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A Guide for Students The OutsiderIndividet på den forkerte hylde søger at hævde sig gennem overkreativitetBeyond the RobotThe Life and Work of Colin Wilson

"The author of THE OUTSIDER has written a fascinating history of magic through the centuries." —The Washington Post "This most interesting, informative and thought-provoking book on the subject I have read..." —Arthur Calder-Marshall, The Sunday Telegraph Colin Wilson's bestselling classic is an essential guide to the mind-expanding experiences and discoveries of the occult in the 20th century. He has produced a wonderfully skillful synthesis of the available material—one that sees the occult in the light of reason and reason in the light of the mystical and paranormal. The result is a wide-ranging survey of the subject that provides a comprehensive history of magic, an insightful exploration of our latent powers, and a journey of enlightenment.

The Novels of Colin Wilson Penguin

Individet på den forkerte hylde søger at hævde sig gennem overkreativitet

Colin Wilson Llewellyn Worldwide Limited

Essential reading for everyone interested in the paranormal, this is the sequel to Colin Wilson's bestselling *The Occult* and a classic in its own right, drawing on the author's extraordinary first-hand investigations. 'A major work ... an extraordinary tour de force, [this book] will materially help to bring both sides (science and paranormal studies) together in a way which could lead to real and important advances in our view of the universe' - *New Scientist* First published in 1978, *Mysteries* is the powerful and enlightening sequel to *The Occult*, continuing Colin Wilson's investigations into the paranormal, the occult and the supernatural. The experience of his own panic attacks gave Wilson his insight into the concept of the ladder or hierarchy of selves with which we are all associated. In this book he fully explores this idea of multiple selves, explaining how our lower, childish selves are linked to depression and anxiety. The book offers an optimistic message to counteract our contemporary tendency towards

pessimism and nihilism: purposeful activity will always allow us to call on our higher selves and bring concentration, control and a sense of meaning into life. Wilson uses the concept of the multi-personality to explain a wide range of paranormal phenomenon, from dowsing and demonic possession to precognition and spoon-bending, and he analyses the work of all the big names in 20th-century supra-rational research (from T C Lethbridge to Margaret Murray to Carl Jung) from this perspective. The story ranges widely, from the stone circles to 1960s LSD adventures, and Wilson's analysis is woven with hundreds of entertaining paranormal anecdotes and case studies taken from throughout history, including his own experiences of dowsing at the Merry Maidens stone circle and of visions and lucid dreaming.

Reflections on the Work of Colin Wilson Watkins Media Limited

In May 1956, aged just 24, Colin Wilson achieved success and overnight fame with his philosophical study of alienation and transcendence in modern literature and thought, *The Outsider*. Fifty-four years on, and never out of print in English, the book is still widely read and discussed, having been translated into over thirty languages. In a remarkably prolific career, Wilson, a true polymath, has since written over 170 titles: novels, plays and non-fiction on a variety of subjects. This volume brings together twenty essays by scholars of Colin Wilson's work worldwide and is published in his honour to mark the author's 80th birthday. Each contributor has provided an essay on their favourite Wilson book (or the one they consider to be the most significant). The result is a varied and stimulating assessment of Wilson's writings on philosophy, psychology, literature, criminology and the occult with critical appraisals of four of his most thought-provoking novels. Altogether a fitting tribute to a writer

Mysteries Watkins Media Limited

In a significant reassessment of Reich's ideas and works, Wilson combines interviews of those once associated with the controversial psychoanalyst and intensive analyses of Reich's theories to produce a substantial account of Reich's misunderstood genius.

The Outsider Skyhorse

The powerful sequel to the bestselling *THE OCCULT* "A major work...An extraordinary tour de force, [this book] will materially help to bring both sides (science and paranormal studies) together in a way which could lead to real and important advances in our view of the universe..." —*New Scientist* *MYSTERIES* is the powerful and enlightening sequel to Wilson's bestselling masterwork, *THE OCCULT*, continuing the investigation, through

Wilson's extraordinary first-hand experiences, into the paranormal, the occult, and the supernatural. Through personal experience, Colin Wilson discovered that human beings consist of a ladder-or hierarchy-of selves, whose upper members may be called upon at will for personal transformation and deep knowledge. His new-found knowledge spurred him to write *MYSTERIES*, an attempt to apply his theory to all paranormal phenomena, from precognition to Uri Geller's spoon bending. He presents detailed studies of hauntings, possession and demonic hypnosis, as well as magic, the Kabbalah, and astrology. At the heart of his work is a fascinating discussion of the Great Secret of the alchemists, which he sees as the key to the mystery of the ladder of selves.

An Investigation into the Occult, the Paranormal, and the Supernatural Orion

A subject of interest to all - is there life after death? Colin Wilson assesses the evidence - from the voices-in-the-head experience of psychiatric patients to the world of the clairvoyant, from books on the subject to psychical research. He includes striking case-histories of people who claim to have died and balances them against Bertrand Russell's conviction that there is no logical ground for belief in an afterlife. Is the near-death experience a defence mechanism of the brain, or have people actually been on the threshold of another world? This revised edition contains a new chapter on channelling.

Afterlife Routledge

The classic study of existential despair, *The Outsider* brought Wilson instant fame, followed by revilement by those same critics who had previously hailed him. Now in his seventy-fourth year the writer and philosopher sums up his thinking. He brings new thoughts to bear on his work, and clearly illustrates the discoveries he has made, showing how these can provide an antidote to the pessimism of 20th Century thought. At the core of his philosophy are the concepts of 'intentionality' and the 'peak experience'. Wilson shows us that if we will only open our eyes and direct perception properly we can use our minds in the most positive sense, to change ourselves and the world around us. Wilson also talks about his writings on philosophy, criminology and the occult. Sometimes controversial, often challenging and always interesting, this interview by writer and journalist Brad Spurgeon, conducted at the author's home in Gorran Haven, in Cornwall,

A Biographical Study CRC Press

Historian Gary Lachman delivers a fascinating, rollicking biography of

literary and cultural rebel Colin Wilson, one of the most adventurous, hopeful, and least understood intellects of the past century. You will embark on the intellectual ride of a lifetime in this rediscovery of the life and work of writer, rebel, and social experimenter Colin Wilson (1931-2013). Author of the classic *The Outsider*, Wilson, across his 118 books, purveyed a philosophy of mind power and human potential that made him one of the least understood and most important voices of the twentieth century. Wilson helped usher in the cultural revolution of the 1960s with his landmark work, *The Outsider*, published in 1956. *The Outsider* was an intelligent, meticulous, and unprecedented study of nonconformity in all facets of life. Wilson, finally, became a prolific and unparalleled historian of the occult, providing a generation of readers with a responsible and scholarly entry point to a world of mysteries. Now, acclaimed historian Gary Lachman, a friend of Wilson and a scholar of his work, provides an extraordinary and delightful biography that delves into the life, thought, and evolution of one of the greatest intellectual rebels and underrated visionaries of the twentieth century.

Around the Outsider John Hunt Publishing

Harry Preston says goodbye to the provinces and comes to London looking for life and adventure. It is the mid 50s and he soon finds himself in the impoverished and slightly seedy world of the emerging Beat Generation.

The Mind Parasites Simon and Schuster

When the existential philosopher Colin Wilson died in December 2013, it was suggested by one perceptive obituary writer that, despite the seemingly diverse subject matter of his books, his true legacy lay in the field of Consciousness Studies. This is particularly apparent when studying his many essays and books on psychology and taking into consideration his close association with the celebrated American psychologist Abraham Maslow whose concept of 'Peak Experiences' (PEs) became, for Wilson, an important link to experiencing enhanced consciousness. Maslow, however, felt that PEs could not be induced at will; Wilson thought otherwise and through his work sought to encourage his readers and students to live more vital and appreciative lives thereby paving the way toward an evolutionary leap for mankind in consciousness-indeed, a change in consciousness that would potentially change everything. In this study, Colin Stanley, Wilson's bibliographer and author of *Colin Wilson's 'Outsider Cycle': A Guide for Students* and *Colin Wilson's 'Occult Trilogy': A Guide for Students*, provides an illuminating essay on each of Wilson's nine major books on psychology.

Super Consciousness Cambridge Scholars Publishing

Wilson has blended H.P. Lovecraft's dark vision with his own revolutionary philosophy and unique narrative powers to produce a stunning, high-tension story of vaulting imagination. A professor makes a horrifying discovery while excavating a sinister archaeological site. For over 200 years, mind parasites have been lurking in the deepest layers of human consciousness, feeding on human

life force and steadily gaining a foothold on the planet. Now they threaten humanity's extinction. They can be fought with one weapon only: the mind, pushed to--and beyond--its limits. Pushed so far that humans can read each other's thoughts, that the moon can be shifted from its orbit by thought alone. Pushed so that man can at last join battle with the loathsome parasites on equal terms.

Strange Anchor Books

Drawing on diverse case histories, the author explores the evidence of life after death, including the voices-in-the-head experiences of psychiatric patients and the accounts of clairvoyants.

A Criminal History of Mankind John Hunt Publishing

Creatively and intellectually there is no other species that has ever come close to equalling humanity's achievements, but nor is any other species as suicidally prone to internecine conflict. We are the only species on the planet whose ingrained habit of conflict constitutes the chief threat to our own survival. Human history can be seen as a catalogue of cold-hearted murders, mindless blood-feuds, appalling massacres and devastating wars, but, with developments in forensic science and modern psychology, and with raised education levels throughout the world, might it soon be possible to reign in humanity's homicidal habits? Falling violent crime statistics in every part of the world seem to indicate that something along those lines might indeed be happening. Colin and Damon Wilson, who between them have been covering the field of criminology for over fifty years, offer an analysis of the overall spectrum of human violence. They consider whether human beings are in reality as cruel and violent as is generally believed and they explore the possibility that humankind is on the verge of a fundamental change: that we are about to become truly civilised. As well as offering an overview of violence throughout our history ? from the first hominids to the twenty-first century, touching on key moments of change and also indicating where things have not changed since the Stone Age ? they explore the latest psychological, forensic and social attempts to understand and curb modern human violence. To begin with, they examine questions such as: Were the first humans cannibalistic? Did the birth of civilisation also lead to the invention of war and slavery? Priests and kings brought social stability, but were they also the instigators of the first mass murders? Is it in fact wealth that is the ultimate weapon? They look at slavery and ancient Roman sadism, but also the possibility that our own distaste for pain and cruelty is no more than a social construct. They show how the humanitarian ideas of the great religious innovators all too quickly became distorted by organised religious structures. The book ranges widely, from fifteenth-century Baron Gilles de Rais, 'Bluebeard?', the first known and possibly most prolific serial killer in history, to Victorian domestic murder and

the invention of psychiatry and Sherlock Holmes and the invention of forensic science; from the fifteenth-century Taiping Rebellion in China, in which up to 36 million died to the First and Second World Wars and more recent genocides and instances of 'ethnic cleansing?', and contemporary terrorism. They conclude by assessing the very real possibility that the internet and the greater freedom of information it has brought is leading, gradually, to a profoundly more civilised world than at any time in the past.

The Space Vampires Barnes & Noble

Over fifty of the most fascinating accounts of history's greatest unsolved mysteries. Did werewolves roam the countryside of fifteenth century France? What exactly is El Chupacabra, a creature whose name translates to "The Goat Sucker" in English? What phantoms and apparitions drift the halls of Borley Rectory, earning it the nickname of "The Most Haunted House in England"? Featuring maps, callouts, and facts that locate these mysterious happenings, *Strange* is a groundbreaking book and the first of its kind. In this riveting account of history's most baffling mysteries, two of the world's leading authorities on the supernatural, writer Colin Wilson and his son, Damon, search for the elusive answers to the most puzzling questions of the all time—from the fate of Atlantis to the curses of the ancient Egyptians to the Bermuda Triangle. Dozens of mysteries, some that have puzzled scientists and thinkers for centuries, are collected, illustrated, and explained in this captivating—and chilling—book. Lavishly illustrated and expertly written, *Strange* continues the Wilsons' quest for answers to the great mysteries of the universe, taking readers on a journey beyond the imagination where fact seems stranger than fiction.

After Life Routledge

Circa 2100 A scourge of sex and death from an alien spaceship WHEN CAPTAIN CARLSEN ENTERED THE VAST DERELICT SPACESHIP, he was shaken by the discovery of its immobilized humanoid passengers. Later, after three of the strange aliens had been transported to Earth, his foreboding was more than justified. The creatures were energy vampires whose seductive embraces were fatal, whose lust for vitality was boundless. As they took over the willing bodies of their victims and sexual murders spread terror throughout the land, Carlsen worked toward their destruction—even while he was erotically drawn to the most beautiful vampire of all! "Thoroughly intriguing" -Chicago Sun-Times (1976) "New slant on horror...unique rendering of the age-old enigma of the kiss of death" -Chicago Tribune (1976) COLIN WILSON is the author of more than 100 fiction and nonfiction books. *The Outsider* (1956), published at the age of 24, earned him worldwide critical acclaim. *The Space Vampires*, his first book, was translated into Spanish, Japanese, French, Dutch and Swedish and was later adapted for screen in the movie

LIFEFORCE, directed by Tobe Hooper (SALEM'S LOT, POLTERGEIST, THE TEXAS CHAIN SAW MASSACRE). The movie failed however to capture the true spirit of the cult classic reprinted here by popular demand.

An Evolutionary Leap Five Leaves

Throughout history there have been references and examples in literature, art and philosophy of an increased awareness of life while under the influence of extreme emotions - these have become known as Peak Experiences. Soon after Colin Wilson became aware of this phenomena in the 1960s he wondered about its history and how its power could be harnessed, thus began a 40 year investigation. In "SUPERCONSCIOUSNESS" we see how such luminaries as Yeats, Blake, Satre, Nietzsche and Robert Graves were all effected by PE's and how on the opposite side it has long been noted that we are least insightful when we are at our lowest ebb. By looking in detail through the different areas where this phenomena has occurred and offering anecdotes and examples of how many people in history (as well as himself) were effected Wilson reveals a pattern of insight with emotions. He ends the book with an instructional section on achieving power consciousness for yourself.

Beyond the Robot Robinson

Colin Wilson revitalised existentialism with a completely new approach to the philosophy. The six volumes of his 'Outsider' series created an existentialism that is not paralysed by its own nihilism. This book, first published in 1966, is a clear summary of the ideas of the 'Outsider' cycle, and also develops them to a new stage. Wilson's 'new existentialism' sees philosophy as an intellectual adventure that aims at a real command and control of human existence, and this book is its clearest exponent.

Proceedings of the First International Colin Wilson Conference

Penguin

Author Colin Wilson opens this illuminating psychological discussion with the development of the 1977 Behavioral Science Unit, which was set up in order to answer the many questions surrounding serial killers: How does someone become a serial killer? How do they choose their victims, and why do they not feel remorse? How are they caught? Wilson interviews FBI Special Agent Robert Ressler, coiner of the term "serial killer" and one of the pioneers of criminal profiling, as well as Ted Bundy and Charles Manson in order to figure out the motives behind their grisly actions. In Manhunters, by tracking the BSU's development of psychological profiling and genetic fingerprinting, Wilson

reveals the forensic investigations that caused the seizure and arrest of some of the most vile and villainous people in the world, including Jeffrey Dahmer, William Heirens, Peter Sutcliffe, John Duffy, Jerry Brudos, Wayne Williams, and many more. As he divulges the details of each case, the murderers' fantasy worlds, sadistic motives, and monstrous psychological tendencies emerge.

The Powerful Sequel to The Occult Diversion Books

When the archive of the English philosopher and polymath Colin Wilson (1931-2013) was opened at the University of Nottingham, UK, in the summer of 2011, it was agreed among those present that a Conference should be arranged there to discuss his work. 2016 was mooted as an appropriate date coinciding with the sixtieth anniversary of the publication of his first (and still most famous) book, *The Outsider*; a book that has remained in print since publication day in May 1956 and now been translated into well over 30 languages. This volume contains the transcripts of the papers presented at that inaugural one-day conference on July 1, 2016. Experts, scholars and fans, from around the globe, gathered to hear and present papers on a variety of Wilson-related topics ranging from Existentialism to the Occult; from H.P. Lovecraft to Jack the Ripper; and from Science Fiction to Transcendental Evolution.