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Recipient of the 2015 PEN New England Award for Nonfiction "The arrival of a significant young nonfiction writer . . . A measured yet bravura performance."
—Dwight Garner, *The New York Times*

James Joyce's big blue book, *Ulysses*, ushered in the modernist era and changed the novel for all time. But the genius of *Ulysses* was also its danger: it omitted absolutely nothing. Joyce, along with some of the most important publishers and writers of his era, had to fight for years to win the freedom to publish it. *The Most Dangerous Book* tells the remarkable story surrounding *Ulysses*, from the first stirrings of Joyce's inspiration in 1904 to the book's landmark federal obscenity trial in 1933. Written for ardent Joyceans as well as novices who want to get to the heart of the greatest novel of the twentieth century, *The Most Dangerous Book* is a gripping examination of how the world came to say Yes to *Ulysses*.

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A Reader's Guide to Finnegans Wake

Cambridge University Press

A striking reassessment of the Don Juan myth. A literary tour de force, this extraordinary novel is told in single-minded pursuit of double meanings, but it is serious play. Larva is a rollicking account of a masquerade party in an abandoned mansion in London. Milalias (disguised as Don Juan) searches for Babelle (as Sleeping Beauty) through a linguistic funhouse of puns and wordplay recalling Joyce's *Finnegans Wake*. A mock-scholarly commentary reveals the

backgrounds of the masked revellers, while Rios' allusive language shows that words too wear masks, hiding an astonishing range of further meanings and implications. Larva revives a Hispanic tradition repressed for centuries by introducing the English tradition of puns, palindromes and acrostics (a word puzzle in which certain letters in each line form a word or words) and establishes Rios as the most accomplished successor (in any language) to Joyce.

Finnegans Wake Open Road + Grove/Atlantic

James Joyce and the Philosophers at *Finnegans Wake* explores how Joyce used the philosophers Nicholas Cusanus, Giordano Bruno, and Giambattista Vico as the basis upon which to write *Finnegans Wake*. Very few Joyce critics know enough about these philosophers and therefore often miss their influence on Joyce's great work. Joyce embraces these philosophic companions to lead him through the underworld of history with all its repetitions and resurrections, oppositions and recombinations. We as philosophical readers of the *Wake* go along with them to meet everybody and in so doing are bound "to encounter for the millionth time the reality of experience and to forge in the smithy" of our souls the "uncreated conscience" of humankind. Verene builds his study on the basis of years of teaching *Finnegans Wake* side by side with Cusanus, Bruno, and Vico, and his book will serve as a guide to readers of Joyce's novel.

The Mythic Dimension Syracuse University Press

Explore the power of myth as humanity first discovered it

A Skeleton Key to "Finnegans Wake"

Columbia University Press

"Joyce's Book of the Dark gives us such

a blend of exciting intelligence and impressive erudition that it will surely become established as one of the most fascinating and readable Finnegans Wake studies now available."—Margot Norris, James Joyce Literary Supplement *Ulysses* Northwestern University Press

The biggest stumbling block facing any prospective reader of "Finnegans Wake" is the book itself, with its thousands of words of Joyce's inventions, derived from nearly every foreign language imaginable and from a host of other sources. Now extensively revised, expanded, and corrected, Roland McHugh's "Annotations" is a unique one-volume guidebook designed to be read side by side with the "Wake" itself. *Primitive Mythology (the Masks of God, Volume 1)* University of Pennsylvania Press

This, for my money, is the most spectacular non-fiction work that Wilson ever penned, breathtakingly adventurous in both its content and its strikingly experimental form. Uncertain and demonstrably uncaring whether it's a piece of literary criticism, metaphysical discussion or anthology of diverse esoteric writings, this remarkable compendium is best seen, in the spirit of its title, as a glorious accidental dance of meaning, modernism and mythology. - Alan Moore, from his introduction to *Coincidance - The Robert Anton Wilson Trust Authorized Hilaritas Press Edition Lots of Fun at Finnegans Wake* HarperCollins UK

'A sine qua non for Joyceans' (Clarence Sterling). 'Certainly the best intro to the Wake I've seen' (Andrew H. Blom). This lively and readable essay provides essential background information and helpful reading techniques.

Melanin Eric Rosenbloom

The book consists of 18 chapters, each

covering roughly one hour of the day, beginning around 8 a.m. and ending sometime after 2 a.m. the following morning. Each chapter employs its own literary style, and parodies a specific episode in Homer's *Odyssey*. Furthermore, each chapter is associated with a specific colour, art or science, and bodily organ. This combination of kaleidoscopic writing with an extreme formal schematic structure renders the book a major contribution to the development of 20th-century modernist literature. The use of classical mythology as an organising framework, the near-obsessive focus on external detail, and the occurrence of significant action within the minds of characters have also contributed to the development of literary modernism. Nevertheless, Joyce complained that, "I may have oversystematised *Ulysses*," and played down the mythic correspondences by eliminating the chapter titles that had been taken from Homer. As he was completing work on *Dubliners* in 1906, Joyce considered adding another story featuring a Jewish advertising canvasser called Leopold Bloom under the title *Ulysses*. Although he did not pursue the idea further at the time, he eventually commenced work on a novel using both the title and basic premise in 1914. The writing was completed in October 1921. Three more months were devoted to working on the proofs of the book before Joyce halted work shortly before his self-imposed deadline, his 40th birthday (2 February 1922). This publication encountered censorship problems in the United States; serialisation was halted in 1920 when the editors were convicted of publishing obscenity. Although the conviction was based on the "Nausicaä" episode of *Ulysses*, *The Little Review* had fuelled the fires of controversy with *dada*

poet Elsa von Freytag-Loringhoven's defence of Ulysses in an essay "The Modest Woman." Joyce's novel was not published in the United States until 1933. With the appearance of both Ulysses and T. S. Eliot's poem, *The Waste Land*, 1922 was a key year in the history of English-language literary modernism. In *Ulysses*, Joyce employs stream of consciousness, parody, jokes, and virtually every other established literary technique to present his characters. The action of the novel, which takes place in a single day, 16 June 1904, sets the characters and incidents of the *Odyssey* of Homer in modern Dublin and represents Odysseus (*Ulysses*), Penelope and Telemachus in the characters of Leopold Bloom, his wife Molly Bloom and Stephen Dedalus, parodically contrasted with their lofty models. The book explores various areas of Dublin life, dwelling on its squalor and monotony. Nevertheless, the book is also an affectionately detailed study of the city, and Joyce claimed that if Dublin were to be destroyed in some catastrophe it could be rebuilt, brick by brick, using his work as a model. To achieve this level of accuracy, Joyce used the 1904 edition of Thom's *Directory*—a work that listed the owners and/or tenants of every residential and commercial property in the city. He also bombarded friends still living there with requests for information and clarification.

The Hero with a Thousand Faces

Collected Works of Joseph Campbell
Page by page, chapter by chapter, [this book] outlines the basic action of [*Finnegans Wake*], simplifies and clarifies the complex web of images and illusions, and provides an understandable continuous narrative from which the reader can venture out

on his own.—Dust jacket.

Joyce's *Finnegans Wake* Facsimiles-Garl

Publisher description

How Joyce Wrote *Finnegans Wake*

Dalkey Archive Press

Collects ten of the author's essays exploring myth and its history; its influence on art, literature, and culture; and its role in everyday life.

The Skin of Our Teeth Oxford University Press

The Mookse and the Gripes is the peculiar and hilarious re-telling of Aesop's ancient fable of 'The Fox and the Grapes', as presented in Joyce's 1939 classic.

*James Joyce and the Philosophers at *Finnegans Wake** Penguin

"An Eternal Family narrowly escape one disaster after another, from ancient times to the present. Meet George and Maggie Antrobus (married only 5,000 years); their two children, Gladys and Henry (perfect in every way!); and their maid, Sabina (the ageless vamp) as they overcome ice, flood, and war -- by the skin of their teeth."--Amazon

The Most Dangerous Book Syracuse University Press

This volume introduces English speakers to genetic criticism, arguably the most important critical movement in France today. In recent years, French literary scholars have been exploring the interpretive possibilities of textual history, turning manuscript study into a recognized form of literary criticism. They have clearly demonstrated that manuscripts can be used for purposes other than establishing an accurate text of a work. Although its raw material is a writer's manuscripts, genetic criticism owes more to structuralist and poststructuralist notions of textuality than to philology and textual criticism.

As Genetic Criticism demonstrates, the chief concern is not the "final" text but the reconstruction and analysis of the writing process. Geneticists find endless richness in what they call the "avant-texte": a critical gathering of a writer's notes, sketches, drafts, manuscripts, typescripts, proofs, and correspondence. Together, the essays in this volume reveal how genetic criticism cooperates with such forms of literary study as narratology, linguistics, psychoanalysis, sociocriticism, deconstruction, and gender theory. Genetic Criticism contains translations of eleven essays, general theoretical analyses as well as studies of individual authors such as Flaubert, Proust, Joyce, Zola, Stendhal, Chateaubriand, and Montaigne. Some of the essays are foundational statements, while others deal with such recent topics as noncanonical texts and the potential impact of hypertext on genetic study. A general introduction to the book traces genetic criticism's intellectual history, and separate introductions give precise contexts for each essay.

The Sigla of Finnegans Wake New World Library

James Joyce's *Ulysses*, once regarded as obscure and obscene, is now viewed as one of the masterpieces of world literature. Yet Joyce's final novel, *Finnegans Wake*, to which he devoted seventeen years, remains virtually unread, except by scholarly specialists. Its linguistic novelties, apparently based on an immense learning that few can share, make it appear impenetrable. Joyce's *Kaleidoscope* attempts to dissolve the darkness and to invite lovers of literature to engage with *Finnegans Wake*. Philip Kitcher proposes that the *Wake* has at its core an age-old philosophical question, "What makes a life worth living?", and that Joyce

explores that question from the perspective of someone who feels that a long life is now ending. So the complex dream language is a way of investigating issues that are hard to face directly; the reader is invited to struggle with the novel's aging dreamer who seeks reassurance about the worth of what he has done and been. Joyce finds his way to reassurance. The sweeping music and the high comedy of *Finnegans Wake* celebrate the ordinary doings of ordinary people. With great humanity and a distinctive brand of humanism, Joyce points us to the things that matter in our lives. His final novel is a festival of life itself. From this perspective, the supposedly opaque, or nonsensical, language opens up as a rich source for the reader's reflections: though readers won't all approach it the same way, or with the same set of references, there is meaning in it for everyone. Kitcher's detailed study of the entire text brings out its musical resonances and its musical structures. It analyzes the novel overall while bringing deep insight to the reading of key individual passages. This engaging guide will aid readers not just to make sense of the novel, but to relish the remarkable accomplishment of Joyce's least appreciated work.

Joyce's Book of the Dark Da Capo Press

This is the only full-length study of *Finnegans Wake* to outline and catalog the immense amount of naturalistic detail from which Joyce built the book. The opening chapters describe the physical setting, time, and main characters out of which the book is constructed. John Gordon argues that behind this detail is an essentially autobiographical story involving Joyce's history and, in particular, his feelings toward his father, wife, daughter and the older brother who died in infancy. Many

of the author's findings are new and likely to be controversial because recent criticism has tended to the belief that what he attempts to do cannot be done. This new study of *Finnegans Wake* represents a radically conservative approach and is intended to function both as a guide to the newcomer seeking a chapter-by-chapter plot summary and as an original contribution to Joyce criticism.

Re Joyce W. W. Norton & Company
A Study of ancient African history reveals an early African definition of the human Melanin System as a whole body Black Melanin System that serves as the eye of the soul to produce inner vision, true spiritual consciousness, creative genius, beatific vision, to become Godlike, and to have conversation with the immortals (Ancestors). The purpose of ancient African education was to provide knowledge and development of the will of the student that allowed salvation (freedom) of the soul from the fetters (chains) of the physical body (George G. M. James, *Stolen Legacy*)

A Word in Your Ear Universal-Publishers
Initially created to counteract broadcasts from Nazi Germany, the BBC's Eastern Service became a cauldron of global modernism and an unlikely nexus of artistic exchange. Directed at an educated Indian audience, its

programming provided remarkable moments: Listeners in India heard James Joyce reading from *Finnegans Wake* on the eve of independence, as well as the literary criticism of E. M. Forster and the works of Indian writers living in London. In *Radio Empire*, Daniel Ryan Morse demonstrates the significance of the Eastern Service for global Anglophone literature and literary broadcasting. He traces how modernist writers used radio to experiment with form and introduce postcolonial literature to global audiences. While innovative authors consciously sought to incorporate radio's formal features into the novel, literature also exerted a reciprocal and profound influence on twentieth-century broadcasting. Reading Joyce and Forster alongside Attia Hosain, Mulk Raj Anand, and Venu Chitale, Morse demonstrates how the need to appeal to listeners at the edges of the empire pushed the boundaries of literary work in London, inspired high-cultural broadcasting in England, and formed an invisible but influential global network. Adding a transnational perspective to scholarship on radio modernism, *Radio Empire* demonstrates how the history of broadcasting outside of Western Europe offers a new understanding of the relationship between colonial center and periphery.