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An Introduction Princeton University Press

This book explores the debates surrounding two dynamic fields – postcolonial studies and world literature. Contrary to many dominant narratives in critical theory, it asserts that as an analytical framework the idea of world literature is dead: the nineteenth-century ideal of world literature had always and already been embedded in colonial histories; and also because whatever promise that ideal held out has been exhausted by postcolonial Anglophone literature. Through fresh and incisive readings of the postcolonial canon and

some of its most prominent authors like Rudyard Kipling, V.S. Naipaul, J.M. Coetzee, and Salman Rushdie, the volume discusses how these Anglophone writings have used the banal and ordinary ideal of world literature to fashion out their own trajectories. Ambitious in scope, this book challenges many of the existing theoretical and literary frameworks and offers a radical reimagination of the fields. The volume, written in an accessible and lively prose, will be indispensable for scholars and researchers of literature, critical theory, postcolonial studies, cultural studies, and comparative literature. *Postcolonialism, Pedagogy, and Canadian Literature* Routledge This book offers a variety of approaches to children's literature from a postcolonial perspective

that includes discussions of cultural appropriation, race theory, pedagogy as a colonialist activity, and multiculturalism. The eighteen essays divide into three sections: Theory, Colonialism, Postcolonialism. The first section sets the theoretical framework for postcolonial studies; essays here deal with issues of "otherness" and cultural difference, as well as the colonialist implications of pedagogic practice. These essays confront our relationships with the child and childhood as sites for the exertion of our authority and control. Section 2 presents discussions of the colonialist mind-set in children's and young adult texts from the turn of the century. Here works by writers of animal stories in Canada, the U.S. and Britain, works of early Australian colonialist literature, and Frances

Hodgson Burnett's *A Little Princess* come under the scrutiny of our postmodern reading practices. Section 3 deals directly with contemporary texts for children that manifest both a postcolonial and a neo-colonial content. In this section, the longest in the book, we have studies of children's literature from Canada, Australia, Africa, the Caribbean, and the United States.

Eighteenth-Century British Literature and Postcolonial Studies

Springer

Includes critical essays on William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*; Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*; Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*; Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*; Rudyard Kipling's *Kim*; James Joyce's *Ulysses*; E.M. Forster's *A Passage to India*; and, Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses*.

The Cambridge History of Postcolonial Literature

Pearson Education India
The Present Book Is An Attempt To Analyse Some Of The Outstanding Post-Colonial Writers Like Arundhati Roy (Booker Prize Winner 1997), Vikram Chandra (Commonwealth Prize Winner 1997), Derek Walcott (Nobel Prize

Winner), Margaret Atwood (Booker Prize Winner 2000), Jayanta Mahapatra, Dom Moraes, Nissim Ezekiel, Keki N. Daruwalla, Kamala Das, Shiv K. Kumar, Anita Desai, Shashi Deshpande, Ruskin Bond (All Sahitya Akademi Award Winners) In *The Light Of Post-Colonial Theory. Apart From Analysing Individual Authors, An Attempt Has Also Been Made To Show The Trends In Post-Colonial Poetry, Indian English Fiction, Orissan Contribution To Post-Colonial Indian English Literature And Above All, Post-Colonial English Studies In India.*

Encyclopedia of Post-Colonial Literatures in English Cambridge University Press

The book present a collection of twenty three research papers on Post-colonial Indian English Literature that are wide ranging in nature dealing with fiction, short stories, drama and critical trends. They covers writers such as Rabindranath Tagore, Mulk Raj Anand, R.K. Narayan, Raja Rao, Bhabani Bhattacharya, Chaman Nahal, Anita Desai, Asif Currimbhoy and Girish Karnad. There is also a brief survey of Post-colonialism and textuality of Indian

English Fiction. Areas such as Environmental issues and female sensibility in Indian English Literature have also been included.

The Cambridge Introduction to Postcolonial Literatures in English

Cambridge University Press

Project Report from the year 2012 in the subject Literature - Africa, grade: 1,0, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, language: English, abstract: The academic discourse on African postcolonial literature is characterized by a continuous process of debates on a variety of issues, reassessments of theories and redefinitions of terms. The term African postcolonial literature refers to writings produced after the political independence of various African states which were formerly subject to European colonial rule. Most of this literature written by African authors in their home countries or in diaspora deals with issues of colonial experience or decolonization. However, as Graham Huggan points out, the term African literature is a problematic concept, because "it conveys a fiction of

homogeneity" and ignores the cultural variety existing on the African continent. Gikandi explains that the foundations of modern African literature have been laid by the process of colonization, e.g. through education in Christian schools which have enabled today's forms of literature. Gikandi emphasizes the irony of this fact: "[W]hile the majority of African writers were the products of colonial institutions, they turned to writing to oppose colonialism." This leads to various problems when dealing with African writings, especially when applying the viewpoint of postcolonial criticism, which has been trying to theorize African writings since the 1980s. As Huggan points out, postcolonial criticism has been criticized "as subscribing to the very binaries (e.g. 'Europe and its Others') it seeks to resist." This paper contains an annotated bibliography which considers various issues regarding African postcolonial literature that have been discussed in the past 20 years. Here, the term African postcolonial literature is understood in a temporal way (referring to the

postcolonial era in Africa) and in an academic way (referring to the postcolonial discourse). The articles, coll An Introduction OUP Oxford
In a postcolonial world, where structures of power, hierarchy, and domination operate on a global scale, writers face an ethical and aesthetic dilemma: How to write without contributing to the inscription of inequality? How to process the colonial past without reverting to a pathology of self-disgust? Can literature ever be free of the shame of the postcolonial epoch--ever be truly postcolonial? As disparities of power seem only to be increasing, such questions are more urgent than ever. In this book, Timothy Bewes argues that shame is a dominant temperament in twentieth-century literature, and the key to understanding the ethics and aesthetics of the contemporary world. Drawing on thinkers such as Jean-Paul Sartre, Frantz Fanon, Theodor Adorno, and Gilles Deleuze, Bewes argues that in literature there is an "event" of shame that brings together these ethical and aesthetic tensions. Reading works by J. M.

Coetzee, Joseph Conrad, Nadine Gordimer, V. S. Naipaul, Caryl Phillips, Ngugi wa Thiong'o, and Zoë Wicomb, Bewes presents a startling theory: the practices of postcolonial literature depend upon and repeat the same structures of thought and perception that made colonialism possible in the first place. As long as those structures remain in place, literature and critical thinking will remain steeped in shame. Offering a new mode of postcolonial reading, The Event of Postcolonial Shame demands a literature and a criticism that acknowledge their own ethical deficiency without seeking absolution from it. Early Irish Literature in English Translation Routledge
Colonial and Postcolonial Literature is the leading critical overview of and historical introduction to colonial and postcolonial literary studies. Highly praised from the time of its first publication for its lucidity, breadth, and insight, the book has itself played a crucial part in founding and shaping this rapidly expanding field. The author, an internationally renowned postcolonial critic,

provides a broad contextualizing narrative about the evolution of colonial and postcolonial writing in English. Illuminating close readings of texts by a wide variety of writers - from Kipling and Conrad through to Kincaid, from Ngugi to Noonuccal and Naipaul - explicate key theoretical terms such as 'subaltern', 'colonial resistance', 'writing back', and 'hybridity'. This revised edition includes new critiques of postcolonial women's writing, an expanded and fully annotated bibliography, and a new chapter and conclusion on postcolonialism exploring keynote debates in the field relating to sexuality, transnationalism, and local resistance.

Postcolonial Literature

Routledge

In Shakespeare's *Tempest*, Caliban says to Miranda and Prospero: "...you taught me language, and my profit on't is, I know how to curse." With this statement, he gives voice to an issue that lies at the centre of post-colonial studies. Can Caliban own Prospero's language? Can he use it to do more than curse? *Caliban's Voice* examines the ways in which post-colonial

literatures have transformed English to redefine what we understand to be 'English Literature'. It investigates the importance of language learning in the imperial mission, the function of language in ideas of race and place, the link between language and identity, the move from orature to literature and the significance of translation. By demonstrating the dialogue that occurs between writers and readers in literature, Bill Ashcroft argues that cultural identity is not locked up in language, but that language, even a dominant colonial language, can be transformed to convey the realities of many different cultures. Using the figure of Caliban, Ashcroft weaves a consistent and resonant thread through his discussion of the post-colonial experience of life in the English language, and the power of its transformation into new and creative forms.

Global Locations,

Postcolonial

Identifications Springer
In this ground-breaking interdisciplinary study of terrorism, insurgency and the literature of colonial India, Alex Tickell re-envisages the political

aesthetics of empire. Organized around key crisis moments in the history of British colonial rule such as the 'Black Hole' of Calcutta, the anti-thug campaigns of the 1830s, the 1857 Rebellion, anti-colonial terrorism in Edwardian London and the Amritsar massacre in 1919, this timely book reveals how the terrorizing threat of violence mutually defined discursive relations between colonizer and colonized. Based on original research and drawing on theoretical work on sovereignty and the exception, this book examines Indian-English literary traditions in transaction and covers fiction and journalism by both colonial and Indian authors. It includes critical readings of several significant early Indian works for the first time: from neglected fictions such as Kylas Chunder Dutt's story of anticolonial rebellion *A Journal of Forty-Eight Hours of the Year 1945* (1835) and Sarath Kumar Ghosh's nationalist epic *The Prince of Destiny* (1909) to dissident periodicals like *Hurrish Chunder Mookerji's Hindoo Patriot* (1856-66) and Shyamaji Krishnavarma's *Indian Sociologist* (1905-14).

These are read alongside canonical works by metropolitan and 'Anglo-Indian' authors such as Philip Meadows Taylor's *Confessions of a Thug* (1839), Rudyard Kipling's short fictions, and novels by Edmund Candler and E. M. Forster. Reflecting on the wider cross-cultural politics of terror during the Indian independence struggle, Tickell also reappraises sacrificial violence in Indian revolutionary nationalism and locates Gandhi's philosophy of ahimsa or non-violence as an inspired tactical response to the terror-effects of colonial rule.

Voices of the Other

Cambridge Scholars Publishing
Postcolonial literatures can be defined as the body of creative work written by authors whose lands were formerly colonized. This book is a research guide to postcolonial literatures in English, specifically from former British colonies in Africa, the Caribbean, and South Asia. While this volume focuses exclusively on Anglophone literatures, it does not address those from Australia, Canada, Ireland, and New Zealand as they have already been covered in previous

volumes in the series. Routledge
Shows how Renaissance writers and artists struggled to reconcile past traditions with experiences of 'discovery.' In what ways have colonial and postcolonial studies transformed our perceptions of early modern European texts and images? How have those perceptions enriched our broader understanding of the colonial and the postcolonial? Focusing on English, Portuguese, Spanish and French colonial projects, Shankar Raman explains how encounters with new worlds and peoples irrevocably shaped both Europeans and their 'others'. There are in-depth case studies on: the Portuguese drama and epic of Gil Vicente and Luis Vaz de Camoes; travel narratives and exotic engravings from Theodore de Bry's influential compilations; and the English plays and verse of Christopher Marlowe, John Donne and Richard Brome.
Contemporary African Literature in English Postcolonial Theory and English LiteratureA ReaderIncludes critical essays on William Shakespeare's The

Tempest; Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*; Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*; Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*; Rudyard Kipling's *Kim*; James Joyce's *Ulysses*; E.M. Forster's *A Passage to India*; and, Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses*.
Postcolonial Literatures in English
Introduction
Examines the legacy of imperialism and decolonisation, globalisation and national identity
Graham MacPhee explains how postwar writers blended the experimentalism of prewar modernism with other cultural traditions to represent both the pain and the pleasures of multiculturalism. He discusses a wide range of writers, from Auden, Orwell, T.S. Eliot and Larkin to Linton Kwesi Johnson, Tony Harrison, Kazuo Ishiguro and Ian McEwan.
Key Features*
Explores concepts and critical terms such as 'British national literature', 'new ethnicities', 'migrancy' and 'hybridity'*
Case studies of postwar texts include: Sam Selvon's *The Lonely Londoners*, John Arden's *Serjeant Musgrave's Dance*, Linton Kwesi Johnson's *Dread Beat an' Blood*, Tony

Harrison's V, Kazuo Ishiguro's *The Remains of the Day*, Leila Aboulela's *Minaret* and Ian McEwan's *Saturday*

Caliban's Voice

Cambridge University Press

The term 'postcolonial literatures in English' designates English-language literatures from Africa, Asia, the Americas and Oceania, as well as the literatures of diasporic communities who have moved from those regions to the global north. This volume introduces the central themes of postcolonial literary studies and delineates how these themes are reflected and elaborated in exemplary literary works by postcolonial authors from around the world. It also offers succinct definitions of key terms like Orientalism, hybridity, Indigeneity or writing back.

Orientalism Psychology Press

Contemporary African Literature in English explores the contours of representation in contemporary Anglophone African literature, drawing on a wide range of authors including Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Aminatta Forna, Brian Chikwava, Ngugi wa Thiong'o, Nuruddin Farah

and Chris Abani.

The Cambridge Companion to Postcolonial Literary Studies

Scarecrow Press

More than three decades after its first publication, Edward Said's groundbreaking critique of the West's historical, cultural, and political perceptions of the East has become a modern classic. In this wide-ranging, intellectually vigorous study, Said traces the origins of "orientalism" to the centuries-long period during which Europe dominated the Middle and Near East and, from its position of power, defined "the orient" simply as "other than" the occident. This entrenched view continues to dominate western ideas and, because it does not allow the East to represent itself, prevents true understanding. Essential, and still eye-opening, *Orientalism* remains one of the most important books written about our divided world.

An Introduction Edinburgh University Press

The Oxford Studies in Postcolonial Literatures series (general editor: Elleke Boehmer) offers stimulating and accessible introductions to definitive topics and key genres and

regions within the rapidly diversifying field of postcolonial literary studies in English. *Postcolonial Poetry in English* provides a comprehensive introduction to the development of English poetry in all the regions that were once part of the British Empire. The idea of postcolonial poetry is held together by three factors: the global community constituted by English; the creative possibilities accessible through English; and patterns of literary development common to regions with a history of recent decolonization. In showing how diverse poetic traditions in English evolved from dependency to varying degrees of cultural self-confidence, the book answers two broad questions: how is postcolonial studies relevant to the interpretation of poetry, and how does poetry contribute to our idea of postcolonial writing? The book is divided into three parts: the first works out a method of analysis based on recent publications of outstanding interest; the second narrates the development of poetic traditions in Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean, and the settler colonies of

Canada, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand; the third analyses key motifs, such as the struggle for minority self-representation; the cultural politics of gender, modernism, and postmodernity; and the experience of migration and self-exile in contemporary Anglophone societies. *Postcolonial Poetry in English* provides a succinct and wide-ranging introduction to some of the most exciting poetic writing of the twentieth century. It is ideally suited for readers interested in world writing in English, contemporary literature, postcolonial writing, cultural studies, and postmodern culture. The Cambridge Companion to Rudyard Kipling University of Ottawa Press
An overview of Kipling's work, his career and postcolonial views on his

often controversial position on imperialism. *Postwar British Literature and Postcolonial Studies* Edinburgh University Press
The past century has witnessed the extraordinary flowering of fiction, poetry and drama from countries previously colonised by Britain, an output which has changed the map of English literature. This introduction, from a leading figure in the field, explores a wide range of Anglophone post-colonial writing from Africa, Australia, the Caribbean, India, Ireland and Britain. Lyn Innes compares the ways in which authors shape communal identities and interrogate the values and representations of peoples in newly independent nations. Placing its emphasis on literary rather than

theoretical texts, this book offers detailed discussion of many internationally renowned authors, including James Joyce, Chinua Achebe, Salman Rushdie, Les Murray and Derek Walcott. It also includes historical surveys of the main countries discussed, a glossary, and biographical notes on major authors. Lyn Innes provides a rich and subtle guide to a vast array of authors and texts from a wide range of sites. *Postcolonial Literatures in English* Taylor & Francis
Includes critical essays on William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*; Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*; Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*; Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*; Rudyard Kipling's *Kim*; James Joyce's *Ulysses*; E.M. Forster's *A passage to India*; and, Salman Rushdie's *The satanic verses*.