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World of Wonders

Penguin The third book in Robertson Davies's acclaimed The Deptford Trilogy, with a new foreword by Kelly Link Hailed by the Washington Post Book World as "a modern classic," Robertson Davies's acclaimed Deptford Trilogy is a glittering, fantastical, cunningly contrived series of novels, around which a mysterious death is woven. World of Wonders—the third book in the series after The Manticore—follows the story of Magnus Eisengrim—the most illustrious magician of his age—who is spirited away from his home by a member of a traveling sideshow, the Wanless World of Wonders. After honing his skills and becoming better known, Magnus unfurls his life's courageous and adventurous tale in this third and final volume of a spectacular, soaring work. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

World of Wonders

Robertson Davies' World of Wonders

World of Wonders

Viking Press The magician star of a movie being filmed in Switzerland spends his free time relating the sad story of his life to his director and producer, a cameraman, a mysterious hostess, and a Canadian schoolmaster

Robertson Davies' World of Wonders

The Deptford Trilogy

Fifth Business; The Manticore; World of Wonders

Penguin The complete volume of Robertson Davies's acclaimed trilogy, featuring Fifth Business, The Manticore, and World of Wonders, with a new foreword by Kelly Link Fifth Business Ramsay is a man twice born, a man who has returned from the hell of the battle-grave at Passchendaele in World War I decorated with the Victoria Cross and destined to be caught in a no man's land where memory, history, and myth collide. As Ramsay tells his story, it begins to seem that from boyhood, he has exerted a perhaps mystical, perhaps pernicious, influence on those around him. His apparently innocent involvement in such innocuous events as the throwing of a snowball or the teaching of card tricks to a small boy in the end prove neither innocent nor innocuous. Fifth Business stands alone as a remarkable story told by a rational man who discovers that the marvelous is only another aspect of the real. The Manticore Around a mysterious death is woven a glittering, fantastical, cunningly contrived trilogy of novels. Luring the reader down labyrinthine tunnels of myth, history and magic, THE DEPTFORD TRILOGY provides an exhilarating antidote to a world from where 'the fear and dread and splendour of wonder have been banished'. World of Wonders This is the third novel in Davies's major work, The Deptford Trilogy. This novel tells the life story of the unfortunate boy introduced in The Fifth Business, who was spirited away from his Canadian home by one of the members of a traveling side show, the Wanless World of Wonders.

The Deptford Trilogy

Harmondsworth, Middlesex : Penguin Books Fifth business: A retiring Canadian history professor reveals the true nature of his eerie, mystical influence on those around him

World of Wonders

Phantasmata

Magic, Myth and Illusion in World of Wonders by Robertson Davies

The Enthusiasms of Robertson Davies

New York : Viking In a collection of articles, reviews, and impressions marked by wit and surprising opinions, the author takes a wry look at famous men and women, reviews classic and contemporary books, and displays many facets of his kaliedoscopic personality

World of Wonders

The Work of Adbhutarasa in the Mahabharata and the Harivamsa

Oxford University Press In World of Wonders, Alf Hiltebeitel addresses the Mahabharata and its supplement, the Harivamsa, through the critical lens of the Indian aesthetic theory of rasa, "juice, essence, or taste." Rejecting the traditional reading of these texts, he argues that the dominant rasa is adbhutarasa, the "mood of wonder." The heart of his argument is that the Mahabharata and Harivamsa both deploy the terms for "wonder" and "surprise" (vismaya) in significant numbersthat extend into every facet of these heterogeneous texts, showing how adbhutarasa is at work in the rich and contrasting textual strategies which are integral to the structure of the two texts.

Manticore

McClelland & Stewart The second novel in Robertson Davies' critically acclaimed Deptford Trilogy, The Manticore is a fascinating exploration, by an exquisite stylist, of those regions beyond reason where monsters live. Available as an eBook for the first time. David Staunton, the son of Percy Boyd Staunton, travels to Switzerland. As he undergoes Jungian analysis for a lifetime of unhappiness and the trauma left by the death of his father, he repeatedly encounters a manticore—a monster with the head of a man, the body of lion, and the tail of a scorpion. "He is to say the least a mature and wise writer." Anthony Burgess

Literary Trips

Following in the Footsteps of Fame

GreatestEscapes.com Publishing 24 more tales representing the very best in travel writing, plus thoroughly researched guidebook information.

Robertson Davies

A Mingling of Contrarities

[University of Ottawa Press](#) This collective assessment of the achievement of Robertson Davies addresses the basic problems in reading his artfulness, as a moralist committed to the practice of doubling, disguise, irony and paradox, of dwelling in "gaps" or spaces "in between" The essays present new insights on a broad range of topics in Davies' oeuvre and was the first conference devoted to Davies' work since his death in 1995.

Robertson Davies

[Macmillan Reference USA](#)

The Merry Heart

Reflections on Reading, Writing, and the World of Books

[Rosetta Books](#) "A splendid gallimaufry of the eminent Canadian's talks and essays, mostly about literature and the creative life . . . a thought-filled and amusing book."—[The Washington Post](#) For devotees of Davies and all lovers of literature and language, here is the "urbanity, wit, and high seriousness mixed by a master chef," vintage delights from an exquisite literary menu (Cleveland Plain Dealer). Robertson Davies's rich and varied collection of writings on the world of books and the miracle of language captures his inimitable voice and sustains his presence among us. Coming almost entirely from Davies's own files of unpublished material, these twenty-four essays and lectures range over themes from "The Novelist and Magic" to "Literature and Technology," from "Painting, Fiction, and Faking," to "Can a Doctor Be a Humanist?" and "Creativity in Old Age." Davies himself says merely: "Lucky writers . . . like wine, die rich in fruitiness and delicious aftertaste, so that their works survive them." "Splendid—wise, witty, wide-ranging."—[The New York Times Book Review](#) "Some of Davies's ideas are iconoclastic, and will delight those who share them while stimulating those who do not. All his judgments are interesting, steeped in humanism, and most elegantly put."—[The Atlantic Monthly](#) "The inimitable novelist gives an exuberant posthumous performance in this eclectic collection of (mostly) previously unpublished addresses, talks, and incidental pieces . . . Davies diffuses his opinions entertainingly, if occasionally superficially, but never loses his audience."—[Kirkus Reviews](#)

The Smaller Infinity

The Jungian Self in the Novels of Robertson Davies

[University of Toronto Press](#) The concepts of the Jungian theory of personality have long held considerable interest for Robertson Davies, both outside his fiction and as the explicit subject of *The Manticore*. This interpretive study discusses Davies' use of Jungian psychology as both a structural and a thematic device and touches on related themes of illusion and the nature of reality. Drawing extensively on early reviews and articles, Monk sketches the background to Davies' preoccupation with psychology, revealing its influence on his early writings, including the effect of the Jungian concept of the persona on Shakespeare's *Boy Actors* and the concept of the shadow on the Samuel Marchbanks material. She also notes the introduction of the important themes of illusion, as a mask for reality, and ambivalence which are extended in the *Salterton* trilogy, *Fifth Business*, and *The Manticore*. Monk concludes that *World of Wonders* reveals an apparent but unsuccessful attempt on Davies' part to get away from Jungian psychology, and an exploration of alternative myths of human identity: the romance myth of the hero and the Spenglerian myth of the Magian soul.

Sanctioned Ignorance

The Politics of Knowledge Production and the Teaching of the Literatures of Canada

[University of Alberta](#) Bilingual literary scholar builds bridges spanning institutional silos to found an inclusive "literatures of Canada."

The Deptford Trilogy. *Fifth Business*, *The Manticore*, *World of wonders*. - (Harmondsworth, Middlesex [usw.] 1983.) 863 S. 8°

A New Companion to The Gothic

[John Wiley & Sons](#) The thoroughly expanded and updated *New Companion to the Gothic*, provides a series of stimulating insights into Gothic writing, its history and genealogy. The addition of 12 new essays and a section on 'Global Gothic' reflects the direction Gothic criticism has taken over the last decade. Many of the original essays have been revised to reflect current debates Offers comprehensive coverage of criticism of the Gothic and of the various theoretical approaches it has inspired and spawned Features important and original essays by leading scholars in the field The editor is widely recognized as the founder of modern criticism of the Gothic

One Half of Robertson Davies

[New York : Viking Press](#)

A Celtic Temperament

Robertson Davies as Diarist

[McClelland & Stewart](#) Versatile and prolific, Robertson Davies was an actor, journalist and newspaper publisher, playwright, essayist, founding master of Massey College at the University of Toronto, and one of Canada's greatest novelists. He was also an obsessive, complex, and self-revealing diarist. His diaries, which he began as a teenager, grew to over 3 million words and are an astonishing literary legacy. This first published selection of his diaries spans 1959 to 1963, years in which Davies, in mid-life, experienced both daunting failure and unexpected success. Born in Thamesville, Ontario, in 1913, he was educated at local schools, then Upper Canada College, Queen's University and Oxford University. He worked in England at the famous Old Vic theatre as an actor and literary advisor before returning to Canada where he became the editor and publisher of the *Peterborough Examiner*, established himself as a prominent Canadian playwright, and published his first three novels now known as the *Salterton* Trilogy. By 1959, at the age of forty-five, Robertson Davies was already one of Canada's leading literary figures. Even so the diaries show that he was frustrated by the limitations of his literary success, often exasperated with the distractions of his daily life and buffeted by his mental and emotional state. They also show that he enjoyed life, was deeply interested in the society he lived in, and in the people he encountered. More often than not he found comedy in the world around him and delighted in recording it. He kept not only a daily journal, but also more focused diaries such as his accounts of the Toronto and New York production of his play *Love and Libel*, when he worked closely with the great British director Tyrone Guthrie, and of the founding of Massey College, the brainchild of Vincent Massey. The descriptions of backstage and academic politics are invariably entertaining, but in his diaries Davies also reveals himself as intensely self-critical, frequently insecure, and with a highly changeable nature that he described as his "celtic temperament." We also see him as a partner in an intensely happy and creative marriage, and as a man with an astonishing capacity for hard work. By the end of 1963 his life had taken a new direction. As master of Massey College, he finds himself a public figure, but he is increasingly preoccupied with a new novel he wants to write which he is calling *Fifth Business*. The publication of *A Celtic Temperament* establishes Robertson Davies as one of the great diarists. In their range, variety, intimacy, and honesty his diaries present an extraordinarily rich portrait of the man and his times.

Robertson Davies

An Appreciation

[Peterborough, Ont. : Broadview Press](#)

To be Continued

An Annotated Guide to Sequels

[Greenwood Publishing Group](#) Main entries by author, then series. Title and subject index also included.

A Checklist of Robertson Davies

[Ultramarine Publishing](#)

The Mythic Imagination

The Quest for Meaning Through Personal Mythology

[Simon and Schuster](#) Mythology is the universal tongue of human imagination. As a tool for self-discovery, mythology is also a way of gaining access to the secrets of the psyche. The *Mythic Imagination* is a quest for the ancient source of vision and meaning in the world of dream, myth, and archetype. In the footsteps of Joseph Campbell, Stephen Larsen guides the reader on a journey through the mythic landscape of the psyche. His insight is that all of us, at one time or another, are engaged in creating personal mythologies that reflect the larger myths of the culture and our own deepest desires and aspirations. This book is a guide for bringing the deeper mythic structures of experience into awareness, for learning to recognize the archetypal content embedded in our dreams and daydreams, feelings, beliefs, relationships, conscious creations, and behavior. Student and authorized biographer of Joseph Campbell, Larsen teaches us how to bring myth into our lives. Reissue of the Bantam bestseller.

The Cornish Trilogy

[Penguin Group USA](#) Woven around the pursuits of the energetic spirits and erudite scholars of the University of St. John and the Holy Ghost, this dazzling trilogy of novels lures the reader into a world of mysticism, historical allusion, and gothic fantasy that could only be the invention of Canada's grand man of letters.

The Postwar Novel in Canada

Narrative Patterns and Reader Response

[Wilfrid Laurier Univ. Press](#) As a comparative study which includes the analysis of both English-Canadian and Quebec novels, this book provides an overview of the novel as it has developed in this country since the Second World War. Focusing on narratological rather than thematic elements, the book represents a systematic application of the insights and analytical tools of reader-reception theory, in particular the models proposed by Wolfgang Iser and Hans Robert Jauss. Placing the emphasis on the text and its effects rather than on the historical or psycho-sociological genesis of the text, the author invokes the models and paradigms of other literatures to establish a broader cultural context permitting the significance of a literature to emerge as a carrier of meaning in and beyond the culture that produces it. Tracing a critical path from Hugh MacLennan's hierarchic romance structures and Gabrielle Roy's social realism to the metafiction of Hubert Aquin and Timothy Findley, the author reveals that the novel's narratological features themselves are often closely linked with ideological positions.

Patrick White and God

[Cambridge Scholars Publishing](#) The novels of Australia's Nobel Laureate Patrick White (1912-1990) are a persistent commentary on Nietzsche's proclamation of God's death. As White knew the proclamation was not about God's existence, but about classical views of God, it presented him with the impossible task of using language to describe what language cannot describe. This has always been one of the more misunderstood aspects of his literary vision. Because the announcement is often interpreted in antithetical ways, atheistic, theistic, secular, religious, humanistic and fatalistic, critics should gain a better understanding of what White was trying to achieve by comparing him with his post-war contemporaries from England, Scotland, and Canada: Iris Murdoch, William Golding, Muriel Spark and Robertson Davies. After, and because of, the war, these authors all commented on the consequences of God's death. Along with White, they worked with a shared pattern of tropes to explore the light and dark aspects of western consciousness and the civilization it has produced. Where did the pattern come from? Was it metaphysical or metapsychological? These questions are complex as the pattern came from many sources, simultaneously and synergistically, but this book tackles these questions by describing that pattern.

For Your Eye Alone

The Letters of Robertson Davies

[Penguin Group USA](#) Robertson Davies, one of the twentieth century's most distinguished authors, brought his characteristic great sense of style to everything he wrote. Whether it was a letter to his daughter or a formal letter to the editor disemboweling a hostile review, he wrote with care, zest, and in a distinctive voice. Penned during the height of his fame-between the years 1976 and 1995-these letters were sent to a wide range of recipients, from Sir John Gielgud to Margaret Atwood, from publishers to fans and critics of his writings. The letters are frequently testy, tart, and not always "politically correct"; but whether they are funny, moving, or thought provoking, they provide a rare glimpse of the private Davies, as revealed in his own words.

Murder & Walking Spirits

[Penguin Group USA](#) Murdered by his wife's lover, Gil must spend his afterlife seated next to his murderer at a film festival, where he views the exploits of his ancestors from the Revolutionary era to his parents' time

World of Wonders

The contrasting worlds of the carnival and the London stage form the background for the story of a Canadian magician. Concludes the Deptford trilogy, started with "Fifth business" and "The Manticore."

Selected Works on the Art of Writing

[Penguin Group Canada](#) Robertson Davies wrote in most forms: plays, novels, diaries, articles, book reviews, play reviews, editorials, children's and adult short stories (including ghost stories), television plays, libretti, an oratorio, poems, and speeches. The greater part of this collection is speeches, made throughout his life; also included are three articles and a poem.

Robertson Davies

Magician of Words

[Dundurn](#) Born in Thamesville, Ontario, a student at Queen's University in Kingston in the 1930's, and editor and later publisher of the Peterborough Examiner from the 1940s to the mid-1960s, playwright, essayist, critic, professor, and novelist Robertson Davies (1913-1995) was one of Canada's pre-eminent literary voices for more than a half-century. Davies, with his generous beard and donnish manner, was the very epitome of the "man of letters," a term he abhorred. Best known for his Deptford Trilogy of novels (*Fifth Business*, *The Manticore*, *World of Wonders*), he also wrote two other trilogies (*Salterton and Cornish*) and was at work on the third volume of another trilogy (Toronto) when he died. With a life as rich in character and colour as that found in his fiction and essays, Davies had a great fondness for magic and myth, both of which are found in abundance in his work, along with a prodigious streak of wry humour.

An Independent Stance

Essays on English-Canadian Criticism and Fiction

[The Porcupine's Quill](#) Part One of this strongly worded, informed, and wide-ranging collection examines key issues for the future of Canadian criticism. Part Two offers new readings of important works by Grove, Wilson, MacLennan, Davies, Laurence, Hood, Wiebe, Hodgins, and Atwood. As W.J. Keith argues, 'We still have a mission: to have our literature recognized as an essential reflection of our national life. This is what I mean by retrenchment and consolidation. Literature can survive without literary criticism but it cannot survive if it is unknown and unread. It is criticism's prime function at the present time to see that it is both known and read with that mature enjoyment which is a combination of emotional sensitivity and humane intelligence. As critics, scholars, editors, we shall not be fulfilling our responsibilities or justifying our existence if we attempt anything less.' Or as Keith modestly observes in his introduction to this collection, 'If this book is of any interest, it will be because Canadian literature is an important subject. Literary commentators like myself are middle-men, and should be prepared to admit the fact. If this book succeeds in helping readers to appreciate the works of Canadian writers that I discuss, and to derive increased pleasure and insight from them, it will have served its purpose. I can see no other justification for it -- or for any other work of criticism.'

The Cunning Man

[RosettaBooks](#) "An amazing coup . . . a brilliant, never less than engaging work of fiction which is also a philosophical meditation on the business of living."-Financial Times When Father Hobbes mysteriously dies at the high alter on Good Friday, Dr. Jonathan Hullah-whose holistic work has earned him the label "Cunning Man" (for the wizard of folk tradition)-wants to know why. The physician-cum-diagnostician's search for answers compels him to look back over his own long life. He conjures vivid memories of the dazzling, intellectual high-jinks and compassionate philosophies of himself and his circle, including flamboyant, mystical curate Charlie Iredale; cynical, quixotic professor Brocky Gilmartin; outrageous banker Darcy Dwyer; and jocular, muscular artist Pansy Todhunter. In compelling and hilarious scenes from the divine comedy of life, The Cunning Man reveals profound truths about being human. "Wise, humane and consistently entertaining . . . Robertson Davies's skill and curiosity are as agile as ever, and his store of incidental knowledge is a constant pleasure."-The New York Times Book Review "The sparkling history of [the] erudite and amusing Dr. Hullah, who knows the souls of his patients as well as he knows their bodies . . . never fails to enlighten and delight."-The London Free Press "Davies is a good companion. Settling into The Cunning Man is like taking a comfortable chair opposite a favorite uncle who has seen and done everything."-Maclean's "Irresistible, unflaggingly vital. A wholehearted and sharp-minded celebration of the Great Theatre of Life."-The Sunday Times "A novel brimming with themes of music, poetry, beauty, philosophy, death and the deep recesses of the mind."-The Observer

LJ, Library Journal

Reader's Guide to Literature in English

[Routledge](#) Reader's Guide Literature in English provides expert guidance to, and critical analysis of, the vast number of books available within the subject of English literature, from Anglo-Saxon times to the current American, British and Commonwealth scene. It is designed to help students, teachers and librarians choose the most appropriate books for research and study.

A Voice from the Attic

Essays on the Art of Reading

[Rosetta Books](#) A collection of essays "filled with pleasantly rambling opinions about everything from self-help books to erotica" from the celebrated Canadian author (The Chronicle Journal). An urbane, robust, and wonderfully opinionated voice from Canada, sometimes called "America's attic," speaks here of the delights of reading, and of what mass education has done to readers today, to taste, to books, to culture. With his usual wit and breadth of vision, Robertson Davies ranges through the world of letters—books renowned and obscure, old and recent; English, Irish, Canadian, and American writers both forgotten and fondly remembered. "Sweet reason in the raiment of well-woven prose? Most assuredly. Good humor agraze over broad literary demesnes? No doubt of it. Forgotten popular favorites rescued and rehabilitated? Certainly. A parade of agreeable prejudices? He would not be a true Canadian if he did not have them. Lightheartedness where needed? Yes. Seriousness where it counts? Yes. Wit, satirical touches, firm indignations, sound sense, good taste, judiciousness, cosmopolitan breadth of view, urbanity, sanity, unexpected eccentricities, educated humanism? By all means. It is indeed by all these means and more that this book of essays and observations bestows its multiple benefactions, and anyone picking it up is bound north to pleasure and profit."—The New York Times

Establishing Our Boundaries

English-Canadian Theatre Criticism

[University of Toronto Press](#) An impressive collection of essays by 21 of English Canada's leading theatre critics provides a cultural history of Canada, and Canadians intense relationship to theatre, from 1829 to 1998, and across the whole country.

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