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The Divine Comedy Simon and Schuster  
Reading Dante: The Pursuit of Meaning  
examines the problem of thematic  
coherence in Dante's Divina Commedia.  
Unlike many Dante scholars who maintain  
that the poem's unity is the account of a  
journey through the afterworld, Jesper  
Hede argues that a systematic parallel

reading of the poem's three parts (Hell,  
Purgatory, and Paradise) reveals that it is  
the vision of divine order that provides the  
poem with its thematic unity.  
Reading Dante in Renaissance Italy Princeton  
University Press  
Dante's Masterplot and Alternative  
Narratives in the 'Commedia' questions the  
familiar narrative arc at play in the writings of  
Dante Alighieri and opens his masterpiece to  
three alternative models that resist it. Dante's  
masterplot is the teleological trajectory by  
which the poet subordinates the past to the  
authority of a new experience. The book  
analyses the masterplot's workings in Dante's  
text and its role in the interpretation of the

poem, and it documents its overwhelming  
success in influencing readings of the  
Commedia over the centuries. The volume  
then explores three competing narrative  
models that resist and counter its monopoly  
which are enacted by paradoxes, alternative  
endings and parallel lives, and the future. By  
focusing on these non-linear modes of  
storytelling and testing the limits of linear  
narration, the book questions critical  
paradigms in the scholarship of the  
Commedia that favour a single normative  
master truth, exposes their problematic  
authoritarian implications, and highlights the  
manifold poetic, theological, and ethical  
tensions that are often neglected due to the

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masterplot's influence. The new picture of a vulnerable author and open-ended text that emerges from this study thus doubles as a metacritical reflection on the state of the field. The book's impassioned argument is that, alongside established notions of his trademark plurality of linguistic registers and styles, Dante's narrative pluralism can, and should, come to play a key role in contemporary and future readings of the *Commedia*.

#### Dante: A Very Short Introduction

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Dante Alighieri was early in recognizing that our age has a problem. His hometown, Florence, was at the epicenter of the move from the medieval world to the modern. He realized that awareness of divine reality was shifting, and that if it were lost, dire consequences would follow. The *Divine Comedy* was born in a time of troubling transition, which is why it still speaks today. Dante's masterpiece presents a cosmic vision of reality, which he invites his readers to traverse with him. In this narrative retelling and guide, from the gates of hell, up the mountain of purgatory, to the empyrean of paradise, Mark Vernon offers a vivid introduction and interpretation of a book that, 700 years on, continues to open minds and change lives.

*The Divine Comedy* Open Book Publishers

In Dante's *Commedia*: Theology as Poetry, an international group of theologians and Dante scholars provide a uniquely rich set of perspectives focused on the relationship between theology and poetry in the *Commedia*. Examining Dante's treatment of questions of language, personhood, and the body; his engagement with the theological tradition he inherited; and the implications of his work for contemporary theology, the contributors argue for the close intersection of theology and poetry in the text as well as the importance of theology for Dante studies. Through discussion of issues ranging from Dante's use of imagery of the Church to the significance of the smile for his poetic project, the essayists offer convincing evidence that his theology is not what underlies his narrative poem, nor what is contained within it: it is instead fully integrated with its poetic and narrative texture. As the essays demonstrate, the *Commedia* is firmly rooted in the medieval tradition of reflection on the nature of theological language, while simultaneously presenting its readers with unprecedented, sustained poetic experimentation. Understood in this way, Dante emerges as one of the most original theological voices of the Middle Ages. Contributors: Piero Boitani, Oliver Davies,

Theresa Federici, David F. Ford, Peter S. Hawkins, Douglas Hedley, Robin Kirkpatrick, Christian Moevs, Vittorio Montemaggi, Paola Nasti, John Took, Matthew Treherne, and Denys Turner.

**Dante** Boydell & Brewer Ltd

Astronomy is one of the most prominent and perplexing features of Dante's *Divine Comedy*. In the final rhyme of the poem's three parts, and in scores of descriptions and analogies, the stars are an intermediate goal and a constant point of reference for the spiritual journey the poem narrates. This book makes a sustained analysis of Dante's use of astronomy, not only in terms of the precepts of medieval science but also in relation to specific moral, philosophical, and poetic problems laid out in each chapter. For Dante, Alison Cornish says, the stars offer optical representations of invisible realities, from divine providence to the workings of the human soul. Dante's often puzzling celestial figures call attention to the physical world as a scene of reading in which visible phenomena are subject to more than one

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explanation, Cornish contends. The poetry of Dante's astronomy, as well as its difficulty, rests on this imperative of interpretation. Reading the stars, like reading literature, is an ethical undertaking fraught with risk, not just an exercise in technical understanding. Cornish's book is the first guide to the astronomy of Dante's masterpiece to encompass both ways of re

*Dante's Inferno in Plain and Simple English* University of Notre Dame Press

In 'Dante In Love', Wilson presents a study on an artist and his world, arguing that without an understanding of medieval Florence, it is impossible to comprehend the meaning of 'The Divine Comedy'. It also lays bear the enigma of the man who never wrote about the mother of his children, yet immortalized the mysterious Beatrice.

**Dante Encyclopedia** Routledge  
Simon Gilson's new volume provides

the first in-depth account of the critical and editorial reception in Renaissance Italy, particularly Florence, Venice and Padua, of the work of Dante Alighieri (1265-1321). Gilson investigates a range of textual frameworks and related contexts that influenced the way in which Dante's work was produced and circulated, from editing and translation to commentaries, criticism and public lectures. In so doing he modifies the received notion that Dante and his work were eclipsed during the Renaissance. Central themes of investigation include the contestation of Dante's authority as a 'classic' writer and the various forms of attack and defence employed by his detractors and partisans. The book pays close attention not only to the Divine Comedy but also to the Convivio and other of Dante's writings, and explores the ways in which the reception of these works was affected by contemporary developments in philology, literary theory, philosophy, theology, science and printing.

*Dante's Inferno (The Divine*

### *Comedy* Penguin

This work is a guide to the reading of Dante's great poem, intended for the use of students and laymen, particularly those who are approaching the Inferno for the first time. While carefully pointing out the uniqueness, tone, and color of each of Dante's thirty-four cantos, Fowlie never loses sight of the continuity of the poet's discourse. Each canto is related thematically to others, and the rich web of symbols is displayed and disentangled as the poem's unity, patterns, and structures are revealed. What particularly distinguishes Wallace Fowlie's reading of the Inferno is his emphasis on both the timelessness and the timeliness of Dante's masterpiece. By underlining the archetypal elements in the poem and drawing

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Dante's Divine Comedy Penguin UK

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**Love That Moves the Sun and Other Stars** W. W. Norton & Company

This Everyman's Library edition—containing in one volume all three cantos, *Inferno*, *Purgatorio*, and *Paradiso*—includes an introduction by Nobel Prize-winning poet Eugenio Montale, a chronology, notes, and a bibliography. Also included are forty-two drawings selected from Botticelli's marvelous late-fifteenth-century series of illustrations. Translated in this edition by Allen Mandelbaum, *The Divine Comedy* begins in a shadowed forest on Good Friday in the year 1300. It proceeds on a journey that, in its intense recreation of

the depths and the heights of human experience, has become the key with which Western civilization has sought to unlock the mystery of its own identity. Mandelbaum's astonishingly Dantean translation, which captures so much of the life of the original, renders whole for us the masterpiece of that genius whom our greatest poets have recognized as a central model for all poets.

**A Reading of Dante's Inferno** Baker Books

One of the world's foremost Dante authorities helps readers through the literary experience of *The Divine Comedy*, explaining the melding of poetry and mythology in the context of 14th-century Florence and what it still means for modern day readers.

*Dante's Divine Comedy* Oxford University Press, USA  
Dante Alighieri was born in

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Florence, Italy in the middle of the 13th century and what is principally known of him comes from his own writings. One of the world's great literary masterpieces, the "Divine Comedy" is at its heart an allegorical tale regarding man's search for divinity. The work is divided into three sections, "Inferno", "Purgatorio", and "Paradiso", each containing thirty-three cantos. It is the narrative of a journey down through Hell, up the mountain of Purgatory, and through the revolving heavens into the presence of God. In this aspect it belongs to the two familiar medieval literary types of the Journey and the Vision, however Dante intended the work to be more than just simple allegory, layering the narrative with rich historical, moral, political, literal, and

anagogical context. In order for the work to be more accessible to the common readers of his day, Dante wrote in the Italian language. This was an uncommon practice at the time for serious literary works, which would traditionally be written in Latin. One of the truly great compositions of all time, the "Divine Comedy" has inspired and influenced readers ever since its original creation. Presented here is the first volume of the "Divine Comedy" translated into English verse by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. This edition is printed on premium acid-free paper.

#### **How Dante Can Save Your Life**

Atlantic Books (UK)  
Dante is unequalled among poets in conveying an extraordinary intensity of thought and experience, but

this very power may make his work seem formidable to approach. Charles Williams's Figure of Beatrice is outstanding amongst Dante scholarship and criticism for the sympathetic enthusiasm and clarity with which he eases that approach without simplifying the achievement in a highly personal introduction to Dante's work. The first half of the book traces the way in which the central image of Beatrice, representing transcendent beauty in feminine form, animates Dante's earlier works. The second half richly expounds The Divine Comedy, meditating on its significance in Dantesque terms. Williams foreshadows the valuable modern emphasis on Dante as philosopher-poet; he also touches on many later concerns in Dante criticism, including ambiguities of

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language, the inherent self-contradiction of all powerful discourse, and the place of the feminine. The Figure of Beatrice is also a moving and poetic work in its own right

CHARLES WILLIAMS (1886-1945) is known to many as a prolific and unusual playwright, novelist and critic; his poetic works include *Taliessin through Logres'* and *The Region of the Summer Stars'*.

*Reading Dante Gabriel Rossetti*  
Simon and Schuster

*Vertical Readings in Dante's Comedy* is a reappraisal of the poem by an international team of thirty-four scholars. Each vertical reading analyses three same-numbered cantos from the three canticles: *Inferno i*, *Purgatorio i* and *Paradiso i*; *Inferno ii*, *Purgatorio ii* and *Paradiso ii*; etc. Although scholars have suggested before that there are correspondences between same-numbered cantos that beg to be explored, this is the

first time that the approach has been pursued in a systematic fashion across the poem. This collection - to be issued in three volumes - offers an unprecedented repertoire of vertical readings for the whole poem. As the first volume exemplifies, vertical reading not only articulates unexamined connections between the three canticles but also unlocks engaging new ways to enter into core concerns of the poem. The three volumes thereby provide an indispensable resource for scholars, students and enthusiasts of Dante. The volume has its origin in a series of thirty-three public lectures held in Trinity College, the University of Cambridge (2012-2016) which can be accessed at the 'Cambridge Vertical Readings in Dante's Comedy' website.

*Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*  
Lexington Books

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER •  
Before *The Dante Chamber*, there was *The Dante Club*: "an ingenious thriller that . . .

brings Dante Alighieri's *Inferno* to vivid, even unsettling life."—The Boston Globe "With intricate plots, classical themes, and erudite characters . . . what's not to love?"—Dan Brown, author of *The Da Vinci Code* and *Origin Boston*, 1865. The literary geniuses of the Dante Club—poets and Harvard professors Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, and James Russell Lowell, along with publisher J. T. Fields—are finishing America's first translation of *The Divine Comedy*. The powerful Boston Brahmins at Harvard College are fighting to keep Dante in obscurity, believing the infiltration of foreign superstitions to be as corrupting as the immigrants arriving at Boston Harbor. But as the members of the Dante Club fight to keep a

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sacred literary cause alive, their plans fall apart when a series of murders erupts through Boston and Cambridge. Only this small group of scholars realizes that the gruesome killings are modeled on the descriptions of Hell's punishments from Dante's *Inferno*. With the lives of the Boston elite and Dante's literary future in the New World at stake, the members of the Dante Club must find the killer before the authorities discover their secret. Praise for The Dante Club "Ingenious . . . [Matthew Pearl] keeps this mystery sparkling with erudition."—Janet Maslin, *The New York Times* "Not just a page-turner but a beguiling look at the U.S. in an era when elites shaped the course of learning and publishing. With this story of the Dante Club's own descent into hell,

Mr. Pearl's book will delight the Dante novice and expert alike."—*The Wall Street Journal* "[Pearl] ably meshes the . . . literary analysis with a suspenseful plot and in the process humanizes the historical figures. . . . A divine mystery."—*People* (Page-turner of the Week) "An erudite and entertaining account of Dante's violent entrance into the American canon."—*Los Angeles Times* "A hell of a first novel . . . The Dante Club delivers in spades. . . . Pearl has crafted a work that maintains interest and drips with nineteenth-century atmospherics."—*San Francisco Chronicle* *Reading Dante's Commedia as Theology* Routledge Dante's *Purgatorio* has been described as the most 'human' of the three parts of his *Comedy*, and it can also be

seen as a 'singing school' for poets. This new complete translation by sixteen contemporary poets enters into dialogue with Dante's text by rendering it in a variety of different Anglophone voices - American, Australian, British, Irish, Jamaican, Scottish and Singaporean. The poets in this *Purgatorio* adopt a range of forms, from blank verse to terza rima, and their translations are accompanied by explanatory notes, a 'prelude' of poems about *Purgatory*, and a 'postscript' of newly-translated medieval Italian lyrics relating to Dante and his poem. *After Dante* University of Chicago Press Describing Dante's descent into Hell midway through his life with Virgil as a guide, *Inferno* depicts a cruel underworld in which desperate figures are

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condemned to eternal damnation for committing one or more of seven deadly sins. As he descends through nine concentric circles of increasingly agonising torture, Dante encounters doomed souls including the pagan Aeneas, the liar Odysseus, the suicide Cleopatra, and his own political enemies, damned for their deceit. Led by leering demons, the poet must ultimately journey with Virgil to the deepest level of all. For it is only by encountering Satan, in the heart of Hell, that he can truly understand the tragedy of sin.

*The Complete Danteworlds*

Angelico Press

The year 2021 marks the 700th anniversary of the death of Dante Alighieri, a poet who, as T. S. Eliot put it, 'divides the world with Shakespeare, there being no third'. His, like ours, was a world of moral uncertainty and political violence, all of which made not

only for the agony of exile but for an ever deeper meditation on the nature of human happiness. In *Why Dante Matters*, John Took offers by way of three in particular of Dante's works - the *Vita Nova* as the great work of his youth, the *Convivio* as the great work of his middle years and the *Commedia* as the great work of his maturity - an account, not merely of Dante's development as a poet and philosopher, but of his continuing presence to us as a guide to man's wellbeing as man. Committed as he was to the welfare not only of his contemporaries but of those 'who will deem this time ancient', Dante's is in this sense a discourse overarching the centuries, a discourse confirming him in his status, not merely as a cultural icon, but as a fellow traveller.

Understanding Dante Bloomsbury Publishing

"For all that has been written about the author of the Divine

Comedy, Dante Alighieri (1265-1321) remains the best guide to his own life and work. Dante's writings are therefore never far away in this authoritative and comprehensive intellectual biography, which offers a fresh account of the medieval Florentine poet's life and thought before and after his exile in 1302. Beginning with the often violent circumstances of Dante's life, the book examines his successive works as testimony to the course of his passionate humanity: his lyric poetry through to the *Vita nova* as the great work of his first period; the *Convivio*, *De vulgari eloquentia* and the poems of his early years in exile; and the *Monarchia* and the *Commedia* as the product of his maturity.

Describing as it does a journey of the mind, the book confirms the nature of Dante's undertaking as an exploration of what he himself speaks of as "maturity in the flame of love." The result is an original synthesis of Dante's life and work." --Amazon.com.

*Reading Dante in Renaissance Italy* Yale University Press



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Dante's Divine Comedy is widely considered to be one of the most significant works of literature ever written. It is renowned not only for its ability to make truths known but also for its power to make them loved. It captures centuries of thought on sin, love, community, moral living, God's work in history, and God's ineffable beauty. Like a Gothic cathedral, the beauty of this great poem can be appreciated at first glance, but only with a guide can its complexity and layers of meaning be fully comprehended. This accessible introduction to Dante, which also serves as a primer to the Divine Comedy, helps readers better appreciate and understand Dante's spiritual masterpiece. Jason Baxter, an expert on Dante, covers all the basic themes of the Divine Comedy, such as sin, redemption, virtue, and vice. The book contains a general introduction to Dante and a specific introduction to each canticle (Inferno, Purgatorio, and Paradiso), making it especially well suited for classroom and homeschool use.