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The Lonely Londoners

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both devastating and funny the lonely londoners is an unforgettable account of immigrant experience and one of the great twentieth century london novels 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 heady excitements of london this penguin modern classics edition includes an introduction by susheila nasta 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 quardian

The Lonely Londoners

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london will do for you for now and i will do for london london 1956 newly arrived from trinidad henry sir galahad oliver is impatient to start his new life carrying just pyjamas and a toothbrush he bursts through moses aloetta s door only to find moses and his friends already deflated by city life will the london fog dampen galahad s dreams or will these lonely londoners make a home in a city that sees them as a threat in the first stage adaptation of sam selvon s iconic novel about the windrush generation roy williams sweeps us back in time to shine a new light on london friendship and what we call home this edition of the lonely londoners is published to coincide with the world premiere at london s jermyn street theatre in february 2024

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1956

a novel that follows a group of black primarily west indian immigrants as they attempt to build new lives for themselves in postwar london in dramatizing the tension between the immigrants fantasies and expectations of a city paved with gold and london s cold gloomy often hostile reality the author touches upon themes of alienation and homesickness as well as resistance and comic defiance adapted from the bartlett ucl faculty of the built environment january 2020

Sam Selvon, The lonely londoners

2014-01-14

this 10 hour free course explored the depiction of migration and of memory as a vital part of the migrant s experience in the lonely londoners

Acculturation in Sam Selvon's "The Lonely Londoners"

2007-11

seminar paper from the year 2006 in the subject english language and literature studies literature grade 1 university of innsbruck department of english course new ways of writing englishness 5 entries in the bibliography language english abstract acculturation is a phenomenon whose importance is more and more increasing due to our modern society that is becoming more mobile and the world becoming more and more a place in which people move either freely or forced refugees emigrants looking for a better place to live etc of course there are certain obstacles that make this process of mobility more difficult people from one culture leave their roots and start a new life in a new culture as a consequence they are forced to adapt to and to adopt this new culture to a certain extent this is a very complex progress that is described by cultural studies just like any other experience acculturation can be dealt with in literature literature can serve as a mirror that reflects cultural phenomena human experiences events in history etc literary studies deal with the interpretation of these depictions or reflections in literary works since literary and cultural studies can partly deal with the same topics there are interfaces the focus of this research paper will be on acculturation theories and their application to sam selvon s the lonely londoners with a further focus on the historical background that is intended to provide a better understanding of the acculturation process selvon s characters make through it will also be analyzed how selvon depicts his characters in their acculturation process whether he uses stereotypes or a differentiated depiction and which problems the characters have to face it will be shown in how far literature can reflect cultural phenomena and in how far this could be achieved in the lonely londoners

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Moses Ascending

2008-03-27

sam selvon s moses ascending depicts west indian immigration in england moses a trinidadian who has been in england for some years now represents immigrants who come from all corners of the world to seek a better life like many immigrants he is hard working after years of living in a dingy basement he saves up enough money to buy a house moses calls this his dream house in the beginning of the book but later on he realizes that the house is a piece of garbage

The Lonely Londoners

1985

from the brilliant sharp witty pen of sam selvon this is a classic award winning novel of immigrant life in london in the 1950s

Creolizing Culture

2006

in the past few years much theoretical debate has explored several cultural issues in the anglophone caribbean focusing on the central experience of colonialism as well as on the contemporary postcolonial condition and the possible formation of neo colonial configurations some of the constituent traits of the caribbean experience are dealt with in this study such as the relationship between the caribbean and great britain from a cultural and literary perspective in the twentieth century multiculturalism and ethnicity the interplay of orality and literature and an investigation of linguistic issues in particular the creolization of the english language under world influences different strands are brought together in the analysis of same selvon s london trilogy the lonely londoners moses ascending and moses migrating considering questions of identity for ex colonials in the crucial years between the end of world war ii and the 1980s in britain relationships between european versus african and indian cultural heritage clash of cultures as represented via language ideas of national identity as an imaginative process also reflecting dynamics of power inside society the use of creole represents an ideal clinging to caribbean modes of cultural survival which is also buttressed by the postcolonial contamination of the traditional western bourgeois genre the novel after the colonial demise the genre of the novel mirrors approaches of communication more oral oriented than those linked to western written aesthetic values and the strategies used by selvon are surveyed to show the interrelationships between language power literature and cultural identities the london trilogy is analysed according to linguistic literary and cultural paradigms shedding lights on the relevance of selvon s work for the construction of a culturally independent caribbean literature it is hoped that the present book will prove immensely useful to the students and researchers of english literature concerned with the works of sam selvon while the teachers of the subject will consider it an ideal reference book the general

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readers will find it highly interesting

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1998-11-16

The Business of Reading

2022-02-24

in the business of reading julian lovelock charts the development of the english novel over the past hundred years smuggling in titles from scotland ireland and the caribbean he focuses on twenty texts written since the end of the first world war some well known but others less so placing them in their historical context novelists represented range from d h lawrence e m forster and virginia woolf through graham greene kingsley amis and iris murdoch to such contemporary writers as ian mcewan maggie o farrell and graham swift written in a lucid style that reflects his expertise and enthusiasm lovelock s innovative selection perceptive analysis and lightness of touch will appeal to the general reader the book club member and the student he argues that our response as readers is an important part of the creative process and while he mainly avoids the critical isms that have characterised recent academic debate he introduces such concepts as intertextuality metafiction and the role of the often unreliable narrator showing how an appreciation of the way the language of fiction works can only add to our understanding and enjoyment

Dwelling Places

2003

extending geographically from london to glasgow james procter s study explores black literary and cultural production across the post world war two period the author considers how places like dwellings bedsits and public spaces contribute to the travelling theories of diaspora discourse

Radical Fictions

2007

nick bentley takes a fresh look at english fiction produced in the 1950s by looking at a range of authors he shows that the the stalic way to beautiful handwriting cursive and calligraphic

novel of the period was far more diverse and formally experimental than previous accounts have suggested

Eldorado West One

1988

contains the dramatic text for seven one act plays that follow moses aloetta as he tries to save enough money to leave england and return to his native trinidad and his friends who are determined to prevent moses from accomplishing his goal

Black Agents Provocateurs: 250 Years of Black British Writing, History and the Law, 1770-2020

2020-10-01

black agents provocateurs 250 years of black british writing history and the law 1770 2020 is a comprehensive analysis the invaluable contributions that black writers in britain have made to british society over the last 250 years this book closely examines the lives trials and works of british slaves in the eighteenth century black authors historians and medics in the nineteenth century and black poets playwrights novelists and intellectuals in the twentieth and twenty first centuries it also highlights their contributions to legal changes such as the abolition of slavery act 1833 the criminal appeal act 1907 and the race relations act 1965 as well as the adverse effects that laws such as the criminal evidence act 1984 the asylum and immigration acts 1996 and the coronavirus act 2020 have had upon black lives in britain

A Companion to the City

2008-06-09

a companion to the city provides the reader with an indispensable and authoritative overview of the key debates controversies and questions concerning the city from a variety of theoretical vantage points with an international perspective indispensable companion for students of the city multidisciplinary approach of interest across several fields includes contributions from major scholars in the field



1993

2023-05-12

irreverent spirited a seriously funny novel new york review of books sitting in his cramped basement room in brixton battersby dreams of money women a t bone steak and a place to call his own so he and a group of friends decide to save up and buy a house together but amid grasping landlords the temptations of spending money and the less than welcoming attitude of the mother country can this motley group of hustlers and schemers trinidadians and jamaicans men and women make their dreams a reality selvon s meticulously observed narratives of displaced londoners lives created a template for how to write about migrant and postmigrant london for countless writers who have followed in his wake including hanif kureishi and zadie smith caryl phillips

The Housing Lark

2020-08-06

the author of such works as a brighter sun 1952 the lonely londoners 1956 and the plains of caroni 1970 west indian novelist samuel selvon is attracting growing amounts of scholarly attention nonetheless criticism of his works has largely been imbalanced with most scholarship focusing primarily on his language this book corrects that imbalance by placing selvon s novels within historical sociological and ideological contexts a new interpretation of selvon s achievement as a novelist the volume looks for the first time at his works in terms of categories of novels peasant middle class and immigrant the book demonstrates that each category is different from the others and that novels within categories are similar thus it provides a coherent vision of selvon s canon it illustrates as well the development of selvon s philosophy of west indians as peasant bourgeois and immigrant in doing so it explores the significance of ethnicity in his works and discusses selvon s imaginative apotheosis of the indo trinidadian peasant and the diminution of the afro trinidadian immigrant the volume also studies selvon s fictional and rhetorical techniques and argues that his works range from bildungsroman to picaresque to epic to satire

The Novels of Samuel Selvon

2001-04-30

a delightful book a pleasure to read and reflect over afterwards for humour sprightliness and downright exuberance at being alive sunday times you could be lonely as hell in the city then one day you look around you and you realise everybody else is lonely too this irresistible bittersweet collection of short stories from the supreme chronicler of west indian lives in britain brings together two worlds trinidad and london here is an illicit love affair on a plantation gossip and rivalry between village washerwomen a boy rebelling against his parents traditions here too is life after leaving for england hustling for work eking out money for the gas meter in winter dancing in clubs discovering romance in a night time park experiencing unexpected kindness dreams and disenchantment

Cities on the Margin, on the Margin of Cities

2003

caribbean novelist sam selvon was part of the new wave of post war west indian writers george lamming v s naipaul and derek walcott among others who would redefine what english literature meant in novels such as a brighter sun and the lonely londoners selvon invented a literary language at once playful and engaging moving to the rhythms of both literary modernism and caribbean folk tales and calypsos atlantic passages is the first book length study to place selvon s fiction at the center of postcolonial theoretical debates it measures selvon s novels against their social and cultural contexts gauging their productive counterpoise with ideas of history and community more fully than any previous study it maps the landscape of selvon s novels and their fictional confrontation with modernity in the immigrant enclaves of london and the newly independent caribbean islands

Ways of Sunlight

2024-02-01

this groundbreaking study of prolific trinidadian writer sam selvon includes background essays interviews with selvon and critical assessments of his ten novels and collected short stories an extensive bibliography and notes on the contributors are included in addition to sam selvon the contributors to the work include whitney balliett harold barratt edward baugh frank birbalsingh e k brathwaite edith efron michel fabre anson gonzalez louis james george lamming bruce f macdonald peter nazareth v s naipaul sandra paquet jeremy poynting isabel quigley kenneth ramchand eric roach gordon rohlehr andrew salkey clancy sigal derek walcott edward wilson and francis wyndham

Atlantic Passages

1996

storyworlds mental models of context and environment within which characters function is a concept used to describe what happens in narrative narratologists agree that the concept of storyworlds best captures the ecology of narrative interpretation by allowing a fuller appreciation of the organization of both space and time by recognizing reading as a process that encourages readers to compare the world of a text to other possible worlds and by highlighting the power of narrative to immerse readers in new and unfamiliar environments focusing on the work of writers from trinidad and nigeria such as sam selvon and ben okri the storyworld accord investigates and compares the storyworlds of nonrealist and postmodern postcolonial texts to show how such narratives grapple with the often collapsed concerns of subjectivity representation and environment bringing together these narratological and ecocritical concerns via a mode that erin james calls econarratology arguing that postcolonial ecocriticism like ecocritical studies has tended to neglect imaginative representations of the environment in postcolonial literatures james

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suggests that readings of storyworlds in postcolonial texts helps narrative theorists and ecocritics better consider the ways in which culture ideologies and social and environmental issues are articulated in narrative forms and structures while also helping postcolonial scholars more fully consider the environment alongside issues of political subjectivity and sovereignty

Critical Perspectives on Sam Selvon

1988

The Storyworld Accord

2015-07

2009-02

the promise of welfare in the postwar british novel offers a new literary history of the second world war and its aftermath by focusing on wartime visions of rebuilding britain shifting attention from the people s war to the people s peace this book shows that literature returns to the historic transition from warfare to welfare to narrate its transformative social potential and darker failures the welfare state envisioned that managing individuals private lives would result in a more coherent and equitable community a promise encapsulated in the 1942 beveridge report s promise of care from the cradle to the grave the postwar novel reveals the intimate effects that follow when infrastructures of collective living seek to organize social interaction tracing these effects through quasi administrated home spaces such as girls hostels makeshift sanatoria and experimental schools mid century writers including elizabeth bowen muriel spark and samuel selvon used the militarized home front to present postwar britain as a zone of lost privacy and new collective logics as the century progressed and as the unrealized dreams of welfare came to be dismantled authors including alan hollinghurst michael ondaatje and kazuo ishiguro registered an unfulfilled nostalgia for a britain that never was situating british domestic policies within trajectories of historic and social violence contemporary fiction continues to reanimate the transition from a warfare state to a welfare state preserving its transformative potential while redefining its possible futures with this long view of postwar fiction this volume

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demonstrates the holding power of welfare s promises of repair and britain s mid century on the british cultural imagination

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The Promise of Welfare in the Postwar British and Anglophone Novel

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alongside the major postcolonial writers the book provides analytical study of newer writers who have to date received little critical attention eg linton kwesi johnson bernardine evaristo fred d aguiar postcolonial studies and contemporary fiction are among the most popular courses at undergraduate level published to coincide with our major postcolonial studies promotions in 2004 including a full colour postcolonial mini catalogue mailed to academics worldwide and inserts at conferences in canterbury uk frankfurt germany and hyderabad india the book s relevance expands beyond london the city is a trendy topic in literary and cultural studies and this book uses theories of the metropolis to explore ideas of empire and the nation

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2019-04-16

Postcolonial London

2004-08-02

nation and citizenship in the twentieth century british novel maps the interrelations between literary production and public debates about citizenship that shaped twentieth century britain

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2015-02-20

Nation and Citizenship in the Twentieth-Century British Novel

2015-03-02

sam selvon a contemporary writer of major importance is well known to british and caribbean readers but his work including ten novels has not attained the prominence it deserves internationally this study is a literary analysis of selvon s use of trinidad creole english as an important component of his style and method of fictional composition wyke follows the development of selvon s writing from his early to his late career starting with his first novel a brighter sun 1952 continuing with the lonely londoners 1956 and the short stories ways of sunlight 1957 and devoting a large part of the book to selvon s middle and later years focusing on such novels as i hear thunder 1963 the housing lark 1965 and those who eat the cascadura 1972 he finishes with the last two works of selvon s trilogy moses ascending 1975 and moses migrating 1983

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2001-08

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it has been more than 25 years since moses aloetta became one of the lonely londoners in the novel of that name now though an avowed anglophile he hankers for trinidad for sunshine carnival and rum punch with characteristic irony and delicacy of touch sam selvon tells the story of moses re encounter with his native land this edition of the novel includes a new introduction to selvon s life and work by susheila nasta as well as a preface by moses that was written in 1992 for the first us edition of the work this edition of moses migrating includes a new introduction to selvon s life and work by susheila nasta as well as a preface by moses that was written in 1992 for the first us edition of the work

Sam Selvon's Dialectal Style and Fictional Strategy

2011-11-01

Moses Migrating

2009

black authors of the 18th century were powerful figures out walking near charing cross with one of his artist friends ignatius sancho was accosted by a young fop who cried out to his friend smoke othello sancho placed himself across the path and exclaimed in booming tones age sir such othellos you meet with but once in a century such iagos as you we meet with in every dirty passage proceed sir

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1992

London Calling

2003

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