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William Morris's News from nowhere Oxford University

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William Morris's routes through south-west Iceland can still be followed, possibly, though not necessarily as for Morris's party, on horseback. Morris was plump, unfit and relatively untravelled, but his enthusiasm, grit and

phenomenal eye for detail sustained him for six weeks in 1871 and a further two in 1873 through 'the most romantic of all deserts'. Morris kept very few diaries and the Icelandic Journals are the most complete. Written daily, in pencil, in small black-covered notebooks, they are unguarded, spontaneous and by turn discouraged and excited. He records wild flowers and wilder landscapes, spectacular sunsets, vast expanses of lava, magnificent waterfalls, dangerous tracks and more dangerous rivers to be forded on or beside his practised and indomitable ponies. Morris grew to love his ponies, bringing one back to England for his daughters. He loved too the Icelanders: priests, farmers, scholars and children. He observes their

crops, including the constant presence of angelica in their gardens, though he never finds what it is for. Their kindness, generosity and hospitality despite common poverty moved him greatly; the Icelandic experience had a profound influence on his political thinking: 'the most grinding poverty is a trifling evil compared to the inequality of classes'. Morris had translated several Sagas by 1871 and was teaching himself Icelandic. His journey, with his co-translator, Eirikr Magnusson, was routed around many of the main Saga sites - a journey that is still taken by lovers of Iceland and William Morris.

[News from Nowhere - William Morris](#) Routledge

[News from Nowhere](#) (1890) is a classic work combining utopian socialism and soft

science fiction written by the artist, designer and socialist pioneer William Morris. In the book, the narrator, William Guest, falls asleep after returning from a meeting of the Socialist League and awakes to find himself in a future society based on common ownership and democratic control of the means of production. In this society there is no private property, no big cities, no authority, no monetary system, no divorce, no courts, no prisons, and no class systems. This agrarian society functions simply because the people find pleasure in nature, and therefore they find pleasure in their work. The book explores a number of aspects of this society, including its organisation and the relationships which it engenders between people.

"News from Nowhere"
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Originally published in

1868, 'The Earthly Paradise' is considered William Morris's most popular poem. An epic poem that features legends, myths and stories from Europe, sectioned into the twelve months of the year. Usually sold in parts, Ragged Hand is publishing 'The Earthly Paradise' in one complete volume with a specially commissioned new biography of the author. Highly recommended for inclusion on the bookshelf of anyone with a passion for poetry. William Morris (1834 - 1896) was born in London, England. Arguably best known as a textile designer, he founded a design partnership which deeply influenced the decoration of churches and homes during the early 20th century. However, he is also considered an important Romantic writer and pioneer of the modern fantasy

genre, being a direct influence on authors such as J. R. R. Tolkien. As well as fiction, Morris penned poetry and essays.

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The Well at the World's End was among the very first of its kind - it is an epic romance of duplicity, machination, passion, and wizardry, and is, in short, a vast odyssey into the weird. It is a beautifully rich fantasy, a vibrant fairy tale without fairies. It is the most entrancing of William Morris's late romances - part futuristic

fantasy novel, part old-fashioned fairy tale. Morris writes his magic love story with a sense of color and pattern, and the sheer imaginative fervor of one of the most brilliant decorative artists that has ever lived. A Classic fantasy novel!

Library of Alexandria

The publication of the King James version of the Bible, translated between 1603 and 1611, coincided with an extraordinary flowering of English literature and is universally acknowledged as the greatest influence on English-language literature in history. Now, world-class literary writers introduce the book of the King James Bible in a series of beautifully

designed, small-format volumes. The introducers' passionate, provocative, and personal engagements with the spirituality and the language of the text make the Bible come alive as a stunning work of literature and remind us of its overwhelming contemporary relevance.

The life and death of Jason, a poem
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The book explores a number of aspects of this society, including its organisation and the relationships which it engenders between people. Morris cleverly fuses Marxism and the romance tradition when he presents himself as an enchanted figure in a time and place different from Victorian England. As Morris, the romance character, quests for love and fellowship and through them for a reborn self-he encounters romance archetypes in Marxist guises. Old Hammond is both the

communist educator who teaches Morris the new world and the wise old man of romance. Dick and Clara are good comrades and the married lovers who aid Morris in his wanderings. The journey on the Thames is both a voyage through society transformed by revolution and a quest for happiness. The goal of the quest, met and found though only transiently, is Ellen, the symbol of the reborn age and the bride the alien cannot win. Ellen herself is a multidimensional figure; a working class woman emancipated under socialism, she is also a benign nature spirit as well as the soul in the form of a woman.[1] The book offers Morris' answers to a number of frequent objections to socialism, and underlines his belief that socialism will entail not only the abolishment of private property but also of the divisions between art, life, and work.

William Morris Findhorn Press
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News from Nowhere Routledge
A miniature edition of William Morris designs.

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William Morris
(1834 – 1896) was an artist, craftsman, designer, poet,

polymath, and visionary thinker. Well known for advocating that objects of beauty be accessible to all, Morris had a tremendous impact on the British Socialist movement, the Arts and Crafts movement, the Garden City movement, as well as on successive generations of artists and thinkers in Britain and beyond. In this fascinating book, Fiona MacCarthy examines Morris' s vision of a society in which art could flourish, and how this idea resonated over the ensuing century. *Anarchy and Beauty* takes the reader through Morris' s fascinating career, from the establishment of his decorative arts shop (later Morris & Co.), to his radical sexual politics and libertarianism, and the publication in 1890 of his novel *News from Nowhere*,

which envisions a utopian socialist society. MacCarthy then looks at the numerous artists and movements that bear the influence of Morris ' s ideas: Arts and Crafts and the Garden City, which took hold in both Europe and the United States; artists ' communities that sprung up during the interwar years; and the 1951 Festival of Britain, whose mission was to bring the highest standards of design within the reach of everyone.

News from Nowhere Annotated Canongate U.S.

William Morris (1834 – 96) was an English poet, decorative artist, translator, romance writer, book designer, preservationist, socialist theorist, and political activist, whose admirers have been drawn to the sheer intensity of his artistic endeavors and efforts to live up to radical ideals of social justice. This Companion draws together historical and critical responses to the impressive range of Morris ' s

multi-faceted life and activities: his homes, travels, family, business practices, decorative artwork, poetry, fantasy romances, translations, political activism, eco-socialism, and book collecting and design. Each chapter provides valuable historical and literary background information, reviews relevant opinions on its subject from the late-nineteenth century to the present, and offers new approaches to important aspects of its topic. Morris ' s eclectic methodology and the perennial relevance of his insights and practice make this an essential handbook for those interested in art history, poetry, translation, literature, book design, environmentalism, political activism, and Victorian and utopian studies.

News From Nowhere
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The Last Utopians delves into the biographies of four key figures--Edward Bellamy, William Morris, Edward Carpenter, and Charlotte

Perkins Gilman--who lived during an extraordinary period of literary and social experimentation. The publication of Bellamy's *Looking Backward* in 1888 opened the floodgates of an unprecedented wave of utopian writing. Morris, the Arts and Crafts pioneer, was a committed socialist whose *News from Nowhere* envisions a workers' Arcadia. Carpenter boldly argued that homosexuals constitute a utopian vanguard. Gilman, a women's rights activist and the author of "The Yellow Wallpaper," wrote numerous utopian fictions, including *Herland*, a visionary tale of an all-female society. These writers, Robertson shows, shared a belief in radical equality, imagining an end to class and gender hierarchies and envisioning new forms of familial and romantic

relationships. They held liberal religious beliefs about a universal spirit uniting humanity. They believed in social transformation through nonviolent means and were committed to living a simple life rooted in a restored natural world. And their legacy remains with us today, as Robertson describes in entertaining firsthand accounts of contemporary utopianism, ranging from Occupy Wall Street to a Radical Faerie retreat. *Anarchy & Beauty* Green Books For many years, William Morris's utopian novel, *News From Nowhere*, has been considered a socialist classic. In it, he describes a future society in which poverty and hardship have been overcome and where individuals are free to express their creativity. For many readers it has been an inspirational text but, at the same time, scholars have openly

admitted that the society it describes is impractical. Indeed, in recent years, writers and politicians sympathetic to Morris's socialism have tended to defend the relevance of his political thought by passing over the details of his vision and translating his ideas to a set of familiar values or ideas: freedom, equality, fraternity, ecology, environmentalism. In this stimulating study, Ruth Kinna reviews the debates that have surrounded Morris's work and suggests that the romanticism and utopianism of *News From Nowhere* have been treated wrongly as a weakness of his thought. By analyzing the impact that Morris's understanding of art had on his political thought, she argues that his socialism was driven by a deeply romantic impulse and that this impulse underpinned his central contribution to socialist thought. In today's political climate, the assumptions that Morris made

about the revolution and his idea about the socialist economy and the role of women appear impractical and outdated. Nevertheless, this study suggests that there is a role for utopian thought in practical politics and that Morris's image of the good society remains relevant today.

Icelandic Journals

Independently Published

" La seule façon sûre de lire une utopie est de la considérer comme l'expression du tempérament de son auteur " écrivait Morris en 1889.

Afin de présenter le tempérament complexe et vigoureux de William Morris (1834-1896), et d'accéder ainsi à une compréhension plus sûre de son récit utopique, *News from Nowhere* (1890), le recueil d'articles que nous proposons ici réunit des auteurs de nationalité et de

spécialité différentes, permettant par leurs regards croisés d'embrasser diverses facettes d'une œuvre protéiforme, et à travers elle d'un homme aux talents multiples, s'exprimant par la poésie, les arts appliqués, aussi bien que par la littérature et les conférences, un homme aux engagements tour à tour moraux, esthétiques puis politiques, mais toujours profonds. Toutefois, le tempérament est façonné par les contextes au sein desquels il se construit, aussi William Morris se présente-t-il comme le témoin privilégié d'une ère victorienne qui voit la propagation du modèle capitaliste comme une force inéluçable mais que pourtant nombre de Victoriens éminents, parmi lesquels Morris lui-même, dénoncent vigoureusement. Se réclamant de l'héritage de Thomas More et de John Ruskin, William Morris se proclame simultanément adepte de Marx. Le futur auquel il aspire est souvent semblable à un passé idéalisé, et pour ces deux raisons, irréalisable. La publication de *News from Nowhere* en 1890 marque un temps de méditation et de rêve au soir d'une vie et d'une époque toutes deux marquées par de nombreux paradoxes. L'ambition de cet ouvrage collectif est de proposer un vaste panorama du monde de *Nowhere*, d'en examiner les mécanismes et d'en étudier précisément les paradoxes qui contribuent à la spécificité de l'œuvre comme utopie personnelle, tout en faisant de William Morris un porte-parole représentatif de l'esprit de

l'Angleterre victorienne.

William Morris ' s Utopianism
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When Gavin Meckler's light aircraft encounters a mysterious cloud and crashes to earth, he discovers that the eerily quiet landscape in which he has landed is 200 years older than the one from which he took off. In this gentle, peaceful, sustainable new world, it is possible to travel from one side of the globe to the other in a matter of minutes without burning fuel, and everyone is a gardener because that's how they can be sure to eat. Inspired by William Morris's utopian novel *News from Nowhere*, Robert Llewellyn shows us a future where we don't burn anything to make anything else and which isn't hovering on the brink of disaster; where aliens haven't invaded, meteors haven ' t hit and zombies haven ' t taken over. In short, a world where humanity eventually gets it right. All the technology described in the novel has seen the light of day in reality. Llewellyn's future isn't perfect and may not be very likely, but it is entirely

possible.

William Morris London : Bell and Daldy

This book offers a new interpretation of William Morris ' s utopianism as a strategic extension of his political writing. Morris ' s utopian writing, alongside his journalism and public lectures, constituted part of a sustained counter-hegemonic project that intervened both into the life-world of the fin de si è cle socialist movement, as well as the dominant literary cultures of his day. Owen Holland demonstrates this by placing Morris in conversation with writers of first-wave feminism, nineteenth-century pastoralists, as well as the romance revivalists and imperialists of the 1880s. In doing so, he revises E.P. Thompson ' s and Miguel Abensour ' s argument that Morris ' s utopian writing should be conceived as anti-political and heuristic, concerned with the pedagogic

education of desire, rather than with the more mundane work of propaganda. He shows how Morris' s utopianism emerged against the grain of the now-here, embroiled in instrumental, propagandistic polemic, complicating Thompson' s and Abensour' s view of its anti-political character.

The Defence of Guenevere and Other Poems Political Philosophy Now

Winner of the Wolfson History Prize, the essential biography of the father of the Arts and Crafts movement. The author, Fiona MacCarthy, is the curator of the National Portrait Gallery's 2014-15 exhibition Anarchy and Beauty: William Morris and His Legacy.'One of the finest biographies ever published in this country' A. S. Byatt Since his death in 1896, William Morris has come to be regarded as one of the giants of the Victorian era. But his genius was so many-sided and so profound that its full extent has rarely been grasped. Many people may find it hard to believe that the greatest English designer of his time, possibly of all time, could also be internationally renowned as a founder of the socialist movement, and could have been ranked as a poet together with Tennyson and Browning. With penetrating insight, Fiona MacCarthy has managed to encompass all the different facets of Morris's complex character, shedding light on his immense creative powers as artist and designer of furniture, fabrics, wallpaper, stained glass, tapestry and books, and as a poet, novelist and translator; his psychology and his emotional life; his frenetic activities as polemicist and reformer; and his remarkable circle of friends, literary, artistic and political, including Dante Gabriel Rossetti and Edward Burne-Jones. Fiona MacCarthy's skilful drawing together of these disparate elements makes for a

comprehensive and compelling biography.

Contemporary Thought on Nineteenth Century

Socialism Phaidon Press

The friendship between

William Morris and Edward

Burne-Jones began when

they met as undergraduates in

1853 and—despite their

differences in temperament

and in attitudes to political

engagement—lasted until

Morris ' s death in 1896.

This friendship was one of the

defining features of both their

lives, and yet the overlap in

their artistic projects has not

previously been considered

in detail. In this deeply

thoughtful book, Caroline

Arcscott explores particular

aspects of the paintings of

Burne-Jones and the designs

of Morris and concludes that

there are close

interconnections in theme,

allusion, and formal strategy

between the works of the two men. She suggests that themes

of bodily pain, desire and

appetite are central to their

vision. Through careful

readings of Burne-Jones ' s

painting and Morris ' s

designs for printed wallpapers

and textiles, she shows that it

is possible to bring together

fine art and design in a linked

discussion that illuminates the

projects of both artists.

News from Nowhere; Or, an

Epoch of Rest Inkling Books

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News from nowhere National

Geographic Books

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The Well at the World's End
Unbound Publishing
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was first published in serial form in the *Commonweal* journal beginning on 11 January 1890. Up at the League, says a friend, there had been one night a brisk conversational discussion, as to what would happen on the *Morrow of the Revolution*, finally shading off into a vigorous statement by various friends of their views on the future of the fully-developed new society. Says our friend: Considering the subject, the discussion was good-tempered; for those present being used to public meetings and after-lecture debates, if they did not listen to each others opinions (which could scarcely be expected of them), at all events did not always attempt to speak all together, as is the custom of people in ordinary polite society when conversing on a subject which interests them. For the rest,

there were six persons present, and consequently six sections of the party were represented, four of which had strong but divergent Anarchist opinions. One of the sections, says our friend, a man whom he knows very well indeed, sat almost silent at the beginning of the discussion, but at last got drawn into it, and finished by roaring out very loud, and damning all the rest for fools; after which befel a period of noise, and then a lull, during which the aforesaid section, having said good-night very amicably, took his way home by himself to a western suburb, using the means of travelling which civilisation has forced upon us like a habit. As he sat in that vapour-bath of hurried and discontented humanity, a carriage of the underground railway, he, like others, stewed discontentedly, while in self-

reproachful mood he turned over the many excellent and conclusive arguments which, though they lay at his fingers ends, he had forgotten in the just past discussion. But this frame of mind he was so used to, that it didnt last him long, and after a brief discomfort, caused by disgust with himself for having lost his temper (which he was also well used to), he found himself musing on the subject-matter of discussion, but still discontentedly and unhappily. If I could but see a day of it, he said to himself; if I could but see it!