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Tom Wilcher, a rich Englishman who is treated as a foolish old man by his young relatives, looks back on his life and his unfulfilled spiritual yearnings even as he faces death

The Horse's Mouth Penguin Group Australia

Joyce Cary was nothing if not an ambitious novelist. In his prefatory essay he tells us 'Castle Corner was to have been the beginning of a vast work in three or four volumes showing not only the lives of all the characters in the first volume, but the revolutions of history during the period 1880-1935'. This particular 'vast work' was abandoned - he subsequently wrote two trilogies or triptychs, as he preferred to call them - but what is left, *Castle Corner*, is completely satisfying in itself, indeed, it contains some of his very best writing, especially in the Irish sequences in which Cary fictionalized some of his own family history. His biographer, Alan Bishop, refers to these sequences as being 'composed with patent zest. Characterization, especially of John Chass and Mary Corner; descriptive passages; incidents like the tandem race - all are magnificently realized ... Undoubtedly the Irish chapters of *Castle Corner* contain some of his very best writing, by turns frenetic, ecstatic, meditative, poignant'. 'Mr Cary's book is stupendous ... There is an intellectual richness ... pages of allusive anecdote, chat, picture, narrative, family history, and a grim display of human squalor and inconsequence. It is a grand effect; and the book has a fury of incontrovertible detail.' Frank Swinnerton, "Observer"

First Trilogy: Herself Surprised Edwin Mellen Press

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.

Not Honour More Tin House Books

The adventures and misadventures of a young Nigerian negro in the British colonial civil service. A temporary clerk, still on probation, Mr Johnson has been in Fada, Nigeria, for six months and is already much in debt. Undaunted, he entertains on the grandest scale, with drums and smuggled gin. Not only that, he intends to pay a small fortune for his wife...

To be a Pilgrim Canongate Books

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A Fearful Joy Everyman Paperback Classics

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Objective Reality in Joyce Cary's *The Horse's Mouth* New Directions Publishing

Not Honour More is the third novel in the second trilogy, or triptych to use Cary's preferred term. The first two are *The Prisoner of Grace* and *Except the Lord*, in that order. All are reissued in *Faber Finds*. The central character remains Chester Nimmo (based on Lloyd George) but this time he is seen from the point of view of Captain Jim Latter, Nina Nimmo's first love and second husband. In *Prisoner of Grace* Joyce Cary brilliantly recreated the great political events in the first years of the twentieth-century leading up to the Great War: in *Not Honour More* he no less brilliantly recreates the bewildering days of the General Strike of 1926. In his Reader's report, the literary critic, Walter Allen wrote, 'I think this is splendid. It rounds off the trilogy beautifully, and is as thoroughly unexpected as *Except the Lord* was. Moreover, by bringing in the third member of the triangle as spokesman it brings in too, in full force and voice as it were, a type of man the author had not presented nearly as fully anywhere in his work before. If Chester Nimmo is the God-intoxicated man, Jim Latter, who tells the story of this novel, may be regarded as his opposite: the man who has no use for inspiration or intuition but proceeds according to his sense of duty and justice, the archetype one might suppose of the soldier. He seems to me as brilliantly rendered, in the very tones of his speaking and syntax, as any personage Cary has presented in the first person. He is utterly convincing ...'

The Horse's Mouth
The Horse's Mouth New York Review of Books
Herself surprised: Beginning her prison sentence, Sara Monday looks back on the foolish mistakes and changing fortunes that led to her incarceration.

The Horse's Mouth Pickle Partners Publishing

A semi-autobiographical tale, which draws upon Cary's own upbringing to tell of a young boy's holidays spent on the Donegal coast. For six-year-old Evelyn Corner and his siblings, Dunamara is an enchanted place. A world away from England, school and duty, they can wander at will all summer long, roam in wild packs with village children, clamber and climb like squirrels, swim and dive like otters. Around them always, investing every moment with beauty and magic, is the miraculous, metallic weight of the sea. Here is innocence and excitement. Here, above all, is anticipation. Only occasionally is there a hint of another life awaiting them, a life of adulthood, of responsibilities, perhaps even of disappointments...

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Herself Surprised, the first volume of Joyce Cary's remarkable First Trilogy, introduces Sara Monday, a woman at once dissolute and devout, passionate and sly. With no regrets, Sara reviews her changing fortunes, remembering the drudgery of domestic servitude, the pleasures of playing the great lady in a small provincial town, and the splendors and miseries of life as the model, muse, and mistress of the painter Gulley Jimson.

Little Misunderstandings of No Importance New Canadian Library Despite her love for Jim Latter, a young adventurer, Nina Woodville feels obliged to remain the wife of Chester Nimmo, an ambitious British politician

An American Visitor Canongate Books

English politician brings his family to the brink of disaster through uncompromising religious and political convictions.

THE HORSE'S MOUTH New Directions Publishing

An American visitor and uninvited guest in the village of Nok, Marie Hasluck is an irrepressible anthropologist who believes that she has found the Kingdom of Heaven in the forests of Nigeria. There, to her eyes, the Birri tribesmen make love and war unfettered by the constraints and complications of Western civilisation; a state which Marie finds enviable and which she does her best to emulate. However, all is not well even in this pagan paradise: white prospectors are staking claims within Birri territory and the eccentric District Officer, Bewser, can no longer keep them at bay, for all his promises to the villagers. As the Birri warriors become increasingly enraged by the colonialists' betrayal and as her own involvement with Bewser deepens, Marie finds that her position as a charmed but distanced onlooker is inevitably compromised.

Castle Corner Anchor

In the gentrifying neighborhood of Greenpoint, Brooklyn, rests a huge rose-colored apartment building called *The Astral*. For decades it was the happy home of the poet Harry Quirk, his wife, Luz, and their two children: Karina, now a fervent freegan, and Hector, now in the clutches of a cultish Christian community. But when Luz finds poems that ignite her long-simmering suspicions of infidelity, Harry is summarily kicked out, leaving him to reckon with the consequence of his literary, marital, and parental failures. With tremendous grace and acute perception, Kate Christensen details Harry's floundering attempts to find his way back into Luz's arms—and back to his better self—in a novel that is funny, bittersweet, and terrifically moving.

The Novels

Alasdair Gray is Scotland's best known polymath. Born in 1934 in Glasgow, he graduated in design and mural art from the Glasgow School of Art in 1957. After decades of surviving by painting and writing TV and radio plays, his first novel, the loosely autobiographical, blackly fantastic *Lanark*, opened up new imaginative territory for such varied writers as Jonathan Coe, A.L. Kennedy, James Kelman, Janice Galloway and Irvine Welsh. It led Anthony Burgess to call him 'the most important Scottish writer since Sir Walter Scott'. His other published books include 1982 *Janine*, *Poor Things* (winner of the Whitbread Award), *The Book of Prefaces*, *The Ends of our Tethers* and *Old Men in Love*. In this book, with reproductions of his murals, portraits, landscapes and illustrations, Gray tells of his failures and successes which have led his pictures to be accepted by a new generation of visual artists.

Mister Johnson

The protagonist, Charley Brown, is a lively, inventive boy who, as a stranger (an evacuee in the early days of the Second World War), is beset by constant challenges, hostility and complications. One of his first deeds is to let loose the local bull. Boys who one minute had taunted him with the refrain 'Ballocky baldy' (Charley's lice had been evacuated from London with him), were the next minute acknowledging him as their natural leader. Charley Brown, one of Joyce Cary's most memorable creations, is a figure of contrasts, aesthete and delinquent, leading his gang into daring acts both grand and bad. As his sweetheart, Lizzie Galor rightly puts it, he's every bit as good as the movies ... On first publication it was praised as 'a brilliant story' ("*News Chronicle*"), a 'patient and penetrating analysis of children's minds' ("*The Times*"), and as 'splendid entertainment as well as an electrifying revelation of the young idea' ("*Observer*").

A Life In Pictures

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Prisoner of Grace

The film adaptation of Margaret Laurence's *The Stone Angel*, starring acclaimed actresses Ellen Burstyn and Ellen Page, and introducing Christine Horne, opens in theatres May 9, 2008. This special fortieth-anniversary edition of Margaret Laurence's most celebrated novel will introduce readers again to one of the most memorable characters in Canadian fiction. Hagar Shipley is stubborn, querulous, self-reliant, and, at ninety, with her life nearly behind her, she makes a bold last step towards freedom and independence. As her story unfolds, we are drawn into her past. We meet Hagar as a young girl growing up in a black prairie town; as the wife of a virile but unsuccessful farmer with whom her marriage was stormy; as a mother who dominates her younger son; and, finally, as an old woman isolated by an uncompromising pride and by the stern virtues she has inherited from her pioneer ancestors. Vivid, evocative, moving, *The Stone Angel* celebrates the triumph of the spirit, and reveals Margaret Laurence at the height of her powers as a writer of extraordinary craft and profound insight into the workings of the human heart.

Joyce Cary, The Horse's Mouth

The language in which we speak about art has become steadily more abstruse, though for thousands of years this was not the case. Today, we live in a kaleidoscopic new world of images. Is there a vocabulary we can learn in order to read these images? Is there something we can do so as not to remain passive when we flip through an illustrated book or wander through a gallery, or are there ways in which we can 'read' the stories within paintings, monumnets, buildings and sculptures? We say 'every picture tells a story', but does it? Taking a handful of extraordinary images - photographed, painted, built, sculpted - Alberto Manguel explores, with delight and erudition, how each one attempts to tell a story that we, the viewer, must decipher or invent. Whether delving into the love of life in the twentieth-century world of Joan Mitchell, or the brutal complexities of Picasso's treatment of his mistress; revisiting the riddles of the past in the fifteenth-century painting of Robert Campin, or exploring the heartrending life of 'the hairy girl' whose matted fur so astonished sixteenth-century Italy, he helps us to enjoy and explore the visual landscape we live in.