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George Meredith and English Comedy

The Gift of the Magi

An exploration of wit, witlessness and social and comic conventions in the plays of Shakespeare, Jonson and their contemporaries.

The first and second parts of the Fair maid of the west

Retells the fable in which greed overcomes a lucky man who owns a goose that lays golden eggs.

Queen of the Road

English and the Indian Short Story

Despite popular opinions of the 'dark Middle Ages' and a 'gloomy early modern age,' many people laughed, smiled, giggled, chuckled, entertained and ridiculed each other. This volume demonstrates how important laughter had been at times and how diverse the situations proved to be in which people laughed, and this from late antiquity to the eighteenth century. The contributions examine a wide gamut of significant cases of laughter in literary texts, historical documents, and art works where laughter determined the relationship among people. In fact, laughter

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emerges as a kaleidoscopic phenomenon reflecting divine joy, bitter hatred and contempt, satirical perspectives and parodic intentions. In some examples protagonists laughed out of sheer happiness and delight, in others because they felt anxiety and insecurity. It is much more difficult to detect premodern sculptures of laughing figures, but they also existed. Laughter reflected a variety of concerns, interests, and intentions, and the collective approach in this volume to laughter in the past opens many new windows to the history of mentality, social and religious conditions, gender relationships, and power structures.

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It's Kind of a Funny Story

The essays in this volume seek to explore the genre of the short story in India and its relationship with English language and literature. Various aspects of the question are taken up the impact of colonialism; the way English has shaped (or not) short story writing; why, how and in what contexts English words are used, feminist perspectives in the writings of women; the Indian diaspora; the teaching of the short story to Indian students and so on.

Extremely Entertaining Short Stories

An historical view of the beginnings of

English comedy

Alexander Jessup has collected some of the best in American humorous short stories into one volume. The truly great American storytellers are represented in this volume. Edgar Allan Poe who is known primarily for his horror stories is represented here with his story The Angel of the Odd. Edward Everett Hale has written a delightful story entitled My Double: And How He Undid Me. A Visit to the Asylum For the Aged and Decayed Punsters was written by Oliver Wendell Homes. And no collection of humorous short stories would be complete without The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County by Mark Twain. There are twenty other stories to delight the reader.

Short stories in English and American subjects

A mouse enters the house. And there is utter chaos. Here is an action-packed adventure for little ones.

II Decameron

Journal of the Short Story in English

Lively, instructive access to Shakespeare's rich and complex works.

Comedy, Fantasy and Colonialism

Short Stories of World War 1 and the 1920s, some

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funny, some poignant, by the author whom John Galsworthy rated "one of the best short-story writers of all time";.

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Two men kidnap a mischievous boy and request a large ransom for his return.

Let's Pretend This Never Happened

Drawing together for the first time original work from international specialists, this book assesses the role and character of comedy and fantasy in colonial societies from India to Ireland, Australia to Cuba, Africa to North America. There are cross-cultural comparisons and consideration of both imperial responses and colonized resistance. The book deals with oral as well as written traditions, the history of comic and fantastic discourse, visual, theatrical and literary representations as well as historical and cultural accounts.

The New Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature

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The Best American Humorous Short Stories

English Toss on Planet Andong: A Dark Teaching Comedy

This is a study of the comedy of the English stage from the Tudor period to the late 20th century. It surveys five centuries of classic comic drama, focusing on major playwrights such as Shakespeare, Jonson and Etherege.

The Works of Voltaire: Short stories in English and American subjects

More than fifty specialists have contributed to this new edition of volume 4 of The Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature. The design of the original work has established itself so firmly as a workable solution to the immense problems of analysis, articulation and coordination that it has been retained in all its essentials for the new edition. The task of the new contributors has been to revise and integrate the lists of 1940 and 1957, to add materials of the following decade, to correct and refine the bibliographical details already available, and to re-shape the whole according to a new series of conventions devised to give greater clarity and consistency to the entries.

The Comedy of Errors

The Goose that Laid the Golden Eggs

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'It is because we learn from the writers who have either got into difficulties or who have a certain vanity in creating them, that I have chosen Meredith as my subject', says Mr. Pritchett at the beginning of these Clark Lectures for 1969. The Meredith who, as Henry James remarked, 'did the best things best', but whose novels some critics have written off, was in some ways the forerunner of the contemporary novel, its erratic movement, its profusion of metaphor. His strange style was a device for linking his Romance to a real world, and Mr. Pritchett believes that the difficulties of this style have been in any case exaggerated. What he aimed at was comedy; but comedy 'conceived of as theatre'. 'The business of comedy is ruthlessly to expose the false emotions and the false image of oneself.' Meredith's great virtues as a writer of comedy were his power to analyse states of mind and his gift for slipping out of one mind into another. Mr. Pritchett illuminates these virtues no less than Meredith's defects with brilliant commentaries on Beauchamp's Career, The Ordeal of Richard Feverel, Evan Harrington, Harry Richmond and The Egoist. A passionate feminist, a romantic poet with a leaning to the mythic, a champion of intelligence and the values which spring from it, Meredith wrote novels whose originality can be clearly seen from Mr. Pritchett's fresh viewpoint.

Laughter in the Middle Ages and Early Modern Times

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This ebook includes audio narration. A deliciously imaginative story about friendship—from the author / illustrator of *The Scrambled States of America*. Arnie was fascinated as he watched the customers stream into the bakery. One by one, doughnuts were chosen, placed in paper bags, and whisked away with their new owners. Some went by the dozen in giant boxes. "Good-bye!" Arnie yelled to each doughnut. "Have a good trip!" "This is so exciting!" Arnie beamed. "I wonder who will choose ME?" At first glance, Arnie looks like an average doughnut—round, cakey, with a hole in the middle, iced and sprinkled. He was made by one of the best bakeries in town, and admittedly his sprinkles are candy-colored. Still, a doughnut is just a doughnut, right? WRONG! Not if Arnie has anything to say about it. And, for a doughnut, he sure seems to have an awful lot to say. Can Arnie change the fate of all doughnuts—or at least have a hand in his own future? Well, you'll just have to read this funny story and find out for yourself. This title has Common Core connections Arnie, the Doughnut is a 2004 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

What's Weird About a Mirror

This remarkable and monumental book at last provides a comprehensive answer to the age-old riddle of whether there are only a small number of 'basic stories' in the world. Using a wealth of examples, from ancient myths and folk tales via the plays and novels of great literature to the popular movies and TV soap operas of today, it shows that there are seven archetypal themes which recur

throughout every kind of storytelling. But this is only the prelude to an investigation into how and why we are 'programmed' to imagine stories in these ways, and how they relate to the inmost patterns of human psychology. Drawing on a vast array of examples, from Proust to detective stories, from the Marquis de Sade to E.T., Christopher Booker then leads us through the extraordinary changes in the nature of storytelling over the past 200 years, and why so many stories have 'lost the plot' by losing touch with their underlying archetypal purpose. Booker analyses why evolution has given us the need to tell stories and illustrates how storytelling has provided a uniquely revealing mirror to mankind's psychological development over the past 5000 years. This seminal book opens up in an entirely new way our understanding of the real purpose storytelling plays in our lives, and will be a talking point for years to come.

The Best American Humorous Short Stories

The Ransom of Red Chief

Originally conceived as a Portuguese-English phrase book, this literary curiosity was written by an author who, remarkably, spoke no English. With the help of a pair of dictionaries, Pedro Carolino translated a series of expressions from his native Portuguese into French and from French into English. The result is a volume of unintentional hilarity, praised by Mark Twain in his appreciative Introduction for its "miraculous

stupidities." Imagine the Portuguese traveler, with this book in hand, offering grooming tips, "Dress your hairs," making polite dinner conversation, "Like you the soup?" and inviting an acquaintance to take a walk, "Let us go to respire the air." The collection is organized into sections of familiar phrases, familiar dialogues, and familiar letters — which might not strike the native English speaker as particularly familiar, concluding with a selection of humorous anecdotes. As Twain observed, "In this world of uncertainties, there is, at any rate, one thing which may be pretty confidently set down as a certainty: and that is, that this celebrated little phrase-book will never die while the English language lasts. Its delicious unconscious ridiculousness, and its enchanting naïvete are as supreme and unapproachable, in their way, as are Shakespeare's sublimities."

A History of English Literature and of the Chief English Writers

This volume covers the 2006 subject specifications for all exam boards. The text is laid out in 'sound bite' boxes to aid recollection, with clearly labelled diagrams to add visual clarity and further demonstrate the subject matter.

English as She Is Spoke

The #1 New York Times bestselling (mostly true) memoir from the hilarious author of *Furiously Happy*. "Gaspingly funny and wonderfully inappropriate."—O,

The Oprah Magazine When Jenny Lawson was little, all she ever wanted was to fit in. That dream was cut short by her fantastically unbalanced father and a morbidly eccentric childhood. It did, however, open up an opportunity for Lawson to find the humor in the strange shame-spiral that is her life, and we are all the better for it. In the irreverent *Let's Pretend This Never Happened*, Lawson's long-suffering husband and sweet daughter help her uncover the surprising discovery that the most terribly human moments—the ones we want to pretend never happened—are the very same moments that make us the people we are today. For every intellectual misfit who thought they were the only ones to think the things that Lawson dares to say out loud, this is a poignant and hysterical look at the dark, disturbing, yet wonderful moments of our lives. Readers Guide Inside

The Seven Basic Plots

Arnie, the Doughnut

What's Weird About A Mirror is a long-awaited hilarious collection of children's poems by poet Arden Davidson. It includes topics ranging from a snoring grandma to a six-footed camel to reflections on the weirdness of mirrors. Delightfully entertaining for kids, teachers and parents, *What's Weird About A Mirror: 101 Curious Poems* by Arden Davidson is receiving enthusiastic praise and is destined to be a modern classic.

Mouse in the House

Short stories of the tragedy and comedy of life

A biting black comedy that centres on three hopeless expat teachers in South Korea. Every year thousands of people travel to faraway lands to teach English as a foreign language. The fools. One such expat is Paul Taylor, a heartbroken Aussie looking for a fresh start in a South Korean classroom. The lack of training isn't much of a help, but it's the baffling natives and unhinged flatmates that really start to convince him he's crash-landed in another galaxy Packed with over the top characters, English Toss is a demented sitcom of a novel that revels in the extremes of expat dislocation. 'The author has an excellent ear for dialogue and some of his set-pieces are laugh out loud funny.' - Groove Korea magazine 'Startlingly different.' - Australian Crime Fiction 'the writing has pace, and is hilarious in places. An expose on Korean culture on and ESL teaching this book is not. But as a simple black comedy, English Toss is worth reading.' - The Korea Herald

The reader's handbook of allusions, references, plots and stories

Vols. for 1898-1968 include a directory of publishers.

The Places of Wit in Early Modern English

Comedy

A pampered Long Island princess hits the road in a converted bus with her wilderness-loving husband, travels the country for one year, and brings it all hilariously to life in this offbeat and romantic memoir. Doreen and Tim are married psychiatrists with a twist: She's a self-proclaimed Long Island princess, grouchy couch potato, and shoe addict. He's an affable, though driven, outdoorsman. When Tim suggests "chucking it all" to travel cross-country in a converted bus, Doreen asks, "Why can't you be like a normal husband in a midlife crisis and have an affair or buy a Corvette?" But she soon shocks them both, agreeing to set forth with their sixty-pound dog, two querulous cats—and no agenda—in a 340-square-foot bus. Queen of the Road is Doreen's offbeat and romantic tale about refusing to settle, about choosing the unconventional road with all the misadventures it brings (fire, flood, armed robbery, and finding themselves in a nudist RV park, to name just a few). The marvelous places they visit and delightful people they encounter have a life-changing effect on all the travelers, as Doreen grows to appreciate the simple life, Tim mellows, and even the pets pull together. Best of all, readers get to go along for the ride through forty-seven states in this often hilarious and always entertaining memoir, in which a boisterous marriage of polar opposites becomes stronger than ever.

English Comedy

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The Gift of the Magi is a treasured short story written by O. Henry. A young and very much in love couple can barely afford their one-room apartment, let alone the extra expense of getting Christmas presents for one another. But each is determined to show their love for the other in this traditional time of giving; each sells a thing they hold most dear in order to afford a present, with poignant and touching results that capture their love for one another.

English Stage Comedy, 1490-1990

English Elements in Jonson's Early Comedy

Life is too serious and too stressful. You deserve a break, so let's make fun of everything and laugh together. Life is Funny is a collection of necessary nonsense that will forever change your view on life. For example, you'll learn how to properly go potty outside the potty. Think abstract art is even stupider than you thought it was. Understand why being a virgin may be more STD prone than not being one. Realize the "A" as in "Apple" pronunciation game can be way more fun. Debate whether hibernation or bed rest is the best thing in the world. Read it to a kid because there's a free children's book in the middle. At the very least, you'll giggle and forget about how awful the world is. "It was like finding one more fruit snack wedged in the corner of the wrapper. On top of that, it's strawberry. Delightful and refreshing." - Albert Clifford Slater "The first and only book you

should ever read. Hysterical." - Molly Pitcher "I read it." - Art Vandelay

English & English Literature

Like many ambitious New York City teenagers, Craig Gilner sees entry into Manhattan's Executive Pre-Professional High School as the ticket to his future. Determined to succeed at life—which means getting into the right high school to get into the right college to get the right job—Craig studies night and day to ace the entrance exam, and does. That's when things start to get crazy. At his new school, Craig realizes that he isn't brilliant compared to the other kids; he's just average, and maybe not even that. He soon sees his once-perfect future crumbling away.

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