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Irony in Action Holt McDougal

Here is a book as joyous and painful, as mysterious and memorable, as childhood itself. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings captures the longing of lonely children, the brute insult of bigotry, and the wonder of words that can make the world right. Maya Angelou's debut memoir is a modern American classic beloved worldwide. Sent by their mother to live with their devout, self-sufficient grandmother in a small Southern town, Maya and her brother, Bailey, endure the ache of abandonment and the prejudice of the local "powhitetrash." At eight years old and back at her mother's side in St. Louis, Maya is attacked by a man many times her age—and has to live with the consequences for a lifetime. Years later, in San Francisco, Maya learns that love for herself, the kindness of others, her own strong spirit, and the ideas of great authors ("I met and fell in love with William Shakespeare") will allow her to be free instead of imprisoned. Poetic and powerful, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings will touch hearts and change minds for as long as people read. "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings liberates the reader into life simply because Maya Angelou confronts her own life with such a moving wonder, such a luminous dignity."—James Baldwin From the Paperback edition.

Poetry, Symbol, and Allegory Rodopi

New Age and holistic beliefs and practices - sometimes called the "new spirituality" - are widely distributed across modern global society. The fluid and popular nature of new age makes these movements a very challenging field to understand using traditional models of religious analysis. Rather than treating new age as an exotic specimen on the margins of 'proper' religion, "New Age Spirituality" examines these movements as a form of everyday or lived religion. The book brings together an international range of scholars to explore the key issues: insight, healing, divination, meditation, gnosis, extraordinary experiences, and interactions with gods, spirits and superhuman powers. Combining discussion of contemporary beliefs and practices with cutting-edge theoretical analysis, the book repositions new age spirituality at the forefront of the contemporary study of religion. *The Poisonwood Bible* Random House

The 'Brihakattha', or Lord Shiva's narrative to his wife Parvati, is featured in Gunadhya's epic composition 'Katha Sarita Sagara' in Sanskrit. Somadeva's adaptation retains the storyline, with Lord Shiva substituting for Lord Kubera, the God of Wealth. C H Tawney, blending pure Hindu mythology with Buddhist and tantric beliefs, translated the story into English as *The Ocean of a Story*,

which runs 12 volumes and includes footnotes. Shiva's Own Story is a condensed version of Tawney's work. The setting of the stories is India in the 10th and 11th centuries, when the country was composed of many small kingdoms and fiefdoms. There was no dearth of monarchs with dynastic ambitions. The king was usually advised by an intelligent and devoted Brahman minister. The heir apparent, the crown prince, had a circle of friends, mostly sons of the king's ministers, who became part of the cabinet when the prince became king. Intrigue was rife and matrimonial alliances were often a strategy to expand the kingdom. In a country where illiteracy is still formidable, storytelling is a means of promoting and propagating religious and moral culture.

Collaborative Dubliners Delphi Classics

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I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings Rodopi

Walter Scott and Modernity argues that, far from turning away from modernity to indulge a nostalgic vision of the past, Scott uses the past as means of exploring key problems in the modern world. This study includes critical introductions to some of the most widely read poems published in nineteenth-century Britain (which are also the most scandalously neglected), and insights into the narrative strategies and ideological interests of some of Scott's greatest novels. It explores the impact of the French revolution on attitudes to tradition, national heritage, historical change and modernity in the romantic period, considers how the

experience of empire influenced ideas about civilized identity, and how ideas of progress could be used both to rationalise the violence of empire and to counteract demands for political reform. It also shows how current issues of debate - from relations between Western and Islamic cultures, to the political significance of the private conscience in a liberal society - are

The Awakening Univ of California Press

Irony today extends beyond its classification as a figure of speech and is increasingly recognized as one of the major modes of human experience. This idea of irony as an integral force in social life is at the center of this provocative book. The result of a meeting where anthropologists were invited to explore the politics of irony and the moral responsibilities that accompany its recognition, this book is one of the first to lend an anthropological perspective to this contemporary phenomenon. The first group of essays explores the limits to irony's liberating qualities from the constrained use of irony in congressional hearings to its reactive presence amid widening disparities of wealth despite decades of world development. The second section presents irony's more positive dimensions through an array of examples such as the use of irony by Chinese writers and Irish humorists. Framed by the editors' theoretical introduction to the issues posed by irony and responses to the essays by two literary scholars, *Irony in Action* is a timely contribution in the contemporary reinvention of anthropology.

Of Parrots and People University of Chicago Press

One of the more nonconformist figures in the animal kingdom, the parrot is linked to humans by its ability to speak—a trait many have found unsettling, though this discomfort is offset by its gorgeous plumage, which makes it one of the most popular members of the avian family. Unlike previous studies that have treated parrots as simply a curious oddity, Paul Carter offers here in *Parrot* a thoughtful yet spirited consideration of the natural and cultural history of parrots, discussing parrot portraiture, the role and significance of parrots' mimicry in human culture, and parrot conservation, as well the parrot's role in literature, folklore and mythology, film, and television worldwide. Parrot takes three different approaches to the squawker: the first section, "Parrotics," examines the historical, cultural, and scientific classification of parrots; "Parroteralia," the second part, looks at the association of parrots with the different languages, ages, tastes, and dreams of society; and, finally, "Parrotology" investigates what the mimicry of parrots reveals about our own systems of communication. Humorously written and wide-ranging in scope, this volume takes readers beyond pirates and "Polly wants a cracker" to a new kind of animal history, one conscious of the critical and ironic mirror parrots hold up to human society. *New Age Spirituality* Longman Publishing Group

'Breathtaking.' Sunday Times 'Exquisite.' The Times 'Beautiful.' Independent 'Powerful.' New York Times An international bestseller and a modern classic, this suspenseful epic of one family's tragic undoing and their remarkable reconstruction has been read, adored and shared by millions around the world. This story is told by the wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce, evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. They carry with them everything they believe they will need from home, but soon find that all of it - from garden seeds to Scripture - is calamitously transformed on African soil. What readers are saying 'This remains one of the most fascinating books I have ever read.' 'I felt every emotion under the sky with this book.' 'Riveting.' 'This novel left a lasting - YEARS LASTING - impression.' 'This is one of those books that stands the test of time and is worth rereading.' 'Five epic, no-wonder-this-book-is-so-well-loved stars!' *Objective Narrative, Irony and Sympathy in Flaubert's 'Un Coeur Simple'* Notion Press

Danny Finn-a pop star with a tendency to faint when nervous-has grown weary of living in fame's fishbowl. He's tired of touring, fed up with teenage girls intent on tearing his clothes and screaming in his ear, sick of the endless stream of tabloid lies. His agent offers Danny the chance to escape by faking his own death. When Danny suspects the Graybill Agency's fake-death scheme may be more deadly than fake, he turns to an unlikely source for help-tabloid reporter Kendall Shear. This suspenseful, quirky tale takes you on a wild ride with a peculiar collection of characters, including a bodyguard who debates the difference between irony and coincidence, two college girls who share custody of a half-eaten sandwich, and a hit man who brings his mark out of a coma. All the while, the tension builds as Danny tries to stay a step ahead of those he once trusted who now want him out of the way-for good The Forever Club twists and turns with interwoven plots that come together in a pulse-pounding conclusion.

Walter Scott and Modernity University of Virginia Press

The Sentimental Life of International Law is about our age-old longing for a decent international society and the ways of seeing, being, and speaking that might help us achieve that aim. This book asks how international lawyers might engage in a professional practice that has become, to adapt a title of Janet Malcolm's, both difficult and impossible. It suggests that international lawyers are disabled by the governing idioms of international lawyering, and proposes that they may be re-enabled by speaking different sorts of international law, or by speaking international law in different sorts of ways. In this methodologically diverse and unusually personal account, Gerry Simpson brings to the surface international law's hidden literary prose and offers a critical and redemptive account of the field. He does so in a series of chapters on international law's bathetic underpinnings, its friendly relations, the neurotic foundations of its underlying social order, its screened-off comic dispositions, its anti-method, and the life-worlds of its practitioners. Finally, the book closes with a chapter in which international law is re-envisioned through the practice of gardening. All of this is put forward as a contribution to the project of making international law, again, a compelling language for our times.

THE SAGA OF NARAVAHANADATTA iUniverse

The author recalls her childhood in England during the last two decades of Queen Victoria's reign.

Silenced Sextet John Benjamins Publishing Company

In this book, members of the ChiLPA Project explore the children's literature of several different cultures, ranging from ancient India, nineteenth century Russia, and the Soviet Union, to twentieth century Britain, America, Australia, Sweden, and Finland. The research covers not only the form and content of books for children, but also their potential social functions, especially within education. These two perspectives are brought together within a theory of children's literature as one among other forms of communication, an approach that sees the role of literary scholars, critics and teachers as one of mediation. Part I deals with the way children's writers and picturebook-makers draw on a culture's available resources of orality, literacy, intertextuality, and image. Part II examines their negotiation of major issues such as the child adult distinction, gender, politics, and the Holocaust. Part III discusses children's books as used within language education programmes, with particular attention to young readers' pragmatic processing of differences between the context of writing and their own context of reading.

The Sentimental Life of International Law Syracuse University Press

Although it seemed in the mid-1970s that the study of the troubadours and of Occitan literature had reached a sort of zenith, it has since become apparent that this moment was merely a plateau from which an intensive renewal was being launched. In this new bibliographic guide to Occitan and troubadour literature, Robert Taylor provides a definitive survey of the field of Occitan literary studies - from the earliest enigmatic texts to the fifteenth-century works of Occitano-Catalan poet Jordi de Sant Jordi - and treats over two thousand recent books and articles with full annotations. Taylor includes articles on related topics such as practical approaches to the language of the troubadours and the musicology of select troubadour songs, as

well as articles situated within sociology, religious history, critical methodology, and psychoanalytical analysis. Each listing offers descriptive comments on the scholarly contribution of each source to Occitan literature, with remarks on striking or controversial content, and numerous cross-references that identify complementary studies and differing opinions. Taylor's painstaking attention to detail and broad knowledge of the field ensure that this guide will become the essential source for Occitan literary studies worldwide.

Thinking through the Mothers Penguin UK

Dealing with poetry is frequently problematic for the university teacher and student: although undergraduates are usually responsive to discussions about drama and prose, poetry often silences the classroom. Unless a poem provides references easily applicable to their own lives, many students feel they can't relate to the piece and are stymied. In particular, allegorical poetry produces tensions among the desire to find the meanings of the poet's symbolism, the fear of voicing a "wrong" interpretation, and a natural objection to perceived restrictions on interpretive freedom. Poetry, Symbol, and Allegory eases that dilemma by providing a historical overview of theories of interpretation as they apply to symbol and allegory in poetry, thereby reclaiming valuable and useful methods of analyzing poems. Beginning with Plato and Aristotle, Simon Brittan moves from classical theory to the lesser-known medieval exegetical theories of such notables as Augustine, Aquinas, and Origen; addresses theory pertaining to Renaissance Italy and Dante, English theory of the Middle Ages, the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and the Romantic period; and concludes by weighing the poetry of T. E. Hulme, T. S. Eliot, and Ezra Pound on the larger historical scale of literary theory. By acknowledging interpretive theories of the past, Brittan provides a proper historical frame of reference in which today's student can better understand figurative language in poetry. Simon Brittan is an independent scholar who divides his time between England and Michigan. He has taught at the University of East Anglia and in the Department for Continuing Education at the University of Oxford and written for Renaissance Forum, the Times Literary Supplement, and *Gravesiana*.

Children's Literature as Communication Boydell & Brewer

Even though Charlie is doing very well in school, he can't wait for summer vacation at his grandparents' farm. Charlie confides to his grandfather that he's been having some problems with his friends from school. That's when grandfather shares a special fable-Robin's Journey, a life-changing tale about a little bird who finds himself in search of a place to call home. After a tragedy, Robin moves to a new community where he grows from an outsider to a leader, loved and respected by all but one bird: Chaim. Realizing that change is a constant, Robin finds the best way to deal with the unexpected as well as the conflicts that arise with Chaim and the other birds. Throughout his journey, Robin learns and teaches valuable lessons, from using emotions in an intelligent way to working in a team. As Charles gets to know Robin, his own life takes unexpected turns. Robin's Journey narrates an amazing story of the search for the most precious knowledge of all.

The Public Mind and the Politics of Postmillennial U.S.-American Writing Reaktion Books

When Jonathan Swift suggested in 1729, in his pamphlet *A Modest Proposal*, that the Irish might survive overpopulation if only they could be persuaded to eat their own babies, the Irishman was employing that favorite tool of writers and wits: irony. Now, in an entertaining and intriguing new book, D. J. Enright, acclaimed editor of *The Oxford Book of Death*, has turned his attention to the practice of irony and its many manifestations in both literature and life. Aiming to pursue personal ironies, both verbal and situational, Enright has observed their twists and turns in his own inimitable style. The author takes a fresh look at irony in the works of Shakespeare, Austen, James, Proust and Freud, and a briefer look at such conspicuous practitioners as Swift, Fielding and Hardy. He goes on to review the use of irony, or what resembles it, in the works of Pope, Dickens, Conrad, Brecht and other more recent writers. Religion, politics, censorship, love and death are all mined for their rich lode of ironic situations. Among other themes discussed are the perils of irony unrecognised and irony wrongly presumed; the risks run by self-ironists; and the questions "Does romantic irony exist?" and "Must irony have a victim? Can it be sweet?". Enright's reflections vary from musings on the absurdities of acronyms like AIDS and CREEP to a consideration of the apparent absence of irony in China. Although irony commonly generates laughter, some have observed that it can be no laughing matter. But the author concludes this witty and elegant book by noting that, "while irony is an ambiguous gift... it is a gift all the same."

The Alluring Problem Cornell University Press

If questions of subjectivity and identification are at stake in all biographical writing, they are particularly trenchant for contemporary women biographers of women. Often, their efforts to exhume buried lives in hope of finding spiritual foremothers awaken maternal phantoms that must be embraced or confronted. Do women writing in fact have any greater access to their own mothers' lives than to the lives of other women whose stories have been swept away like dust in the debris of the past?

In *Thinking through the Mothers*, Janet Beizer surveys modern women's biographies and contemplates alternatives to an approach based in lineage and the form of thought that emphasizes the line, the path, hierarchy, unity, resemblance, reflection, and the aesthetic-mimesis-that depends on these ideas. Through close readings of memoirs and fictions about mothers, Beizer explores how biographers of the women who came before rehearse and rewrite relationships to their own mothers biographically as they seek to appropriate the past in a hybrid genre she calls "bio-autography." *Thinking through the Mothers* features the work of George Sand and Colette and spans such varied figures as Gustave Flaubert, Julian Barnes, Louise Colet, Eunice Lipton, Vladimir Nabokov, Huguette Bouchardeau, and Christa Wolf. Beizer seeks an alternative to women's "salvation biography" or "resurrection biography" that might resist nostalgia, be attentive to silence, and reinvent the means to represent the lives of precursors without appropriating traditional models of genealogy.

Robin's Journey Oxford University Press, USA

The Pragmatics of Irony and Banter is the first book-length study analysing irony and banter together. This approach, inherited from Geoffrey Leech's research, implies that the two notions are intrinsically related. In this thought-provoking volume, the various contributors (linguists, stylisticians, discourse analysts and literary scholars), while not necessarily agreeing on every aspect of this theoretical premise, discuss and develop the idea. In turn, they consider the workings of these two discursive practices in various corpora (face-to-face or digitally-mediated interactions, novels, comedy shows, etc.) thus providing a wealth of examples and case studies. This well-balanced positioning helps the reader to develop a better understanding of these complex discursive practices that play a crucial part in everyday interaction. Steering a course between traditional perspectives and new theoretical approaches, this innovative and exciting way of looking at irony and banter will no doubt open new avenues for research.

Ph Lit Bronze A/I/E Melville House

The prolific novelist E. F. Benson is celebrated for his hilarious satires of upper-middle-class life, as depicted in the 'Mapp and Lucia' novels, and for being an adept narrator of ghost stories. This comprehensive eBook presents the largest collection of Benson's works ever compiled in a single edition, with numerous illustrations, rare texts and concise introductions. (Version 2) * Beautifully illustrated with images relating to Benson's life and works * Concise introductions to the novels and other texts * 42 novels, all with individual contents tables * Many early and late novels available here for the first time in digital publishing * Images of how the books were first printed, giving your eReader a taste of the original texts * Excellent formatting of the texts * Rare short story collections, appearing here for the first time in digital print * Special chronological and alphabetical contents tables for the short stories * Easily locate the ghost stories you want to read * Includes a wide selection of Benson's non-fiction * Features an autobiography - discover Benson's literary life * Scholarly ordering of texts into chronological order and literary genres Please visit www.delphiclassics.com to browse through our range of exciting titles CONTENTS: Mapp and Lucia Series Queen Lucia (1920) Miss Mapp (1922) Other Novels Dodo: A Detail of the Day The Rubicon The Judgment Books Limitations The Babe, B.A. The Vintage The Capsina Mammon and Co. The Princess Sophia The Luck of the Vails Scarlet and Hyssop An Act in a Backwater The Book of Months The Relentless City The Valkyries The Challoners The Angel of Pain The House of Defence Sheaves The Blotting Book The Climber A Reaping Daisy's Aunt The Osbornes Mrs. Ames Dodo's Daughter Thorley Weir Arundel Mike An Autumn Sowing David Blaize The Freaks of Mayfair David Blaize and the Blue Door Up and Down Across the Stream Robin Linnet Dodo Wonders Lovers and Friends Peter Colin The Short Story Collections Six Common Things; Or, a Double Overture The Room in the Tower, and Other Stories Visible and Invisible Spook Stories More Spook Stories The Countess of Lowndes Square and Other Stories The Short Stories List of Short Stories in Chronological Order List of Short Stories in Alphabetical Order The Non-Fiction Daily Training The Cricket of Abel, Hirst, and Shrewsbury Winter Sports in Switzerland Crescent and Iron Cross Poland and Mittel-Europa Charlotte Brontë The Autobiography Our Family Affairs

The Futures of Medieval French ISD LLC

Jane Austen's worldwide popularity is not least due to the remaking of her novels for the visual media. Of the fifty-odd Austen related productions since 1938, forty-three of them adapt her novels to the various screens of cinema, television, computer and tablet. However, her attraction for film-makers is undoubtedly promoted by her own qualities. As a novelist, Jane Austen has been particularly recognized for her ironic voice, which dominates all her stories and gives the readers a peculiar perspective on her world. Do film-makers want this, and if so, how do they transmit her attitude of amused distance? In the present book, Marie N. Sørbø investigates the function and targets of irony in two novels and seven films. *Irony and Idyll* is the first book-length study of Austen's irony since 1952, and the only comparative analysis of all the available screen adaptations of *Pride and Prejudice* and *Mansfield Park*. On the bicentenary of their publication, these novels continue to influence modern culture. Marie Nedregotten

Sørbø has taught English literature at Volda University College, Norway, for many years, including courses on film and fiction. For her doctoral degree she wrote a dissertation on the reception of Jane Austen on screen. Sørbø has contributed the Norwegian

chapters to the volumes on *The Reception of Jane Austen in Europe* (2007) and *The Reception of George Eliot in Europe* (forthcoming, 2015). She was part of the leadership of the

European COST Action "Women Writers in History" (2009-13), and is a Principal Investigator in the HERA funded project "Travelling Texts 1790-1914: The Transnational Reception of Women's Writing at the Fringes of Europe" (2013-16).