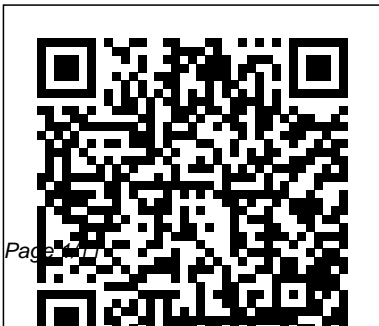


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Every Short Story by Alasdair Gray 1951-2012

Dalkey Archive Press

Lanark, an inhabitant of the sunless city of

Unthank, mysteriously turns up at the Institute, where he consults the Oracle and, in search of his past, embarks on a journey through the Intercalendrical Zone

Mary Queen of Scots Got Her Head Chopped Off Bloomsbury Publishing  
When Trafalgar's in town his friends know that even though the coffee might be terrible, the stories will be great.

**Old Men in Love** Canongate Us

A collection of some of Alasdair Gray's greatest works, this book includes samples of his long and short plays for stage, radio and television (acted between 1956 and 2009); an unperformed opera libretto; excerpts from the Lanark storyboard; and full film script of the novel Poor Things. With a

range of Gray's dramatic works, this book is a great introduction to the portfolio of one of Scotland's most talented writers.

The Ends of Our Tethers Luath Press  
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"A man lies in a coma after a near-fatal accident. His body broken, his memory vanished, he finds himself in the surreal world of the bridge, a world free of the usual constraints of time and space"--Page 4 of cover.

**A Gray Play Book** Orbit Books  
This book shows how Alasdair Gray's first novel, <I>Lanark: A Life in 4 Books, shares some of the thematic and formal concerns of postmodernist literature. The analysis is preceded by an

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introductory chapter which relates Gray to both the English and the Scottish literary traditions. Next, the author focuses on <I>Lanark and explores the way the novel offers a representation of society in terms of ontological instability and dystopia as well as the implications to be drawn from its experimental nature.

1982 *Janine* Canongate Books

The first sixteen tales in this collection were published by Canongate in 1983 with the title *Unlikely Stories, Mostly*. This collection also has fifty-seven tales from later books,

plus sixteen new ones written for the hardback publication of this collection. This last section, *Tales Droll and Plausible*, shows that Gray's recent twenty-first-century fiction is as uncomfortably funny and up to date as his earliest.

Alasdair Gray Canongate Books  
In this frank, playful and typically unorthodox collection of essays, Alasdair Gray tells of how his early life experiences influenced his writing, including the creation of those landmarks of literature, *Lanark* and *1982*, *Janine*. He details the

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inspirations behind his many acclaimed artworks and murals, and makes clear how his moral, social and political beliefs and his work are inextricably linked. Incisive, funny and fired with passion, *Of Me and Others* is as much about people, place and politics as it is about Gray's own life in art.

Mavis Belfrage Canongate Books

A short, polemical study of the persistence of imperial nostalgia in modern British culture, politics, heritage and media.

**Lanark** Routledge

This novel is a work of extraordinary imagination and

wide range. Its playful narrative techniques convey a profound message, both personal and political, about humankind's inability to love and yet our compulsion to go on trying.

*Dante's Divine Trilogy*

Canongate Books

Alasdair Gray wrote the first edition of this book for the 1992 general election. In it he showed the poor state of present-day Scotland; gave a concise, elegant history of the Scottish people and their relations with the rulers of England; argued that Scotland should have a strong government

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elected by its own people. Five years later Scotland still does not have that and its state has worsened. The original chapters have been revised and largely rewritten. New chapters dealing with Scottish education, land owning, and law and the Labour Party bring the argument to date. This is a more openly political book than the first edition, written to persuade people who feel their vote does not much influence how their country is managed that Scottish independence matters, and that only one political party is honestly working to achieve it. **McGrotty and Ludmilla** Canongate Us

What is the strange appeal of big books? The mega-novel, a genre of erudite tomes with encyclopedic scope, has attracted wildly varied responses, from fanatical devotion to trenchant criticism. Looking at intimidating mega-novel masterpieces from *The Making of Americans* to 2666, David Letzler explores reader responses to all the seemingly random, irrelevant, pointless, and derailing elements that comprise these mega-novels, elements that he labels "cruft" after the computer science term for junk code. In *The Cruft of Fiction*, Letzler suggests that these books are useful tools to help us understand the relationship between reading and attention. While mega-novel text is often intricately

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meaningful or experimental, sometimes it is just excessive and pointless. On the other hand, mega-novels also contain text that, though appearing to be cruft, turns out to be quite important. Letzler posits that this cruft requires readers to develop a sophisticated method of attentional modulation, allowing one to subtly distinguish between text requiring focused attention and text that must be skimmed or even skipped to avoid processing failures. The Cruft of Fiction shows how the attentional maturation prompted by reading mega-novels can help manage the information overload that increasingly characterizes contemporary life.

*A Life In Pictures* GRIN Verlag

Harold Brodkey's acclaimed novel is a mesmerizing work of literary genius, exploring the momentous events in the life of a family in twentieth-century St. Louis, and a writer still haunted by a childhood tragedy. First published in 1991, *The Runaway Soul* took Harold Brodkey more than three decades to complete. This sprawling novel has since been eagerly embraced by readers and critics alike, earning Brodkey the epithet of an "American Proust." Told by Wiley Silenowicz, Brodkey's fictional alter ego, the story snakes back and forth across the unforgettable events of a life.

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Following the traumatic death of his mother, Wiley recalls his troubling childhood in the care of his cousins: smooth-talking S. L. Silenowicz, his beautiful, emotionally deficient wife, Lila, and their abusive daughter, Nonie, who torments Wiley to no end. In language that soars and hypnotizes, *The Runaway Soul* fearlessly explores youth and adulthood, love and loss, sex and death, marriage and family, tracing upon one man's odyssey through a troubling world. More than two decades after it first appeared in print, Harold Brodkey's magnum opus remains one of the finest literary works produced by an American novelist in the twentieth century.

Something Leather Bloomsbury Publishing  
A tale of border warfare, military and erotic, set in the twenty-third century, where the women rule the kingdom and the men play war games. This is the fictional memoir of Wat Dryhope - edited, annotated and commented upon. History has come to an end, war is regulated as if it's all a game. But Wat, the History Maker himself, does not play entirely by the rules, and when a woman, Delilah Puddock, joins

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the fray, this 'utopian' history masterpiece, Alasdair Gray is further enlivened. Alasdair Gray cleverly plays with the notion and writing of history, as well as perennial modern debates on war, sexism and society - entertaining and thought-provoking, this is a delightful satire illustrated throughout by the author.

*Alasdair Gray* Canongate Books

One of the masterpieces of world literature, completed in 1320, Dante's *La Divina Commedia* describes his journey through Hell, Purgatory and his eventual arrival in Heaven. In this new version of Dante's

offers an original translation in prosaic English rhyme.

Accessible, modern and sublimely decorated, this remarkable edition told in three parts yokes two great literary minds, seven hundred years apart, and brings the classic text alive for the twenty-first century.

Why Scots Should Rule Scotland

Canongate Books

Lanark, an inhabitant of the sunless city of Unthank, mysteriously turns up at the Institute, where he consults the Oracle and, in search of



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his past, embarks on a journey through the Intercalendrical Zone, in a new edition that includes the author's Tailpiece, an addendum to the original novel. Reprint.

*The Bridge* Canongate Books  
Men in Love, like *The Arabian Nights*, is about a storyteller whose stories contain other stories. As in Alasdair Gray's *Lanark*, 1982 *Janine*, *Poor Things*, and *The Book of Prefaces*, this one has many styles of narrative and location. Periclean Athens, Renaissance Florence, Victorian Somerset mingle with Britain under the New Labour Party, viewed from the West End of Glasgow. More than 50% is fact and the rest possible,

but must be read to be believed.

**Independence** Small Beer Press  
"The greatest Scottish novelist since Sir Walter Scott." Anthony Burgess  
Lean Tales Random House (UK)

'Grandly conceived, gorgeously realised, and sparkingly alert to the making not just of works of art, but of a language, this crammed compendium, so copiously yet lightly learned, so drolly self-reflexive, yet enticingly accessible, so exhilaratingly, quixotically magniloquent, is the last word in forewords.'

**The Craft of Fiction** Bloomsbury Publishing

Seminar paper from the year 2011 in the subject English Language

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and Literature Studies - attention to developments in Great  
Literature, grade: 1.3, University Britain. This outline can by no  
of Heidelberg (Anglistisches means provide a definition and  
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Theory and Fiction, language: guideline, to which I will then  
English, abstract: This paper aims compare the most striking aspects  
to show how Alasdair Gray's famous of "Lanark" after giving a brief  
first novel Lanark fits the overview of its structure and the  
postmodern label. Although Alasdair progress of its development.  
Gray has often been considered the *Alasdair Gray's "Lanark. A  
postmodern Scottish writer par Life in Four Books". A truly  
excellence, he does not necessarily postmodern work?* Lanark  
fit that description, nor does he In the small African republic  
intend to fit it. In this paper, I of Kinjanja, British diplomat  
will try to show how his famous Morgan Leafy bumbles heavily  
"Lanark. A Life in Four Books" through his job. His love of  
lives up to a postmodern label, and women, his fondness for  
where it differentiates from it. drink, and his loathing for  
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an outline of the concept of  
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obstacles on his road to any kind of success. But when he becomes an operative in Operation Kingpin and is charged with monitoring the front runner in Kinjanja's national elections, Morgan senses an opportunity to achieve real professional recognition and, more importantly, reassignment. After he finds himself being blackmailed, diagnosed with a venereal disease, attempting bribery, and confounded with a dead body, Morgan realizes that very little is going according to plan.