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The London Novels-Colin MacInnes 1969

City of Spades-Colin MacInnes 2012-07-30 'You leave your mother and your brother too. You leave the pretty wife you’re never faithful to. You cross the sea to find those streets that’s paved with gold. And all you find is Brixton c*ll that’s oh so cold. London, 1937. Victoria Station is awash with boat trains discharging hopeful black immigrants into a cold and alien land. Liberal England is about to discover the legacy of Empire. And when Montgomery Pew, a newly appointed assistant welfare officer in the Colonial Department, meets Johnny Fortune, recently arrived from Lagos, the meeting of minds and races takes a surprising turn...Colin MacInnes gives London back to the people who create its exciting sub-culture. Hilarious, anti-conventional, blisteringly honest and fully committed to evoking council flats and pubs, of a life lived in the teeth of romantic ideals, Geoff Dyer provides a shockingly relevant snapshot of a different Last Generation.

Three Years to Play-Colin MacInnes 1972

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Absolute Beginners-Colin MacInnes 2014-08-11

Mr Love and Justice-Colin MacInnes 2012-07-30 'I'd say they're making money out of love – or out of sex, at any rate. And personally, darling, I consider love as sacred: the one and only really sacred thing that’s left; and if you make money out of that, then you’re destructive and should be destroyed.' Frankie Love, new to the business of crime, seems to run his illegal life on strictly fair principles. Meanwhile Edward Justice, recently appointed member of the vice squad, finds his upholding of the law complicated by love for his girl. In London’s world of corruption and crime, where does the line between justice and immorality really lie? Love is travestied in the activities of the prostitute, justice mocked in the procedure of the vice squad. In this thought provoking and humorous tale, Colin MacInnes writes with an authenticity which only an intimate knowledge of the seamiest side of life can deliver.

Baron's Court, All Change-Terry Taylor 2012-08-30 The Holy Grail of beatnik novels, 'Baron's Court, All Change' documents one summer in the life of a sixteen year old boy. He leaves his suburban home and boring job for a pad in central London, courtesy of the money he makes from dealing dope. Along the way he dabbles with spiritualism and is seduced by an older woman.

The London Novels of Colin MacInnes-Colin MacInnes 1969

The Colour of Memory-Geoff Dyer 2014-05-20 The first novel, in revised form, from "possibly the best living writer in Britain" (The Daily Telegraph) In The Colour of Memory, six friends plot a nomadic course through their mid-twenties as they scratch out an existence in near-destitute conditions in 1980s South London. They while away their hours drinking cheap beer, landing jobs and quickly squandering them, smoking weed, dodging muggings, listening to Coltrane, finding and losing a facsimile of love, collecting unemployment, and discussing politics in the way of the besotted young—as if they were employed only by the lives they chose. In his vivid evocation of council flats and pubs, of a life lived in the teeth of romantic ideals, Geoff Dyer provides a shockingly relevant snapshot of a different Last Generation.

The representation of youth and youth culture in the novel Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes-Phyllis Siebert 2007-05-04 Seminar paper from the year 2002 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2+, Free University of Berlin (Institut für Englisch Philologie), course: Youth Cultures - Presenting Youth in Theory and Fictional Writing, 4 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: The purpose of this paper is to analyse the question to what extent a piece of art, in this case a novel, can serve as a basis for cultural studies. For this reason the representation of youth and youth culture in the novel Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes will be analysed. In the second chapter this paper introduces the novel with its main characters and the main themes. The third chapter then focuses on the theories of youth and youth culture from Ongersby. To combine the results drawn from the first two chapters, the fourth chapter deals with the question whether Absolute Beginners main character is represented as a typical teenager of the fifties or whether he is just a construction by the author. All the results of the paper are combined in the conclusion to prove whether the novel serves as a medium for representing youth cultures of the fifties in England or not. This leads to the answer of the question how a piece of art can be taken as a basis for cultural studies.

Mudler in Notting Hill-Mark Olden 2011-11-16 The truth about one of Britain's most infamous race murders has never been revealed. At midnight on May 17 1959, a white gang ambushed 32-year-old Antiguan carpenter Kelso Cochrane on a Notting Hill slum street. After a brief scuffle one of them plunged a knife into his heart. The impact was as profound as
the aftermath of Stephen Lawrence's murder more than forty years later. The previous summer Notting Hill had been convulsed by race riots. The fascists Sir Oswald Mosley and Colin Jordan were awaiting their trial. So the news of an innocent black man stabbed in west London reverberated from Whitehall to the Caribbean. And when the police failed to catch the killer, many black people believed it would have been different if the victim had been white. Murder in Notting Hill is a tale of crumbling tenements transformed into a millionaires' playground, of the district's fading white working class, and of a void finally being filled on the past. Part social history, part social identity, it reveals startling new evidence about the murder.

The Loneliness of the Long Distance Caller

Colin MacInnes 1965

The Loneliness of the Long Distance Caller is an unforgettable account of immigrant experience - and one of the great twentieth-century London novels. This Penguin Modern Classics edition includes an introduction by Suzheila Nasta. At Waterloo Station, hopeful new arrivals from the West Indies step off the boat train, ready to start afresh in 1950s London. There, homesick Moses Aloetta, who has already lived in the city for years, meets Henry 'Sir Galahad' Oliver and shows him the ropes. In this strange, cold and foggy city where the natives can be less than friendly at the sight of a black face, has Galahad met his Waterloo? But the irrepressible newcomer cannot be cast down. He and all the other lonely new Londoners - from shiftless Cap to Tolroy, whose family has descended on him from Jamaica - must try to create a new life for themselves. As pessimistic 'old veteran' Moses watches their attempts, they gradually learn to survive and come to love the place. So excitments of London. Sam Selvon (b. 1923) was born in San Fernando, Trinidad. In 1950 Selvon left Trinidad for the UK where after hard times of survival he established himself as a writer with A Brighter Sun (1952), An Island is a World (1955), The Lonely Londoners (1956), Ways of Sunset (1957), Turn Again Tiger (1958), I Hear Thunder (1963), The Housing Lark (1964), The Plains of Caroni (1970), Moses Ascending (1975) and Moses Migrating (1983). If you enjoyed The Lonely Londoners, you might like Jean Rhys's Voyage in the Dark or Shiva Naipaul's Fireflies, also available in Penguin Modern Classics. 'His Lonely Londoners has acquired a classics status since it appeared in 1956 as the definitive novel about London's West Indians' Financial Times 'The unforgettable picaresque - a vernacular comedy of pathos' Guardian

The Loneliness of the Long Distance Caller

Colin MacInnes 2005

The London Novels is a collection of four of Colin MacInnes's novels: The Loneliness of the Long Distance Caller, The Fall of the House of Usher, The Morning of the Magicians and The Survivors. In this 2005 edition, the first two novels are reprinted in their original format and design, with new introductions by Tom McCarthy and Stuart Gilbert respectively. The new edition also contains a preface by Colin MacInnes. The Loneliness of the Long Distance Caller is an exploration of the experiences of black immigrants in London during the 1950s, with a particular focus on the lives of Moses Aloetta and his friends. The novel was published in 1955 and has since become a classic of British literature. It has been reprinted numerous times and is considered a key work in the study of post-colonial literature. The novel's themes of migration, identity and the challenges faced by immigrants are still relevant today, and it continues to be studied in schools and universities around the world. The London Novels includes four of Colin MacInnes's most celebrated works, each of which explores different aspects of life in 1950s London. The Morning of the Magicians, for example, is a novel set during the 1950s and 1960s, that explores the world of the West End and the rise of the beat movement. The Survivors, on the other hand, is a novel set in the 1970s and explores the lives of a group of people who have been displaced by the city's changing landscape. The London Novels is a testament to Colin MacInnes's talent as a writer and his ability to capture the essence of London in the mid-twentieth century. It is a must-read for anyone interested in post-colonial literature and the cultural history of London.
To Sir, With Love-E. R. Braithwaite 2014-01-14 This schoolroom drama that inspired the classic Sydney Potter film “is a microcosm of the racial issues . . . A dramatic picture of discrimination” (Kirkus Reviews). With opportunities for black men limited in post-World War II London, Rick Braithwaite, a former Royal Air Force pilot and Cambridge-educated engineer, accepts a teaching position that puts him in charge of a class of angry, unmotivated, bigoted white teenagers whom the system has mostly abandoned. When his efforts to reach these troubled students are met with threats, suspicion, and derision, Braithwaite takes a radical new approach. He will treat his students as people poised to enter the adult world. He will teach them to respect themselves and to call him “Sir.” He will open up vistas before them that they never knew existed. And over the course of a remarkable year, he will touch the lives of his students in extraordinary ways, even as they in turn, unexpectedly and profoundly, touch his. Based on actual events in the author’s life, To Sir, With Love is a powerfully moving story that celebrates courage, commitment, and vision, and is the inspiration for the classic film starring Sidney Poitier.

Inside Outsider-Tony Gould 2009-07 Colin MacInnes was the son of the popular novelist, Angela Thirkell. He didn’t like that. He was also the great-grandson of Sir Edward Burne-Jones, and cousin to Stanley Baldwin and Rudyard Kipling. He himself was not a part of the Establishment, far from it, more ‘the best off-beat journalist in London’ with ‘prose as sharp as a pair of Italian slacks and as vivid as a pair of pink socks’. His heyday was the decades of the 1950s and 1960s. He gained a unique and formidable reputation as a novelist, as an Orwellian chronicler and interpreter of the then unfamiliar worlds of the teenager, of rock ’n’ roll, and of Britain’s black community, and as a homosexual who combined pricked awareness and a drunken belianence with the facility of a championing of the underdog. When he fell in love with her, he gave his enemies one weapon they needed.

London Fictions-Andrew Whitehead 2013-04-15 London Fictions is a book about London, real and imagined. Two dozen contemporary writers, from Cati Unsworth to Courttia Newland, reflect on some of the novelists and the novels that have helped define the modern city, from George Gissing to Zadie Smith, Hanover Square to Brick Lane. It is a book about East End boys and West End girls, bedsit land and Dockland, the homeless and the immigrants. All human life is here – high-minded Hampstead and boozey Fitzrovia, the Jewish East End, intellectual Bloomsbury and Chinese Limehouse, Black London, Asian London, Irish London, Gay London...

The London Novels-Colin MacInnes 1969

The Dud Avocado-Elaine Dundy 2010-11-17 The Dud Avocado follows the romantic and comedic adventures of a young American who heads overseas to conquer Paris in the late 1950s. Edith Wharton and Henry James wrote about the American girl abroad, but it was Elaine Dundy’s Sally Jay Gorce, who told us what she was really thinking. Charming, sexy, and hilarious, The Dud Avocado gained instant cult status when it was first published and it remains a timeless portrait of a woman hell-bent on living. “I had to tell someone how much I enjoyed The Dud Avocado. It made me laugh, scream, and guffaw (which, incidentally, is a great name for a law firm).” – Groucho Marx

England, Half English-Colin MacInnes 2009-07 Tony Gould, in his biography of Colin MacInnes - Inside Outsider (reissued by Faber Finds) - is in no doubt: ‘the voluble old essays, England, Half English, and contexts. It best of his writing. The range is impressive: too: from expected pieces on popular culture (e.g. “Pop Songs and Teenagers” and “Sharp Schmutter”), to an essay on the London drinking clubs (“See You at Mabel’s” - ‘It’s five past three in the afternoon, the London pubs have closed, you’re dying for a drink. What happens!’), and substantial articles on Nikolaus Pevsner (whom MacInnes described as the ‘greatest modern Englishman’) and Anthony Powell (Oscar Wilde’s ‘The Sphinx’ whose name, as MacInnes says ‘is so honourably remembered and whose writing remains disproportionately unread’ - alas still true).’ To read England, Half English is to be reminded how few writers there are nowadays who are prepared even to attempt what should be the writer’s first task; simply to tell us how we live ... who will bother to look at the way we dress and take our holidays, who will listen to the music that erupts from our loudspeakers, who will try patiently and assiduously to see if we can learn something from the crowds, you and I among them, who swarm on the pavement outside his window.’

Youth Subcultures in Fiction, Film and Other Media-Nick Bentley 2016-03-31 This collection explores the representation, articulation and construction of a range of subcultures in English and American fiction and film. It brings together scholars working in literary studies, screen studies, sociology and cultural studies whose research interests lie in the aesthetics and cultural politics of youth. It contributes to, and extends, contemporary theoretical perspectives around youth and youth cultures. Contributors examine a range of topics, including ‘bad girl’ fiction of the 1950s, novels by subcultural writers such as Colin MacInnes, Alex Wheatle and Courttia Newland, as well as screen representations of Mods, the 1990s Rave culture, heavy metal, and the Manchester scene. Others explore interventions into subcultural theory with respect to metal, subcultural locations, abduction, graffiti cultures, and the potential of subcultures to resist dominant power frameworks in both historical and contemporary contexts.

The Leather Boys-Gillian Freeman 2014 ‘Gillian Freeman is among the finest contemporary novelists.’ - Brigid Brophy, New Statesman ‘Realistic and sentimental ... Their friendship is handled with delicacy and has an authentic ring.’ - Sunday Telegraph ‘Sobers and scrupulously documented ... accurately and touchingly demonstrates the unconscious and comparatively guiltless love which working-class men often feel for each other.’ - Time and Tide Dick and Reggie are ‘leather boys’, working-class London teens with an affinity for leather jackets and motorcycles who become friends through their involvement in a gang. For Dick, the money he gets from the gang’s thefts helps to support his ailing grandmother; for Reggie, membership in the gang provides relief from an unhappy home life and a loveless marriage. When Reggie decides to leave his unfaithful wife and move in with Dick, the two soon discover their feelings for each other are much stronger than they’d imagined. As they make plans for their future together, will they find the happiness they seek, or is their love doomed to end in tragedy? The first novel to offer an authentic portrayal of love between ordinary, working-class young men, Gillian Freeman’s The Leather Boys (1961) is a groundbreaking classic of gay fiction that remains moving and compelling today. This edition includes a new introduction by Michael Arditti, who situates The Leather Boys alongside other early gay works by women writers like Mary Renault and Marquetre Youcenar and argues that Freeman’s novel and its 1964 film adaptation played a vital part in liberalizing British attitudes towards homosexuality.

The World My Wilderness-Rose Macaulay 1983 It is 1946 and the people of France and England are facing the aftermath of the war. Banished by her beautiful, indolent mother to England, Barbary Deniston is thrown into the care of her distinguished father and conventional stepmother. Having grown up in the sunshine of Provence, allowed to run wild with the Maquis, experienced collaboration, betrayal and death, Barbary finds it hard to adjust to the draughty London streets. In time, though, Barbary learns to love England and unhappy, she discovers one day the flowering wastes around St Paul’s. Here, in the bombed heart of London, she finds an echo of the wilderness of Provence and is forced to confront the wilderness within herself.

Don’t Bite the Sun-Tanith Lee 2013-05-20 It’s jang to be wild and sexy and reckless and teen-age. It’s jang to do daredevil tricks and even get killed a few times...you could always come alive again. It’s jang to change your body, to switch your sex, to do anything you want to keep up with the crowd. But there comes a time when you begin to think about serious
things, to want to do something valid. And that's when you find out there are rules beyond the rules and that the world is something else than all they'd taught you.

**International Film Musical** - Corey K Creekmur 2013-01-11 A unique study of the film musical, a global cinema tradition.

**Visions of London** - Colin MacInnes 1969

**Angela Thirkell a Writers Life** - A. Hall 2021-03-15 Born in London in 1890, Angela Thirkell was Sir Edward Burne-Jones's granddaughter, J.M. Barrie's goddaughter and a cousin of Rudyard Kipling and Stanley Baldwin. John Collier painted her portrait and she was drawn by John Singer Sargent and Thea Proctor. Between 1931 and her death in 1961, Angela published more than thirty books in a variety of ......