portraits and landscapes, he goes on to extol two late-nineteenth-century masters, Winslow Homer and Thomas Eakins, considers the eccentric pre-modern painter and graphic artist James McNeill Whistler, discusses the competing American Impressionists and Realists of the early twentieth century - and concludes with appreciations of the art of Edward Hopper, Jackson Pollock and Andy Warhol. The resulting collection of essays is proof that Updike is still looking and seeing what only he can describe. 'As a writer Updike can do anything he wants' Margaret Atwood 'John Updike writes with a steady brilliance about the world out there' *Guardian* A collection of essays that perceive Updike's America through the eyes of Western and Eastern European readers and scholars, contributing to Updike scholarship while demonstrating his resonance across the Atlantic

Amen: Jews, Christians, and Muslims Keep Faith with God examines faith as it is understood by Jews, Christians and Muslims; it does not aim to be a work of systematic theology or a lengthy explication of the contents of different faith traditions. It offers Jews, Christians and Muslims several approaches to faith as a category of human experience open to God: a faithful God who reaches out to grasp the faithful human being at the same time that the faithful human being reaches out to grasp a faithful God. This two-sided

faith, divine and human, lies at the center of each faith tradition. The book examines faith as one might examine a gem, gazing at different facets in turn.

Throughout this text, Valerie Shaw addresses two key questions: 'What are the special satisfactions afforded by reading short stories?' and 'How are these satisfactions derived from each story's literary techniques and narrative strategies?'. She then attempts to answer these questions by drawing on stories from different periods and countries - by authors who were also great novelists, like Henry James, Flaubert, Kafka and D.H. Lawrence; by authors who specifically dedicated themselves to the art of the short story, like Kipling, Chekhov and Katherine Mansfield; by contemporary practitioners like Angela Carter and Jorge Luis Borges; and by unfairly neglected writers like Sarah Orne Jewett and Joel Chandler Harris.

Een ontroerende roman over een Israëlitische gids die vogelaars rondleidt, over zijn familiegeheim en de wereld van duivenhouders. Bekroond met de Brennerprijs.

A compilation of acclaimed short stories that each take place within a single scene

Nineteen New Testament scholars of international standing here offer fresh new insights to the ongoing interpretation of Romans. Including essays on various exegetical, theological, and pastoral aspects of Paul's epistle, this volume not only honors Gordon Fee's major contribution to New Testament scholarship but also presents the very best work available in a vital area of biblical research.

This book approaches Updike's oeuvre by illuminating its ongoing, pervasive conflict between faith and doubt. Concentrating on a trio of Olinger stories, the Rabbit Angstom tetralogy, In the Beauty of the Lilies, and Rabbit Remembered and dramatizing most emphatically Updike's career-spanning dialogue with his complexly fragile religious beliefs, Bailey interprets the Rabbit saga as fictionalized spiritual autobiography in which, through imposing Harry Angstom's perceptual limitations upon his own stylistic gifts, Updike set himself the toughest trial of his ethical and aesthetic creed of the spirit-affirming capacities of human perception and expression.

Vogels zijn verbluffend intelligente wezens. Diezelfde papegaaien die ons het woord 'papegaaien' hebben bezorgd, praten ons niet alleen na, maar blijken te kunnen antwoorden, rekenen en spellen. Sommige kraaiensoorten lossen ingewikkelde puzzels op en maken ingenieuze werktuigen. Vogels vertonen indrukwekkende sociale vaardigheden. Ze bedriegen en manipuleren. Ze spelen luistervink. Ze hebben een groot gevoel voor rechtvaardigheid. Ze geven cadeautjes. Ze spelen. Ze plagen. Ze delen. Ze onderhouden sociale netwerken. Ze rivaliseren om status. Ze troosten elkaar. Ze onderrichten hun jongen. Ze chanteren hun ouders. Ze waarschuwen elkaar voor gevaar. Ze verzamelen zich bij een dode soortgenoot. En misschien rouwen ze zelfs.

Baanbrekend nieuw onderzoek heeft niet alleen aangetoond dat sommige vogels zich kunnen meten met de hogere primaten en zelfs de mens, maar ook dat ze daarnaast over geheel eigen vormen van genialiteit beschikken: wie van ons heeft het imitatietalent van de spotlijster of het navigatievermogen van de roodborst? Veel vogels hebben net als wij een relatief groot brein voor hun lichaamsomvang, met hoge aantallen neuronen en verbindingen waar dit telt. Het vogelbrein mag dan klein lijken, het is tot grootse dingen in staat. In De genialiteit van vogels doorkruist Jennifer Ackerman de wereld naar de plekken waar het allemaal gebeurt - de onderzoekscentra op Barbados en Nieuw-Caledonië, de koolmezegemeenschappen van het Verenigd Koninkrijk, de preevogelhabitats van Nieuw-Guinea, de gehavende Amerikaanse oostkust vlak na de orkaan Sandy en de opwarmende bergstreken van Centraal-Virginia en het westen van de VS - en duikt ze in de laatste ontdekkingen rond het vogelbrein, die een nieuw licht werpen op de essentie van intelligentie. Haar verhaal, wetenschappelijke verkenning en reisverhaal ineen, verschaft ons een nieuwe blik op de uitzonderlijke talenten van vogels en op wat ze ons kunnen vertellen over onze veranderende wereld. Jennifer Ackerman (1959) schrijft al bijna dertig jaar over wetenschap, natuur en biologie. Ze publiceert regelmatig in Scientific American, National Geographic en The New York Times. 'Een heerlijk prikkelend en onderhoudend boek. Jennifer Ackerman biedt een meesterlijk overzicht van het onderzoek dat ons begrip van cognitie bij vogels in de afgelopen twee decennia drastisch heeft veranderd. De genialiteit van vogels is belangrijk om wat het ons vertelt over vogels, maar ook over het menselijk vernuft dat betrokken is bij het ontrafelen van de raadsels van het vogelbrein. Het is een boek vol kennis en verwondering en een bevestiging van de verbluffende complexiteit van onze wereld.' - Wall Street Journal 'De genialiteit van vogels is niet alleen leuk voor experts en vogelfans. Ook voor de terloopse lezer vallen er genoeg verrassende en wonderlijke feiten uit op te pikken.' The Times

Collects quotes on different aspects of heaven and the after life such as beauty, children, gender and sexuality, judgment and justice, and worship and music.

The contemporary American poet constructs witty and imaginative lyrical pieces on modern living

The theme of memory runs through this collection of short stories, and for many of the characters the past is a miraculous land perpetually in need of rediscovery. The stories concern an America where most are exiles, and moving automobiles contain a lot of their lives.

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