

## The Castle Of Crossed Destinies Italo Calvino

'Als op een winternacht een reiziger' van Italo Calvino gaat over twee protagonisten, Lezer en Lezeres. Zij zijn beide in het bezit van 'Als op een winternacht een reiziger', maar al snel blijken hun exemplaren van het werk onvolledig te zijn. Hun zoektocht naar een volledige versie, van de juiste auteur, en naar elkaar, is enerzijds een komedie, anderzijds een tragedie. 'Als op een winternacht een reiziger' geldt als een van de hoogtepunten van het modernisme, waarin de reflectie over de roman en het lezen van romans op even hilarische als ingenieuze manier met elkaar zijn verweven.

Few recent writers have been as interested in the cross-over between texts and visual art as Italo Calvino (1923-85). Involved for most of his life in the publishing industry, he took as much interest in the visual as in the textual aspects of his own and other writers' books. In this volume twenty international Calvino experts, including Barengi, Battistini, Belpoliti, Hofstadter, Ricci, Scarpa and others, consider the many facets of the interplay between the visual and textual in Calvinos works, from the use of colours in his fiction to the influence of cartoons, from the graphic qualities of the book covers themselves to the significance of photography and landscape in his fiction and non-fiction. The volume is appropriately illustrated with images evoked by Calvino's major texts.

Gypsy Shamanism leads to the notion the extraterrestrials had an influence on the development of our sciences. A possible message embedded in our physics is decoded. It is calculated to be from the same place in space as the SETI Wow! Signal. It is suggested we make a computer program called Discover and and is suggested we invent a new system of units. It seems we are here for a reason.

Altered book of The Castle of Crossed Desires by Italo Calvino, Harcourt Brace and Company, 1977. Artist has artificially aged and separated book into three unbound volumes. Books are contained within a velvet drawstring bag. Loose tarot cards accompany book. All items are housed in a large wooden box with gold paint.

"Not hubris but the ever self-renewing impulse to play calls new worlds into being."—Nietzsche Parents and politicians have always taken play seriously. Its formative powers, its focus, its energy, and its ability to signify other things have drawn the attention of writers from Plato and Schiller to Wittgenstein, Nabokov, and Eco. The ease with which an election becomes perceived as a race, a political crisis as a football game, or an argument as a tennis match readily proves how much play means to contemporary life. Just how play confers meaning, however, is best revealed in literature, where meaning is perpetually at stake. "At stake" itself, the risk of a gamble, is only one intersection between play and life. Playtexts reveals numerous junctures where literary playfulness—seemingly so diverting and irrelevant—instead opens the most profound questions about creativity, community, value, and belief. How do authors play with their words and readers? Can literature proceed at all unless a reader is willing and able to play? No moralizing monologue, Playtexts is all for exuberance and creative surge: Breton's construction of an antinovel, Gombrowicz's struggle with adult formalities, Nabokov's swats at the humorless, Sarrazin's seductive notes, Eco's recasting of spy and detective fiction, Reyes's carnal metaphors.

From one of modern literature's most captivating and elusive masters comes a posthumous volume of thoughtful, elegant, and quick-witted autobiographical writings, all previously unpublished in English. Here is Italo Calvino paying homage to his literary influences and tracing the evolution of his signature style. Here are his reminiscences of Italy's antifascist resistance and the frenzy of politics and ideas of the postwar era. The longest and most delightfully revealing section of the book is Calvino's diary of his travels in the United States in 1959 and 1960, which show him marveling at color TV, wrinkling his nose at the Beats, and reeling at the outpouring of racial hatred attending a civil rights demonstration in Alabama. Overflowing with insight and amusement, Hermit in Paris is an invaluable addition to the Calvino legacy.

Most of the essays collected in this volume deal with theoretical issues that dominate the international debate on Postmodernism, issues such as the shifting nature of the concept, the problem of periodization and the problem of historicity. Other essays offer readings of Postmodernist texts and relate practical criticism to a theoretical framework. Hans Bertens (Utrecht) sketches the historical development of the concept Postmodernism in American criticism, distinguishing between the various definitions that have been proposed over the last twenty-five years, in an attempt to bring some order to the field and to facilitate future discussion. Brian McHale (Tel Aviv) and Douwe Fokkema (Utrecht) offer models for the description of Postmodernist texts. Richard Todd (Amsterdam) argues convincingly that Postmodernism is much more of a presence in contemporary British fiction than has so far been assumed, and Herta Schmid (Munich) presents a similar argument with respect to Russian avant-garde theater. Elrud Ibsch (Amsterdam) presents a contrastive analysis of Thomas Bernhard and Robert Musil; Ulla Musarra (Nijmegen) writes on Italo Calvino. The relation between Existentialism and Postmodernism is examined by Gerhard Hoffman (Wurzburg); Theo D'haen (Utrecht) finds important parallels between Postmodernism in literature and in the visual arts; Matei Calinescu (Bloomington, Ind.) relates literary Postmodernism to a far more general cultural shift, rejecting, however, Foucault's notion of an epistemic break and arguing for both continuity and discontinuity. Finally, Helmut Lethen (Utrecht) and Susan Suleiman (Harvard) sharply question the concept of Postmodernism. Suleiman argues that the supposed Postmodernist reaction against Modernism may well be a critical myth or, if it isn't, a reaction limited to the American literary situation.

In 'De onzichtbare steden' brengt Marco Polo verslag uit van zijn reizen aan zijn gastheer, de machtige Kublai Kan, keizer der Tataren. Langzaam beseft de keizer echter dat hem fictieve plaatsen worden beschreven, die alle verwijzen naar Marco Polo's eigen stad Venetië. De 'werkelijke' ervaringen van de ontdekkingsreiziger en de interpretatie van de keizer worden verweven in een bloemrijke beschrijving van onzichtbare droomsteden.

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.

Verhalen over een wezen dat zo oud is als het heelal.

"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"--

Human beings cannot live without travelling. Nowadays, old, outdated ideas are waning and it is time for an intellectual journey into complexity. Life and all that stems from it is far from equilibrium, in a continuous search for the new and the improbable. This book is a smooth journey into the complexity theory addressed to managers, entrepreneurs, practitioners; especially, it is an invitation to embark on the continuous search for the creative moment, where each arrival is a new departure. Those who want to imagine their future, those who have a dream will be inspired to venture into the mysterious and charming land at the edge of chaos, being aware that their future may also depend on chance.

This annotated enumerative bibliography lists all English-language translations of twentieth- and twenty-first-century Italian literature.

Tycho Woensdag is wees en woont in een ton. Hij is nog nooit naar het circus geweest, maar als het circus Osuro in de stad Reusel aankomt, weet hij wel dat dit geen normaal circus is. Het circus arriveert in

het geheim en in het holst van de nacht. Vanuit zijn ton op een heuvel ziet Tycho hoe de tenten worden opgezet en het circusterrein langzaam maar zeker gevuld raakt. Slaapdronken ontmoet Tycho een enorme tijger en de volgende morgen besluit hij dat hij méér wil weten over dat geheimzinnige circus en de tijger. Zo begint een fantastisch avontuur, waarin Tycho met zijn kleine vriendin Mini op zoek gaat naar het paleis van de lach, waar de Grote Cortado een kwaadaardig plan in uitvoering brengt.

Een jonge vrouw, die een aantal mysterieuze manuscripten erft waarop diverse personen jacht maken, ontdekt de samenhang tussen bepaalde aspecten van oude (bijbelse) geschiedenis, middeleeuwse legenden en huidige politiek.

Taking as a starting point the embeddedness of all disciplinary and interdisciplinary inquiry - since interdisciplinarity is itself not a unitary phenomenon but encompasses many different knowledge practices embedded in widely differing political, economic and ideological constituencies - the essays in this volume explore in different ways some of the conversations currently taking place across disciplinary boundaries in the exciting new field of literature and science. Like literature, science is seen as a site of competing ideological constructions, as a complex (and richly ambiguous) element of modern (and postmodern) social discourse, circulating in a wider cultural community where its currency fluctuates according to complex changes in social and epistemic conditions, including the relative prestige or cultural capital of 'science' (or 'literature') within professional and disciplinary hierarchies at any given time.

At the time of his death, Italo Calvino was internationally regarded as one of Italy's greatest twentieth century writers. His approach to literature was remarkably adventurous, and he produced a thought-provoking oeuvre. It invited readers to engage themselves with radical thoughts and philosophies, an approach lamentably scarce in contemporary global culture. This book examines Calvino's works of fiction in the context of the philosophical ideas he advanced in his theoretical and critical works. His was an extraordinarily versatile mind, keen on experimenting with a dazzling variety of both fiction and nonfiction forms.

Drie broertjes worstelen zich door hun kinderjaren. Ze zijn elkaars beste vriend maar ook elkaars grootste vijand. Ze houden tomatengevechten in de keuken, bouwen vliegers van afval en spelen verstoppertje wanneer hun ouders ruzie maken. Het is niet eenvoudig in deze familie te overleven. De liefde tussen hun Puerto Ricaanse vader en blanke moeder is hevig en bij vlagen destructief. Er heerst altijd chaos en het leven is wreed en fascinerend tegelijk. Het jongste broertje neemt de lezer moeiteloos mee in hun turbulente bestaan. Maar gaandeweg verliest hij zijn onbevangingheid en komt tot het besef dat hij zijn leven een radicale wending moet geven.

Long regarded as an undervalued and marginalised genre, the short story is undergoing a renaissance. The Short Story celebrates its unique appeal. Practitioners and scholars address the issues facing short story criticism in the 21st century. Author A.L. Kennedy shares the pleasures and frustrations of writing the short story in the literary marketplace. This is followed by an assessment of recent attempts to promote short story readership in the UK. Other contributors look at forms such as the short-short and the short story sequence. The range of authors discussed includes Martin Amis, Anita Desai, Salman Rushdie and James Joyce. The short story is the most international of genres; this is reflected in chapters on Jorge Luis Borges and Italo Calvino and on Japanese short fiction. Postcolonial and translation theory are combined with the close reading of specific texts. Neglected authors, such as the Welsh writer Dorothy Edwards and the colonial figure Frank Swettenham, are re-evaluated and we also consider genre writing, with chapters on crime fiction and Ray Bradbury's *Martian Chronicles*. Integrating theory and practice, *The Short Story* will appeal both to writers and to students of literary criticism.

Completely revised and updated to include the most up-to-date selections, this is a bold and bright reference book to the novels and the writers that have excited the world's imagination. This authoritative selection of novels, reviewed by an international team of writers, critics, academics, and journalists, provides a new take on world classics and a reliable guide to what's hot in contemporary fiction. Featuring more than 700 illustrations and photographs, presenting quotes from individual novels and authors, and completely revised for 2012, this is the ideal book for everybody who loves reading.

Georges Perec, ernstig getraumatiseerd door het verdwijnen van zijn ouders tijdens de Tweede Wereldoorlog, onderging tijdens zijn leven diverse psychoanalytische behandelingen. Het verklaart iets van het belang dat hij hechtte aan de dromen die hij tussen mei 1968 en augustus 1972 noteerde in zijn dagboek, ook om in het reine te komen met een stukgelopen liefde. Perec kwam al doende een nieuwe manier van schrijven op het spoor, die een verontrustende intensiteit had. De gefragmenteerde grondstof van nachtelijke hersenspinsels vormt in *De duistere winkel* een compleet verhaal, gedrenkt in humor en overlopend van stilistische hoogstandjes. In dezelfde periode schreef hij ook een aantal van zijn bekendste werken, waaronder *W of de jeugdherinnering* en *Ruimten rondom*.

A unique 128-page, textless graphic novel, in black, white and sepia, *The Arrival* draws its inspiration from tales of migrants in past and recent times. The central character is a middle-aged man who arrives in a strange new place and tries to find a place to live, a job and a handle on a new language. He encounters many challenges, all described entirely through visual sequences. The absence of words emphasises the strangeness of the situation and the loneliness experienced by many migrants, but the ending is full of affirmation and hope, when the wife and son the migrant had to leave behind are finally able to join him in their new homeland. [www.thearrival.com.au](http://www.thearrival.com.au)

A translated collection of early stories by Calvino. The earliest were written in 1945 when he was 22, and the latest date from the 50s when he was in his early 30s. Calvino's novels include *Invisible Cities* and *The Castle of Crossed Destinies*.

Ever since its appearance, Miguel de Cervantes' *Don Quixote* has exerted a powerful influence on the artistic imagination all around the world. This cross-cultural volume offers important new readings of canonical reinterpretations of the *Quixote*: from Unamuno to Borges, from Ortega y Gasset to Calvino, from Mark Twain to Carlos Fuentes. But to the prestigious list of well-known authors who acknowledged Cervantes' influence, it also adds new and surprising names, such as that of Subcomandante Marcos, who gives a Cervantine twist to his Mexican Zapatista revolution. Attention is paid to successful contemporary authors such as Paul Auster and Ricardo Piglia, as well as to the forgotten voice of the Belgian writer Joseph Grandgagnage. The volume breaks new ground by taking into consideration Belgian music and Dutch translations, as well as Cervantine procedures in Terry Gilliam's *Lost in La Mancha*. In all, this book constitutes an indispensable guide for the further study of the *Quixote's* *Nachleben* and offers exciting proposals for rereading Cervantes.

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

Een gerenommeerde kunstverzamelaar geniet van het vernietigen van zijn topstukken; twee jongens moeten hulpeloos toekijken terwijl hun vader de oorlog verklaart aan de wasberen die hun landhuis teisteren; een jonge kunstenaar tracht bij een bekende doch achterbakse roddelaarster in het gevlij te komen. In twintig verhalen toont Paul Theroux ons de mens die gedreven wordt door verlangens, wraaklust en zijn eigen demonen. In 'De vrouw van de reiziger' zien we de meest duistere, verzengende, verontrustende kant van de wereldberoemde reisschrijver.

Mari en Jonna zijn twee vrijzinnige vrouwen op leeftijd. De een is schrijfster, de ander kunstenaar, allebei wonen ze in hun eigen appartement in hetzelfde gebouw in Helsinki. Overdag werken ze in hun eigen huis, 's avonds kijken ze samen oude Franse films, en de zomers brengen ze door in hun huisje op een piepklein onbewoond eiland voor de Finse kust. In glashelder, filosofisch proza beschrijft Jansson de kleine dagelijkse strubbelingen en de momenten van humor en vreugde, het fundamentele wederzijdse respect en de generositeit die de bouwstenen zijn van een goede relatie. Jansson schreef

dit boek toen ze in de zeventig was en baseerde het verhaal van Mari en Jonna op haar eigen langdurige relatie met kunstenares Tuulikki Pietilä.

Drie novellen waarin telkens een zintuig centraal staat.

Analyzes how the folktale has influenced the development of narrative theory and how postmodern fiction has drawn on the folktale to experiment with diverse narrative concepts. A group of travellers chance to meet, first in a castle, then a tavern. Their powers of speech are magically taken from them and instead they have only tarot cards with which to tell their stories. What follows is an exquisite interlinking of narratives, and a fantastic, surreal and chaotic history of all human consciousness.

Rene Denfeld schrijft licht in het donkerste duister De betoverde plek is een oude stenen gevangenis, gezien door de ogen van een terdoodveroordeelde die in zijn boeken en fantasieën overleeft en de grimmige wereld rond hem tot een magische plaats maakt. Hij ziet en hoort wat anderen niet opmerken. In die vreemde wereld vol geschifte poëzie en rauw gevangenisgeweld figureren twee buitenstaanders: de gevallen priester en de dame, een onderzoekster die vergeten dossiers uitspit om veroordeelden van de doodstraf te redden. Ze trekt zich het lot van de moordenaar York aan, in wie ze meer een slachtoffer dan een dader vermoedt. Maar York wil niet gered worden. De Betoverden is een prachtig en transcendent boek, dat ons eraan herinnert hoe onze menselijkheid ons allemaal verbindt, en hoe schoonheid en liefde zelfs in de grootste nachtmerrie kunnen overleven. Rene Denfeld schrijft een taal die onder je huid kruipt.

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'Waarom zou je de klassieken lezen?' Het enige dat daarvoor spreekt, zegt Italo Calvino in deze gelijknamige verzameling essays die in 1991 voor het eerst verscheen, is dat het lezen van de klassieken beter is dan ze niet lezen. Bij Calvino betekent die uitspraak meer dan het op het eerste gezicht lijkt. Nadat hij veertien definities van 'de klassieken' heeft geformuleerd, geeft hij aan de hand van boeken uit zijn eigen bibliotheek vijfendertig antwoorden op de vraag waarom het zo belangrijk is om boeken uit het verleden te lezen. Calvino's levendige en inventieve omgang met Flaubert, Dickens, Tolstoj en Twain – om een paar van de besproken auteurs te noemen – inspireert iedere lezer de klassieken te lezen of te herlezen.

This is the first collection in English of the extraordinary letters of one of the great writers of the twentieth century. Italy's most important postwar novelist, Italo Calvino (1923-1985) achieved worldwide fame with such books as *Cosmicomics*, *Invisible Cities*, and *If on a Winter's Night a Traveler*. But he was also an influential literary critic, an important literary editor, and a masterful letter writer whose correspondents included Umberto Eco, Primo Levi, Gore Vidal, Leonardo Sciascia, Natalia Ginzburg, Michelangelo Antonioni, Pier Paolo Pasolini, and Luciano Berio. This book includes a generous selection of about 650 letters, written between World War II and the end of Calvino's life. Selected and introduced by Michael Wood, the letters are expertly rendered into English and annotated by well-known Calvino translator Martin McLaughlin. The letters are filled with insights about Calvino's writing and that of others; about Italian, American, English, and French literature; about literary criticism and literature in general; and about culture and politics. The book also provides a kind of autobiography, documenting Calvino's Communism and his resignation from the party in 1957, his eye-opening trip to the United States in 1959-60, his move to Paris (where he lived from 1967 to 1980), and his trip to his birthplace in Cuba (where he met Che Guevara). Some lengthy letters amount almost to critical essays, while one is an appropriately brief defense of brevity, and there is an even shorter, reassuring note to his parents written on a scrap of paper while he and his brother were in hiding during the antifascist Resistance. This is a book that will fascinate and delight Calvino fans and anyone else interested in a remarkable portrait of a great writer at work.

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