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*A Centenary Consideration* Cambridge University Press

This volume provides the first comprehensive comparative study of two major representatives of naturalism: Emile Zola and the Italian "verist" novelist, Giovanni Verga. The development of Verga's narrative, from the early romantic novels to his mature verist fiction, is to be understood in connection with French Naturalism, and Zola in particular. The author thus challenges the canonical interpretation of Verga's fiction (dominant among Italian critics) which sees it in antithetical opposition to Zola's.

*Orientalism in One Country* University of Toronto Press

Examining over twenty key works of the period, *Vital Crises in Italian Cinema* identifies and explores the major thematic crises at the heart of seminal films produced by the likes of Vittorio De Sica, Luchino Visconti, Michael Antonioni, and Federico Fellini.

*D. H. Lawrence* Newton Compton Editori

This book should be of interest to students and scholars of comparative literature, world literature, and the history and theory of the modern novel.

*A Cultural History I* Malavoglia

A journey to the Italian cinema that overturns established views and opens up new perspectives and interpretations. Its itinerary is organized in four stages. The first is an analysis of the theories of Cesare Zavattini on neorealism which overturns widely accepted positions both on Zavattini and on neorealism. The second confronts a key film of the post-war Italian cinema, Roberto Rossellini's *Paisà*, by examining the nature of its realism. The third is dedicated to Luchino Visconti: to questions of the use of language exemplified in his *La terra trema*, the use of settings, costume and light as agents of meaning in his *Il Gattopardo* and *Vaghe stelle dell'Orsa*. The final voyage of the film is to the physical and symbolic construction of heaven and earth in the work of Pasolini. Particular attention is given to the representation of the body in his last four films: the grotesque and mythical bodies in popular tradition in his *Trilogia di vita* and the tortured bodies destroyed by the mass media in *Salò*.

*Genealogical Fictions* Oxford University Press

Explores the impulse to transform literary narrative into cinematic discourse through the work of several postwar Italian film-makers - Visconti, De Sica, Pasolini, Fellini and the Taviani brothers.

**Cultural Periphery and Historical Change in the Modern Novel** Lindhardt og Ringhof

Seconda metà dell'ottocento, Sicilia. Una famiglia di pescatori si trova a dover affrontare una serie di vicissitudini che stravolgeranno il delicato equilibrio della loro vita di paese. Arci Trezza, la località dove sono ambientati tutti gli avvenimenti del libro, sarà così teatro di amori, disgrazie, litigi e speranze. Un classico della letteratura, un romanzo che come nessun altro racconta l'avvento della modernità nelle province italiane di fine Ottocento. Giovanni Verga (1840—1922) è considerato uno dei padri della letteratura italiana. Massimo esponente della corrente letteraria del verismo e autore

di racconti, testi teatrali e romanzi, è riuscito a riportare con estremo realismo le condizioni di vita delle classi meno agiate. Le sue opere, tra le quali ricordiamo anche "Mastro Don Gesualdo" e "Rosso Malpelo", influiranno non solo sulla letteratura, ma anche sul cinema della prima metà del novecento. I grandi maestri del Neorealismo, come Vittorio de Sica e Roberto Rossellini, riprenderanno infatti temi simili a quelli affrontati da Verga nei suoi scritti.

*The Translation Into English of the Realia from the Novel I Malavoglia by Giovanni Verga* Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG

"This may well be the most complete and fascinating historical investigation of the myths and stereotypes through which European elites have observed and judged the south of Italy in the modern era."—Piero Bevilacqua, University of Rome "A tour de force exploration of how the idea of the south of Italy - the Southern question - developed in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in Europe and Italy. Nelson Moe's book is a provocative reassessment of an old question, newly conceived and dictated by larger ideological and political needs that extend far beyond the geographic borders of the Italian nation."—Judge, Scaglione Publication Award , Italian Literary Series

**Essays in Modern Italian Literature from Verga to Pasolini** Routledge

Rewritten versions of contributions to an international conference held at the University of Antwerp in May 1992. Starting point for the conference was the vagueness of the very terms 'modernism' and 'modernity'. In the first section a group of comparatists address the theoretical and terminological problems of modernism. Practical readings of modernist writers; discussions of different modernist movements; and, the work of critics who have contributed to debates about modernism make up the second section. The third section looks at the problem of modernism from an interartistic and interdisciplinary perspective.

**Modernism and Modernity in Literature and the Arts** Cambridge University Press

This volume covers opera in Italy, France, England and the Americas during the long nineteenth century (1789-1914). The book is divided into four sections that are thematically, rather than geographically, conceived: Places-essays centering on contexts for operatic culture; Genres and Styles-studies dealing with the question of how operas in this period were put together; Critical Studies of individual works, exemplifying particular critical trends; and Performance.

**Cinema - Italy** Routledge

"The fact that Verga's most rebellious heroines die violently at the hands of men has led to accusations of misogyny or, at the very least, of excessive social and artistic conventionality. Yet it is precisely Verga's awareness of convention that enriches his portrayal of women. The reaction of his female characters to social custom at a particular moment in their lives defines them as individuals. With rare insight, Verga depicts the female experience as both personal and universal, showing that different kinds of women are linked by the experience of being female in a male-centered culture. At the same time, however, he reveals the isolation in which women grow and live, separated from men and other women by social and cultural barriers."--BOOK JACKET.

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The Encyclopedia of Italian Literary Studies is a two-volume reference book containing some 600 entries on all aspects of Italian literary culture. It includes analytical essays on authors and works, from the most important figures of Italian literature to little known authors and works that are influential to the field. The Encyclopedia is distinguished by substantial articles on critics, themes, genres, schools, historical surveys, and other topics related to the overall subject of Italian literary studies. The Encyclopedia also includes writers and subjects of contemporary interest, such as those relating to journalism, film, media, children's literature, food and vernacular literatures. Entries consist of an essay on the topic and a bibliographic portion listing works for further reading, and, in the case of entries on individuals, a brief biographical paragraph and list of works by the person. It will be useful to people without specialized knowledge of Italian literature as well as to scholars.

*Filmmaking by the Book* Bloomsbury Publishing

From Rabelais's celebration of wine to Proust's madeleine and Virginia Woolf's boeuf en daube in *To the Lighthouse*, food has figured prominently in world literature. But perhaps nowhere has it played such a vital role as in the Italian novel. In a book flowing with descriptions of recipes, ingredients, fragrances, country gardens, kitchens, dinner etiquette, and even hunger, Gian-Paolo Biasin examines food images in the modern Italian novel so as to unravel their function and meaning. As a sign for cultural values and social and economic relationships, food becomes a key to appreciating the textual richness of works such as Lampedusa's *The Leopard*, Manzoni's *The Betrothed*, Primo Levi's *Survival in Auschwitz*, and Calvino's *Under the Jaguar Sun*. The importance of the culinary sign in fiction, argues Biasin, is that it embodies the oral relationship between food and language while creating a sense of materiality. Food contributes powerfully to the reality of a text by making a fictional setting seem credible and coherent: a Lombard peasant eats polenta in *The Betrothed*, whereas a Sicilian prince offers a monumental macaroni timbale at a dinner in *The Leopard*. Similarly, Biasin shows how food is used by writers to connote the psychological traits of a character, to construct a story by making the protagonists meet during a meal, and even to call attention to the fictionality of the story with a metanarrative description. Drawing from anthropology, psychoanalysis, sociology, science, and philosophy, the author gives special attention to the metaphoric and symbolic meanings of food. Throughout he blends material culture with observations on thematics and narrativity to enlighten the reader who enjoys the pleasures of the text as much as those of the palate. Originally published in 1993. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.

*Narrative and Drama* Cornell University Press

This guide highlights the place of translation in our culture, encouraging awareness of the process of translating and the choices involved, making the translator more 'visible'. Concentrating on major writers and works, it covers translations out of many languages, from Greek to Hungarian, Korean to Turkish. For some works (e.g. Virgil's *Aeneid*) which have been much translated, the discussion is historical and critical, showing how translation has evolved over the centuries and bringing out the

differences between versions. Elsewhere, with less familiar literatures, the Guide examines the extent to which translation has done justice to the range of work available.

*I Malavoglia. Edited, with Introduction, Notes and Vocabulary, by M.D. Woolf* Princeton University Press

*A Cinema of Poetry* brings Italian film studies into dialogue with fields outside its usual purview by showing how films can contribute to our understanding of aesthetic questions that stretch back to Homer. Joseph Luzzi considers the relation between film and literature, especially the cinematic adaptation of literary sources and, more generally, the fields of rhetoric, media studies, and modern Italian culture. The book balances theoretical inquiry with close readings of films by the masters of Italian cinema: Roberto Rossellini, Vittorio De Sica, Luchino Visconti, Michelangelo Antonioni, Federico Fellini, Pier Paolo Pasolini, Bernardo Bertolucci, and others. Luzzi's study is the first to show how Italian filmmakers address such crucial aesthetic issues as the nature of the chorus, the relation between symbol and allegory, the literary prehistory of montage, and the place of poetry in cinematic expression—what Pasolini called the "cinema of poetry." While Luzzi establishes how certain qualities of film—its link with technological processes, capacity for mass distribution, synthetic virtues (and vices) as the so-called total art—have reshaped centuries-long debates, *A Cinema of Poetry* also explores what is specific to the Italian art film and, more broadly, Italian cinematic history. In other words, what makes this version of the art film recognizably "Italian"? "A thought-provoking and well-written investigation of the role of history and realism in Italian cinema and the role played by the centuries-long tradition of poetry (or more precisely, poesis) in this quest."—H-Italy "Ambitious, inventive, learned . . . *A Cinema of Poetry* . . . brilliantly analyzes the art in the art film by showing how Italian cinema uses a chorus or expresses itself through allegory . . . This impressively intelligent re-description of the tradition surely takes its place alongside other necessary histories of Italian cinema."—Choice Joseph Luzzi is a professor of comparative literature at Bard College. He is the author of *Romantic Europe* and *The Ghost of Italy*, which received the MLA's Scaglione Prize for Italian Studies; *My Two Italies*, a New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice; and *In a Dark Wood: What Dante Taught Me about Grief, Healing, and the Mysteries of Love*.

**(The House by the Medlar Tree)** JHU Press

Containing almost 600 entries, this impressive 2-volume reference presents detailed and authoritative treatment of the field of Italian literature, with attention both to the work and influence of individual writers of all genres and to movements, styles, and critical approaches.

**Italian Culture and the Southern Question** Dedalus Limited

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*Italian Neorealism* Stanford University Press

Presents a comprehensive survey of Italian literature from its earliest origins to the present

**I Malavoglia** Walter de Gruyter

The Cambridge Companion to the Italian Novel provides a broad ranging introduction to the major trends in the development of the Italian novel from its early modern origin to the contemporary era. Contributions cover a wide range of topics including the theory of the novel in Italy, the historical novel, realism, modernism, postmodernism, neorealism, and film and the novel. The contributors are distinguished scholars from the United Kingdom, the United States, Italy, and Australia. Novelists

examined include some of the most influential and important of the twentieth century inside and outside Italy: Luigi Pirandello, Primo Levi, Umberto Eco and Italo Calvino. This is a unique examination of the Italian Novel, and will prove invaluable to students and specialists alike. Readers will gain a keen sense of the vitality of the Italian novel throughout its history and a clear picture of the debates and criticism that have surrounded its development.

**Fables of Estrangement** Cambridge University Press

Neorealism emerged as a cultural exchange and a field of discourse that served to shift the confines of creativity and revise the terms of artistic expression not only in Italy but worldwide. If neorealism was thus a global phenomenon, it is because of its revolutionary portrayal of a transformative moment in the local, regional, and national histories of Italy. At once guiding and guided by that transformative moment, neorealist texts took up, reflected, and performed the contentious conditions of their creation, not just at the level of narrative content but also in their form, language, and structure. *Italian Neorealism: A Cultural History* demonstrates how they did so through a series of representative case studies. Recounting the history of a generation of artists, this study offers fundamental insights into one of the most innovative and influential cultural moments of the twentieth century.

*I Malavoglia* SCB Distributors

Ranging from science fiction, stories for children and poetry to drama, narrative, criticism, and 'non-fiction' works on such subjects as spiritualism and Sicilian customs, Capuana's volumes betray different levels and kinds of commitment, some being produced to meet urgent financial needs, others, like the parodies on the bard of Catania, Mario Rapisardi, starting life as exercises in literary humour, still others being written for polemical or at any rate extra-literary reasons, and yet shedding light on the letterato. Without ignoring these secondary areas, this study sets out to examine the central issue of Capuana's realism as critic and narrator, and to account for its moments of apparent inconsistency, its limitations and strengths in the course of a long career which until recently has tended to be treated in piecemeal fashion. In so doing it proceeds chronologically, relating Capuana's aims and achievements to the changing cultural context which conditioned them, and relying extensively on articles which have remained buried in the newspapers and journals of both Sicily and the Italian mainland to explore uninvestigated aspects of his critical meditation or to illuminate the areas of obscurity in his development as both critic and narrator. A close analysis of narrative texts has been a main instrument of enquiry in this work: though it aims primarily at an evaluation of Capuana, it also hopes to contribute to the understanding of the period in which he lived.

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