

Toril Moi Sexual Textual Politics

Life.After.Theory - Michael Payne 2004-07-01
Is there life after theory? If the death of the Author has now been followed by the death of the Theorist, what's left? Indeed, who's left? To explore such riddles *Life. After.Theory* brings together new interviews with four theorists who are left, each a major figure in their own right: Jacques Derrida, Frank Kermode, Toril Moi, and Christopher Norris. Framed and introduced by Michael Payne and John Schad, the interviews pursue a whole range of topics, both familiar and unfamiliar. Among other things, Derrida, Kermode, Moi and Norris discuss being an outsider, taking responsibility, valuing books, getting angry, doing science, listening to music, remembering Empson, rereading de Beauvoir,

being Jewish, asking forgiveness, smoking in libraries, befriending the dead, committing bigamy, forgetting to forget, thinking, not thinking, believing, and being mad. These four key thinkers explore why there is life after theory...but not as we know it. Jacques Derrida is Professor at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris. He is the author of a range of extraordinarily influential works including *Of Grammatology*, *Writing and Difference* and *Dissemination*. Sir Frank Kermode is a former King Edward VII Professor of English Literature at the University of Cambridge and author of, among many other books, *The Sense of An Ending: Studies in the Theory of Fiction*, *Shakespeare's Language*, and

Not Entitled, his memoirs. Toril Moi is James B. Duke Professor of Literature and Romance Studies at Duke University. Her books include *Sexual/Textual Politics: Feminist Literary Theory*, *Simone de Beauvoir: The Making of an Intellectual Woman* and *What Is a Woman? And Other Essays*. Christopher Norris is Distinguished Research Professor in Philosophy at the University of Cardiff. He has published some twenty books to date, including, most recently, *Deconstruction and the Unfinished Project of Modernity*, *Quantum Theory and the Flight from Realism*, *Truth Matters: Realism, Anti-Realism, and Response-Dependence*, and *Hilary Putnam: Reason, Realism, and the Uses of Uncertainty*.

Feminist Theory & Simone de Beauvoir - Toril Moi 1990

Sexual - Toril Moi 1995

Revolution of the Ordinary - Toril Moi

2017-05-22

This radically original book argues for the power of ordinary language philosophy—a tradition inaugurated by Ludwig Wittgenstein and J. L. Austin, and extended by Stanley Cavell—to transform literary studies. In engaging and lucid prose, Toril Moi demonstrates this philosophy's unique ability to lay bare the connections between words and the world, dispel the notion of literature as a monolithic concept, and teach readers how to learn from a literary text. Moi first introduces Wittgenstein's vision of language and theory, which refuses to reduce language to a matter of naming or representation, considers theory's desire for generality doomed to failure, and brings out the philosophical power of the particular case. Contrasting ordinary language philosophy with dominant strands of Saussurean and post-Saussurean thought, she highlights the former's originality, critical power, and potential for creative use. Finally, she challenges the belief that good critics always read below the

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surface, proposing instead an innovative view of texts as expression and action, and of reading as an act of acknowledgment. Intervening in cutting-edge debates while bringing Wittgenstein, Austin, and Cavell to new readers, *Revolution of the Ordinary* will appeal beyond literary studies to anyone looking for a philosophically serious account of why words matter.

A History of Feminist Literary Criticism - Gill Plain 2007-08-30

Feminism has transformed the academic study of literature, fundamentally altering the canon of what is taught and setting new agendas for literary analysis. In this authoritative history of feminist literary criticism, leading scholars chart the development of the practice from the Middle Ages to the present. The first section of the book explores protofeminist thought from the Middle Ages onwards, and analyses the work of pioneers such as Wollstonecraft and Woolf. The second section examines the rise of second-wave

feminism and maps its interventions across the twentieth century. A final section examines the impact of postmodernism on feminist thought and practice. This book offers a comprehensive guide to the history and development of feminist literary criticism and a lively reassessment of the main issues and authors in the field. It is essential reading for all students and scholars of feminist writing and literary criticism.

Character - Amanda Anderson 2019-10-23

Over the last few decades, character-based criticism has been seen as either naive or obsolete. But now questions of character are attracting renewed interest. Making the case for a broad-based revision of our understanding of character, *Character* rethinks these questions from the ground up. Is it really necessary to remind literary critics that characters are made up of words? Must we forbid identification with characters? Does character-discussion force critics to embrace humanism and outmoded theories of the subject? Across three chapters,

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leading scholars Amanda Anderson, Rita Felski, and Toril Moi reimagine and renew literary studies by engaging in a conversation about character. Moi returns to the fundamental theoretical assumptions that convinced literary scholars to stop doing character-criticism, and shows that they cannot hold. Felski turns to the question of identification and draws out its diverse strands, as well as its persistence in academic criticism. Anderson shows that character-criticism illuminates both the moral life of characters, and our understanding of literary form. In offering new perspectives on the question of fictional character, this thought-provoking book makes an important intervention in literary studies.

Simone de Beauvoir - Toril Moi 2008-01-10
For the second edition of her landmark study of Simone de Beauvoir, Toril Moi provides a major new introduction discussing current developments in Beauvoir studies as well as the recent publication of papers and letters by

Beauvoir, including her letters to her lovers Jacques-Laurent Bost and Nelson Agren, and her student diaries from 1926-7.

Feminist Literary Theory - Mary Eagleton
1996-01-30

Radically revised and expanded from its original format, this second edition covers new material on Black feminisms, and the impact of post-modernism on feminism. It is the perfect introduction to feminist literary theory today.

Postcolonial Witnessing - Stef Craps
2012-11-13

Postcolonial Witnessing argues that the suffering engendered by colonialism needs to be acknowledged more fully, on its own terms, in its own terms, and in relation to traumatic First World histories if trauma theory is to have any hope of redeeming its promise of cross-cultural ethical engagement.

French Feminist Thought - Toril Moi 1987
Essays by French feminists examine the history, philosophy, and politics of the women's

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movement in France

Sexual/textual Politics - Toril Moi 2002

This book examines the strengths and limitations of the two main strands in feminist criticism, the Anglo-American and the French, paying particular attention to the works of Cixous, Irigaray and Kristeva. What are the political implications of a feminist critical practice? How do the problems of the literary text relate to the priorities and perspectives of feminist politics as a whole? *Sexual/Textual Politics* addresses these fundamental questions and examines the strengths and limitations of the two main strands in feminist criticism, the Anglo-American and the French. It pays particular attention to the works of Cixous, Irigaray and Kristeva, and since publication this book has rightly attained the status of a classic. Although written for readers with little knowledge of the subject, *Sexual/Textual Politics* makes its own intervention into key debates, arguing provocatively for committedly political and

theoretical criticism rather than a textual or apolitical approach. With a new afterword in this edition, *Sexual/Textual Politics* is a brilliantly accessible must-read for all those interested in feminist literary theory.

Henrik Ibsen and the Birth of Modernism - Toril Moi 2008-02-14

Henrik Ibsen (1828-1906) is the founder of modern theater, and his plays are performed all over the world. Yet in spite of his unquestioned status as a classic of the stage, Ibsen is often dismissed as a fuddy-duddy old realist, whose plays are of interest only because they remain the gateway to modern theater. In *Henrik Ibsen and the Birth of Modernism*, Toril Moi makes a powerful case not just for Ibsen's modernity, but for his modernism. Situating Ibsen in his cultural context, she shows how unexpected his rise to world fame was, and the extent of his influence on writers such as Shaw, Wilde, and Joyce who were seeking to escape the shackles of Victorianism. *Henrik Ibsen and the Birth of*

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Modernism also rewrites nineteenth-century literary history; positioning Ibsen between visual art and philosophy, the book offers a critique of traditional theories of the opposition between realism and modernism. Modernism, Moi argues, arose from the ruins of idealism, the dominant aesthetic paradigm of the nineteenth century. She also shows why Ibsen still matters to us today, by focusing on two major themes-his explorations of women, men, and marriage and his clear-eyed chronicling of the tension between skepticism and the everyday. This radical new account places Ibsen in his rightful place alongside Baudelaire, Flaubert, and Manet as a founder of European modernism.

What is a Woman? - Toril Moi 1999

Is the sex/gender distinction really always fundamental to feminist thought? Arguing for a feminism of freedom inspired by Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex*, Toril Moi challenges dominant trends in feminist and cultural theory.

Thinking about Women - M. Ellman

1999-12-01

Sex, Gender, and the Body - Toril Moi 2005-01
 Extracted from Toril Moi's 'What Is a Woman?', this intervention in feminist theory rethinks the legacy of Simone de Beauvoir, and shows that 'The Second Sex', properly read, offers solutions to urgent contemporary problems. These essays provide a third way for feminism, beyond the current stalemate between essentialism and constructionism.

Les Guerilleres - Monique Wittig 2007-08-27
 One of the most widely read feminist texts of the twentieth century, and Monique Wittig's most popular novel, *Les Guérillères* imagines the attack on the language and bodies of men by a tribe of warrior women. Among the women's most powerful weapons in their assault is laughter, but they also threaten literary and linguistic customs of the patriarchal order with bullets. In this breathtakingly rapid novel first published in 1969, Wittig animates a lesbian

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society that invites all women to join their fight, their circle, and their community. A path-breaking novel about creating and sustaining freedom, the book derives much of its energy from its vaunting of the female body as a resource for literary invention.

Beyond Feminist Aesthetics - Rita Felski 1989
Felski presents a critical account of current American and European feminist literary theory, and analyzes contemporary fiction by women to show that no theorist can identify a specifically "female" or "feminine" kind of writing without reference to what gender means at a given historical moment. She argues that the idea of a feminist aesthetic is a non-issue needlessly pursued by feminists. She calls for a consideration of the social and cultural context in which these texts were produced and received, and demonstrates her method of an interdisciplinary approach to the analysis of literature which can integrate literary and social theory. ISBN 0-674-06894-7: \$25.00; ISBN

0-674-06895-5 (pbk.): \$9.95.

A Literature of Their Own - Elaine Showalter
2020-12-08

When first published in 1977, *A Literature of Their Own* quickly set the stage for the creative explosion of feminist literary studies that transformed the field in the 1980s. Launching a major new area for literary investigation, the book uncovered the long but neglected tradition of women writers in England. A classic of feminist criticism, its impact continues to be felt today. This revised and expanded edition contains a new introductory chapter surveying the book's reception and a new postscript chapter celebrating the legacy of feminism and feminist criticism in the efflorescence of contemporary British fiction by women.

Virginia Woolf and the Materiality of Theory -
Derek Ryan 2015-09-01

Derek Ryan demonstrates how materiality is theorised in Woolf's writings by focusing on the connections she makes between culture and

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