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**David Foster Wallace and "The Long Thing"** Jan 26 2022 Of the twelve books David Foster Wallace published both during his lifetime and posthumously, only three were novels. Nevertheless, Wallace always thought of himself primarily as a novelist. From his college years at Amherst, when he wrote his first novel as part of a creative honors thesis, to his final days, Wallace was buried in a novel project, which he often referred to as "the Long Thing." Meanwhile, the short stories and journalistic assignments he worked on during those years he characterized as "playing hooky from a certain Larger Thing." Wallace was also a specific kind of novelist, devoted to producing a specific kind of novel, namely the omnivorous, culture-consuming "encyclopedic" novel, as described in 1976 by Edward Mendelson in a groundbreaking essay on Thomas Pynchon's *Gravity's Rainbow*. **David Foster Wallace and "The Long Thing"** is a state-of-the-art guide through Wallace's three major works, including the generation-defining *Infinite Jest*. These essays provide fresh new readings of each of Wallace's novels as well as thematic essays that trace out patterns and connections across the three works. Most importantly, the collection includes six chapters on Wallace's unfinished novel, *The Pale King*, which will prove to be foundational for future scholars of this important text.

**Conversations with David Foster Wallace** Nov 04 2022 Collection of interviews that profiles Wallace's career of twenty years, from 1987 until his suicide in 2008, that provides insight into his development as a writer and complicated persona.

**Insel der Verdammten** Aug 09 2020 James Jones schrieb mit seinem schonungslosen Kriegsroman ›Verdammt in alle Ewigkeit‹ einen Bestseller, der ebenso wie die Verfilmung die ganze Welt erschütterte. Er ist der erste, 1951 erschienene Band einer großangelegten Kriegs-

Trilogie, dem 1962 der hier vorliegende zweite Roman über die Schrecken des Pazifischen Krieges folgte und der in der ersten deutschen Übersetzung von 1963 unter dem Titel ›Der tanzende Elefant‹ veröffentlicht wurde. (Dieser Text bezieht sich auf eine frühere Ausgabe.)

**The Wallace Effect** Sep 29 2019 The Wallace Effect explores David Foster Wallace's contested space at the forefront of 21st-century American fiction. Pioneering Wallace scholar Marshall Boswell does this by illuminating "The Wallace Effect"-the aura of literary competition that Wallace routinely summoned in his fiction and non-fiction and that continues to inform the reception of his work by his contemporaries. A frankly combative writer, Wallace openly challenged his artistic predecessors as he sought to establish himself as the leading literary figure of the post-postmodern turn. Boswell challenges this portrait in two ways. First, he examines novels by Wallace's literary patriarchs and contemporaries that introduce innovations on traditional metafiction that Wallace would later claim as his own. Second, he explores four novels published after Wallace's ascendancy that attempt to demythologize Wallace's persona and his literary preeminence. By re-situating Wallace's work in a broader and more contentious literary arena, *The Wallace Effect* traces both the reach and the limits of Wallace's legacy.

*Global Wallace* Jul 20 2021 David Foster Wallace is invariably seen as an emphatically American figure. Lucas Thompson challenges this consensus, arguing that Wallace's investments in various international literary traditions are central to both his artistic practice and his critique of US culture. Thompson shows how, time and again, Wallace's fiction draws on a diverse range of global texts, appropriating various forms of world literature in the attempt to craft fiction that critiques US culture from oblique and unexpected vantage points. Using a wide range of comparative case studies, and drawing on extensive archival research, *Global Wallace* reveals David Foster Wallace's substantial debts to such unexpected figures as Jamaica Kincaid, Julio Cortázar, Jean Rhys, Octavio Paz, Leo Tolstoy, Zbigniew Herbert, and Albert Camus, among many others. It also offers a more comprehensive account of the key influences that Wallace scholars have already perceived, such as Fyodor Dostoevsky, Franz Kafka, and Manuel Puig. By reassessing Wallace's body of work in relation to five broadly construed geographic territories -- Latin America, Russia, Eastern Europe, France, and Africa -- the book reveals the mechanisms with which Wallace played particular literary traditions off one another, showing how he appropriated vastly different global texts within his own fiction. By expanding the geographic coordinates of Wallace's work in this way, *Global Wallace* reconceptualizes contemporary American fiction, as being embedded within a global exchange of texts and ideas.

*Understanding David Foster Wallace* Feb 12 2021 Since its publication in 2003, *Understanding David Foster Wallace* has served as an accessible introduction to the rich array of themes and formal innovations that have made Wallace's fiction so popular and influential. A seminal text in the burgeoning field of David Foster Wallace studies, the original edition of *Understanding David Foster Wallace* was nevertheless incomplete as it addressed only his first four works of fiction--namely the novels *The Broom of the System* and *Infinite Jest* and the story collections *Girl with Curious Hair* and *Brief Interviews with Hideous Men*. This revised edition adds two new chapters covering his final story collection, *Oblivion*, and his posthumous novel, *The Pale King*. Tracing Wallace's relationship to modernism and postmodernism, this volume provides close readings of all his major works of fiction. Although critics sometimes label Wallace a postmodern writer, Boswell argues that he should be regarded as the nervous leader of some still-unnamed (and perhaps unnamable) third wave of modernism. In charting a new direction for literary practice, Wallace does not seek to overturn postmodernism, nor does

he call for a return to modernism. Rather his work moves resolutely forward while hoisting the baggage of modernism and postmodernism heavily, but respectfully, on its back. Like the books that serve as its primary subject, Boswell's study directly confronts such arcane issues as postmodernism, information theory, semiotics, the philosophy of Ludwig Wittgenstein, and poststructuralism, yet it does so in a way that is comprehensible to a wide and general readership--the very same readership that has enthusiastically embraced Wallace's challenging yet entertaining and redemptive fiction.

The Social Lives of Books Mar 04 2020 This project explores how changing models of literary production are blurring or erasing the divisions between authors, critics and readers. Millions of cultural consumers are participating in previously closed literary conversations and expressing forms of mass distinction through their purchases and reviews of books. These traces of popular reading choices constitute a fresh perspective on elusive audience reactions to literature and reveal evolving networks of conversation. Employing network analysis methodologies and 'distant reading' of book reviews, recommendations and other digital traces of cultural distinction, I develop a new model for literary culture in America today. Through readings of the fiction and reception of Thomas Pynchon, Toni Morrison, David Foster Wallace and Junot Díaz, this model outlines the fundamental requirements for contemporary literary fame. My introduction outlines methodological tools I developed and situates them in the critical traditions of literary reception, cultural sociology and media theory before describing the digital ecologies that have emerged around literature online and their value. Chapter 1 explores the nature of literary fame through a case study of Thomas Pynchon, whose carefully guarded anonymity and ironic distance from capitalism are reflected in the networks his readers construct around his long, challenging books. In stark contrast, Toni Morrison, the subject of Chapter 2, has succeeded critically and commercially, tirelessly seeking out readers to form literary communities around her writing, most prominently through her collaboration with Oprah's Book Club. Chapter 3 considers David Foster Wallace and Junot Díaz and sets out a model for contemporary literary culture: a reading society that demands new forms of authorial reflexivity to mirror the collaborative, iterative nature of digital literary conversations. I conclude with a brief consideration of the exciting prospects and challenges for fiction in a world that reads more than ever but is growing disaffected with the material realities of literary production.

**Wallace's Dialects** Nov 11 2020 Mary Shapiro explores the use of regional and ethnic dialects in the works of David Foster Wallace, not just as a device used to add realism to dialogue, but as a vehicle for important social commentary about the role language plays in our daily lives, how we express personal identity, and how we navigate social relationships. Wallace's Dialects straddles the fields of linguistic criticism and folk linguistics, considering which linguistic variables of Jewish-American English, African-American English, Midwestern, Southern, and Boston regional dialects were salient enough for Wallace to represent, and how he showed the intersectionality of these with gender and social class. Wallace's own use of language is examined with respect to how it encodes his identity as a white, male, economically privileged Midwesterner, while also foregrounding characteristic and distinctive idiolect features that allowed him to connect to readers across implied social boundaries.

**Das hier ist Wasser** Dec 01 2019 Noch vor der Buchausgabe (im Frühjahr 2012) erscheint der Essay "Das hier ist Wasser" als eBook: David Foster Wallace wurde 2005 darum gebeten, vor Absolventen des Kenyon College eine Abschlussrede zu halten. Diese berühmt gewordene Rede gilt in den USA mittlerweile als Klassiker und ist Pflichtlektüre für alle Abschlussklassen.

David Foster Wallace zeigt in dieser kurzen Rede mit einfachen Worten, was es heißt, Denken zu lernen und erwachsen zu sein: eine Anstiftung zum Denken und kleine Anleitung für das Leben, die man jedem Hochschulabsolventen und jedem Jugendlichen mit auf den Weg geben möchte.

**Fictional Worlds and the Moral Imagination** Oct 30 2019 This edited collection investigates the kinds of moral reflection we can undertake within the imaginative worlds of literature. In philosophical contexts of ethical inquiry we can too easily forget that literary experience can play an important role in the cultivation of our ethical sensibilities. Because our ethical lives are conducted in the real world, fictional representations of this world can appear removed from ethical contemplation. However, as this stimulating volume shows, the dichotomy between fact and fiction cannot be so easily categorised. Moral perception, moral sensitivity, and ethical understanding more broadly, may all be developed in a unique way through our imaginative life in fiction. Moral quandaries are often presented in literature in ways more linguistically precise and descriptively complete than the ones we encounter in life, whilst simultaneously offering space for contemplation. The twelve original chapters in this volume examine literary texts – including theatre and film – in this light, and taken together they show how serious reflection within fictional worlds can lead to a depth of humane insight. The topics explored include: the subtle ways that knowledge can function as a virtue; issues concerning our relations to and understanding of each other; the complex intertwining of virtues and vices in the modern world; and the importance of bringing to light and reconsidering ethical presuppositions. With an appreciation of the importance of richly contextualized particularity and the power of descriptive acuity, the volume maps out the territory that philosophical reflection and literary engagement share.

*The Moral Worlds of Contemporary Realism* Jul 28 2019 Literature has never looked weirder--full of images, colors, gadgets, and footnotes, and violating established norms of character, plot, and narrative structure. Yet over the last 30 years, critics have coined more than 20 new "realisms" in their attempts to describe it. What makes this decidedly unorthodox literature "realistic"? And if it is, then what does "realism" mean anymore? Examining literature by dozens of writers, and over a century of theory and criticism about realism, *The Moral Worlds of Contemporary Realism* sorts through the current critical confusion to illustrate how our ideas about what is real and how best to depict it have changed dramatically, especially in recent years. Along the way, Mary K. Holland guides the reader on a lively tour through the landscape of contemporary literary studies--taking in metafiction, ideology, posthumanism, postmodernism, and poststructuralism--with forays into quantum mechanics, new materialism, and Buddhism as well, to give us entirely new ways of viewing how humans use language to make sense of--and to make--the world.

*David Foster Wallace's Toxic Sexuality* Apr 16 2021 *David Foster Wallace's Toxic Sexuality: Hideousness, Neoliberalism, Spermatics* is the first full-length study of perhaps the most controversial aspect of Wallace's work – male sexuality. Departing from biographical accounts of Wallace's troubled relationship to sex, the book offers new and engaging close readings of this vexed topic in both his fiction and non-fiction. Wallace consistently returns to images of sexual toxicity across his career to argue that, when it comes to sex, men are immutably hideous. He makes this argument by drawing on a variety of neoliberal logics and spermatic metaphors, which in their appeal to apparently neutral economic processes and natural bodily facts, forestall the possibility that men can change. The book therefore provides a revisionist account of Wallace's attitudes towards capitalism, as well as a critical dissection of his

approach to masculinity and sexuality. In doing so, David Foster Wallace's *Toxic Sexuality* shows how Wallace can be considered a neoliberal writer, whose commitment to furthering male sexual toxicity is a disturbing but undeniable part of his literary project.

**Der bleiche König** Aug 28 2019 Der letzte Roman von David Foster Wallace, dem "Besten seiner Generation" In seinem letzten, posthum erschienenen Roman vollbringt David Foster Wallace das Kunststück, auf gar nicht langweilige Weise über den langweiligsten Arbeitsplatz der Welt zu schreiben: die amerikanische Steuerbehörde. Mit der ihm eigenen sprachlichen Brillanz nähert sich David Foster Wallace in diesem nachgelassenen Roman seinem Thema: Was macht strukturelle Langeweile aus einem Menschen? Als Claude Sylvanshine nach Peoria in Illinois an die IRS, die amerikanische Bundessteuerbehörde, versetzt wird, trifft er dort auf Kollegen, die mit der tagtäglichen, unüberwindbaren Monotonie ihrer Arbeit und somit ihres Lebens kämpfen. Welche Lebensgeschichten führten dazu, dass jemand mehr oder weniger freiwillig einen solchen Beruf ergreift? Der Roman erschien in den USA drei Jahre nach Wallace' Tod und wurde zum gefeierten Bestseller. In ihm zeigt David Foster Wallace noch einmal sein ganzes Können – die unübertroffene Originalität seiner Sujets, die sprachliche Präzision, der sezierende Blick auf die Unzulänglichkeiten menschlicher Gesellschaft und der immer präsente Humor. "Atemberaubend brilliant, lustig, unerträglich und elegisch" *The New York Times*

**New Media and the Transformation of Postmodern American Literature** Apr 04 2020 How has American literature after postmodernism responded to the digital age? Drawing on insights from contemporary media theory, this is the first book to explore the explosion of new media technologies as an animating context for contemporary American literature. Casey Michael Henry examines the intertwining histories of new media forms since the 1970s and literary postmodernism and its aftermath, from William Gaddis's *J R* and Bret Easton Ellis's *American Psycho* through to David Foster Wallace's *Infinite Jest*. Through these histories, the book charts the ways in which print-based postmodern writing at first resisted new mass media forms and ultimately came to respond to them.

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[David Foster Wallace and the Body](#) Sep 09 2020 *David Foster Wallace and the Body* is the first full-length study to focus on Wallace's career-long fascination with the human body and the textual representation of the body. The book provides engaging, accessible close readings that highlight the importance of the overlooked, and yet central theme of all of this major American author's works: having a body. Wallace repeatedly made clear that good fiction is about what it means to be a 'human being'. A large part of what that means is having a body, and being conscious of the conflicts that arise, morally and physically, as a result; a fact with which, as Wallace forcefully and convincingly argues, we all desire 'to be reconciled'. Given the ubiquity of the themes of embodiment in Wallace's work, this study is an important addition to an expanding field. The book also opens up the themes addressed to interrogate aspects of contemporary literature, culture, and society more generally, placing Wallace's works in the history of literary and philosophical engagements with the brute fact of embodiment.

**Blutschatten** Jun 18 2021 "Ellroy ist der wichtigste zeitgenössische Krimiautor." *Der Spiegel* Los Angeles 1950: In der Metropole wird Jagd auf Kommunisten und ihre Sympathisanten gemacht. Gleichzeitig zieht ein offenbar irrsinniger Mörder die Stadt in seinen Bann. Drei Männer nehmen die Verfolgung auf: Danny Upshaw und Malcolm Considine vom LAPD und Turner Meeks, den die Polizei wegen Korruption gefeuert hat. Eine Hetzjagd beginnt. Band 2 des berühmten L.A.-Quartetts. Lesen Sie auch *Die Rothaarige*. Die Suche nach dem Mörder

meiner Mutter - James Ellroys wichtigsten autobiographischen Text; ein Klassiker der Kriminalliteratur.

*A Companion to David Foster Wallace Studies* Aug 01 2022 Criticism of the work of David Foster Wallace has tended to be atomistic, focusing on a single aspect of individual works. A Companion to the Work of David Foster Wallace is designed as a professional study of all of Wallace's creative work. This volume includes both thematic essays and focused examinations of each of his major works of fiction.

**Der Spaß an der Sache** Jun 30 2022 "Eine Kompetenzgranate mit Dauerzündung, die unterhalten, aber nicht unterfordern will" Ulrich Blumenbach. Zum zehnten Todestag des wichtigsten amerikanischen Autors seiner Generation erscheinen alle Essays in einem Band. Gerade die Essays und Reportagen sind für viele Kritiker und Leser Wallace' Königsdisziplin, und in dieser nach Themen geordneten Anthologie sind seine Beobachtungsschärfe und sprachliche Brillanz neu zu entdecken. Neben Romanen und Erzählungen hat David Foster Wallace immer auch Essays geschrieben, mal im Auftrag von Zeitschriften und Zeitungen, mal für Sammlungen. Zu den bekanntesten gehört sicherlich "Schrecklich amüsant – aber in Zukunft ohne mich", sein berühmter Text über die Reise auf einem Kreuzfahrtschiff, und "Das hier ist Wasser". Dieses monumentale Buch versammelt alle Sachtexte des großen amerikanischen Autors. Ulrich Blumenbach, der längst zur deutschen Stimme Wallace' geworden ist, hat die Essays in diesem finalen Band nach Themengebieten geordnet: Von Tennis über Ästhetik, Sprache & Literatur, Politik, Film & Fernsehen, die Unterhaltungsindustrie und Leben & Liebe reicht die Bandbreite. So ist Wallace in all seiner Brillanz in diesen höchst unterhaltsamen und klugen Texten aufs Neue zu entdecken und zu bewundern.

Depression and Dysphoria in the Fiction of David Foster Wallace Sep 21 2021 Depression and Dysphoria in the Fiction of David Foster Wallace is the first full-length study of this critically overlooked theme, addressing a major gap in Wallace studies. Wallace has long been recognised as a 'depression laureate' inheriting a mantle previously held by Sylvia Plath due to the frequent and remarkable depictions of depressed characters in his fiction. However, this book resists taking Wallace's fiction at face value and instead situates close reading of his complex fictions in theoretical dialogue both with philosophical and theoretical texts and with contemporary authors and influences. This book explores Wallace's complex engagement with philosophical and medical ideas of emotional suffering and demonstrates how this evolves over his career. The shifts in Wallace's thematic focus on various forms of dysphoria, including heartache, loneliness, boredom, and anxiety, as well as depression, correspond to an increasingly pessimistic philosophy underlying his fiction.

David Foster Wallace: The Last Interview Expanded with New Introduction Mar 16 2021 An expanded edition featuring new interviews and an introduction by the editor, a New York Times journalist and friend of the author A unique selection of the best interviews given by David Foster Wallace, including the last he gave before his suicide in 2008. Complete with an introduction by Foster Wallace's friend and NY Times journalist, David Streitfeld. And including a new, never-before-published interview between Streitfeld and Wallace.

**David Foster Wallace's Balancing Books** Jan 14 2021 What do we value? Why do we value it? And in a neoliberal age, can morality ever displace money as the primary means of defining value? These are the questions that drove David Foster Wallace, a writer widely credited with changing the face of contemporary fiction and moving it beyond an emotionless postmodern irony. Jeffrey Severs argues in David Foster Wallace's Balancing Books that Wallace was also

deeply engaged with the social, political, and economic issues of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. A rebellious economic thinker, Wallace satirized the deforming effects of money, questioned the logic of the monetary system, and saw the world through the lens of value's many hidden and untapped meanings. In original readings of all of Wallace's fiction, from *The Broom of the System* and *Infinite Jest* to his story collections and *The Pale King*, Severs reveals Wallace to be a thoroughly political writer whose works provide an often surreal history of financial crises and economic policies. As Severs demonstrates, the concept of value occupied the intersection of Wallace's major interests: economics, work, metaphysics, mathematics, and morality. Severs ranges from the Great Depression and the New Deal to the realms of finance, insurance, and taxation to detail Wallace's quest for balance and grace in a world of excess and entropy. Wallace showed characters struggling to place two feet on the ground and restlessly sought to "balance the books" of a chaotic culture. Explaining why Wallace's work has galvanized a new phase in contemporary global literature, Severs draws connections to key Wallace forerunners Don DeLillo, Thomas Pynchon, and William Gaddis, as well as his successors—including Dave Eggers, Teddy Wayne, Jonathan Lethem, and Zadie Smith—interpreting Wallace's legacy in terms of finance, the gift, and office life.

**Roger Federer** Dec 13 2020 »Ich wusste nicht, ob daraus der beste oder der schlimmste Text über mich werden würde.« Roger Federer. 2006 reiste David Foster Wallace im Auftrag der New York Times nach Wimbledon, um über das dortige Tennisturnier zu schreiben. Wallace, selbst in seiner Jugend ein erfolgreicher Tennisspieler, traf Roger Federer – für ihn eine fast göttliche Begegnung. David Foster Wallace' Reportagen sind Herzstücke seines großen Werks. 2006 traf Wallace Roger Federer und führte ein Interview mit dem damals noch nicht ganz so berühmten Schweizer, dessen »übermenschliche Karriere« langsam Fahrt aufnahm. Herausgekommen ist ein Text, der Federers Talent beschreibt, der aber auch wie immer bei Wallace die scheinbaren Nebensächlichkeiten des Turniers in den Blick nimmt. Dieser Text ist berühmt geworden – nicht zuletzt, weil die Tennisspielerin und Autorin Andrea Petkovi? ihn wie die anderen Tennistexte von Wallace mit Nachdruck immer wieder empfiehlt.

**Approaches to Teaching the Works of David Foster Wallace** Nov 23 2021 David Foster Wallace's works engage with his literary moment--roughly summarized as postmodernism--and with the author's historical context. From his famously complex fiction to essays critical of American culture, Wallace's works have at their core essential human concerns such as self-understanding, connecting with others, ethical behavior, and finding meaning. The essays in this volume suggest ways to elucidate Wallace's philosophical and literary preoccupations for today's students, who continue to contend with urgent issues, both personal and political, through reading literature. Part 1, "Materials," offers guidance on biographical, contextual, and archival sources and critical responses to Wallace's writing. The essays in part 2, "Approaches," discuss teaching key works and genres in high school settings, first-year undergraduate writing classes, American literature surveys, seminars on Wallace, and world literature courses. They examine Wallace's social and philosophical contexts and contributions, treating topics such as gender, literary ethics, and the culture of writing programs.

**The Palgrave Handbook of Literature and Mathematics** Jun 26 2019 This handbook features essays written by both literary scholars and mathematicians that examine multiple facets of the connections between literature and mathematics. These connections range from mathematics and poetic meter to mathematics and modernism to mathematics as literature. Some chapters focus on a single author, such as mathematics and Ezra Pound, Gertrude

Stein, or Charles Dickens, while others consider a mathematical topic common to two or more authors, such as squaring the circle, chaos theory, Newton's calculus, or stochastic processes. With appeal for scholars and students in literature, mathematics, cultural history, and history of mathematics, this important volume aims to introduce the range, fertility, and complexity of the connections between mathematics, literature, and literary theory.

*Finale* Oct 11 2020 An intimate portrait of a genius: the late Stephen Sondheim in a series of illuminating and deeply personal interviews from the last years of his life—conversations that show the composer-lyricist as he has likely never been seen before. In 2017, longtime New Yorker staff writer D.T. Max began working on a major profile of Stephen Sondheim that would be timed to the eventual premiere of a new musical Sondheim was writing. Sadly, that process – and the years of conversation – was cut short by Sondheim's own hesitations, then the global pandemic, and finally by the great artist's death in November 2021. Now, Max has taken the raw version of these conversations and knit them together into an unforgettable work of literature and celebration. *Finale* reveals Sondheim—a star who disliked the spotlight—at his most relaxed, thoughtful, sardonic, and engaging, as he talks about work, music, movies, family, New York City, aging, the creative process, and much more. Max brings you into the room and gives you a front row seat for their unusual and intimate three-year-long “pas de deux.” The two bond, separate, spar and reunite, as Max elicits from Sondheim a candor and vulnerability he seldom displayed in public. This is a unique portrait of an artist in his twilight, offering remarkable insight into the mind and heart of a genius whose work changed American musical theater and popular culture forever.

**David Foster Wallace: Fiction and Form** May 30 2022 In *David Foster Wallace: Fiction and Form*, David Hering analyses the structures of David Foster Wallace's fiction, from his debut *The Broom of the System* to his final unfinished novel *The Pale King*. Incorporating extensive analysis of Wallace's drafts, notes and letters, and taking account of the rapidly expanding field of Wallace scholarship, this book argues that the form of Wallace's fiction is always inextricably bound up within an ongoing conflict between the monologic and the dialogic, one strongly connected with Wallace's sense of his own authorial presence and identity in the work. Hering suggests that this conflict occurs at the level of both subject and composition, analysing the importance of a number of provocative structural and critical contexts – ghostliness, institutionality, reflection – to the fiction while describing how this argument is also visible within the development of Wallace's manuscripts, comparing early drafts with published material to offer a career-long framework of the construction of Wallace's fiction. The final chapter offers an unprecedentedly detailed analysis of the troubled, decade-long construction of the work that became *The Pale King*.

Unendlicher Spaß Sep 02 2022 Der Kultroman als eBook! "Unendlicher Spaß vereint literarische Innovation und Lesbarkeit auf eigene, unerhörte, markerschütternde Weise." Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung "Unendlicher Spaß" – so nannte James Incandenza seinen Film, der Menschen, die ihn anschauen, so verhext, dass sie sich nicht mehr von ihm lösen können und dabei verdursten und verhungern. Sein Sohn Hal, ein Tenniswunderkind mit außergewöhnlichen intellektuellen Fähigkeiten, studiert an der Enfield Tennis Academy (ETA), die von seinem Vater gegründet wurde. Hier sowie im nahe gelegenen Ennet-House, einem Entziehungsheim für Drogenabhängige, spielt ein Teil der überbordenden Handlung, die jeden literarischen Kosmos sprengt – in einem leicht in die Zukunft versetzten Amerika, das mit Kanada und Mexiko die "Organisation der nordamerikanischen Nationen" bildet und von radikalen Separatisten in Kanada bekämpft wird. 1996 erschien "Infinite Jest" in den USA und

machte David Foster Wallace über Nacht zum Superstar der Literaturszene. Nicht allein der schiere Umfang, sondern vor allem die sprachliche Kreativität, die ungeheure Themenvielfalt, die treffsichere Gesellschaftskritik, scharfe Analyse sowie der Humor machen den Roman zum Meilenstein der amerikanischen Literatur. Namhafte Autoren von Dave Eggers bis Jonathan Franzen sehen in diesem Buch ein Vorbild für ihr Schaffen. Ulrich Blumenbach hat sechs Jahre lang an der Übersetzung gearbeitet, und seine kongeniale Übertragung ins Deutsche wurde mit zahlreichen Preisen ausgezeichnet.

**David Foster Wallace's Infinite Jest** Oct 03 2022 Infinite Jest has been hailed as one of the great modern American novels and its author, David Foster Wallace, who committed suicide in 2008, as one of the most influential and innovative authors of the past 20 years. Don DeLillo called Infinite Jest a "three-stage rocket to the future," a work "equal to the huge, babbling spin-out sweep of contemporary life," while Time Magazine included Infinite Jest on its list of 100 Greatest Novels published between 1923-2006. David Foster Wallace's Infinite Jest: A Reader's Guide was the first book to be published on the novel and is a key reference for those who wish to explore further. Infinite Jest has become an exemplar for difficulty in contemporary Fiction-its 1,079 pages full of verbal invention, oblique narration, and a scattered, nonlinear, chronology. In this comprehensively revised second edition, Burn maps Wallace's influence on contemporary American fiction, outlines Wallace's poetics, and provides a full-length study of the novel, drawing out the most important themes and ideas, before surveying Wallace's post-Infinite Jest output, including The Pale King.

**The Unspeakable Failures of David Foster Wallace** Aug 21 2021 This book examines the writing of David Foster Wallace, hailed as the voice of a generation on his death. Critics have identified horror of solipsism, obsession with sincerity and a corresponding ambivalence regarding postmodern irony, and detailed attention to contemporary culture as the central elements of Wallace's writing. Clare Hayes-Brady draws on the evolving discourses of Wallace studies, focusing on the unifying anti-teleology of his writing, arguing that that position is a fundamentally political response to the condition of neo-liberal America. She argues that Wallace's work is most unified by its resistance to closure, which pervades the structural, narrative and stylistic elements of his writing. Taking a broadly thematic approach to the numerous types of 'failure', or lack of completion, visible throughout his work, the book offers a framework within which to read Wallace's work as a coherent whole, rather than split along the lines of fiction versus non-fiction, or pre- and post-Infinite Jest, two critical positions that have become dominant over the last five years. While demonstrating the centrality of 'failure', the book also explores Wallace's approach to sincere communication as a recurring response to what he saw as the inane, self-absorbed commodification of language and society, along with less explored themes such as gender, naming and heroism. Situating Wallace as both a product of his time and an artist sui generis, Hayes-Brady details his abiding interest in philosophy, language and the struggle for an authentic self in late-twentieth-century America.

**#MeToo and Literary Studies** May 06 2020 Literature has always recorded a history of patriarchy, sexual violence, and resistance. Academics have been using literature to expose and critique this violence and domination for half a century. But the continued potency of #MeToo after its 2017 explosion adds new urgency and wider awareness about these issues, while revealing new ways in which rape culture shapes our everyday lives. This intersectional guide helps readers, students, teachers, and scholars face and challenge our culture of sexual violence by confronting it through the study of literature. #MeToo and Literary Studies gathers essays on literature from Ovid to Carmen Maria Machado, by academics working across the

United States and around the world, who offer clear ways of using our reading, teaching, and critical practices to address rape culture and sexual violence. It also examines the promise and limitations of the #MeToo movement itself, speaking to the productive use of social media as well as to the voices that the movement has so far muted. In uniting diverse voices to enable the #MeToo movement to reshape literary studies, this book is also committed to the idea that the way we read and write about literature can make real change in the world.

David Foster Wallace in Context Apr 28 2022 David Foster Wallace is regarded as one of the most important American writers of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. This book introduces readers to the literary, philosophical and political contexts of Wallace's work. An accessible and useable resource, this volume conceptualizes his work within long-standing critical traditions and with a new awareness of his importance for American literary studies. It shows the range of issues and contexts that inform the work and reading of David Foster Wallace, connecting his writing to diverse ideas, periods and themes. Essays cover topics on gender, sex, violence, race, philosophy, poetry and geography, among many others, guiding new and long-standing readers in understanding the work and influence of this important writer.

*The Wallace Effect* May 18 2021 The Wallace Effect explores David Foster Wallace's contested space at the forefront of 21st-century American fiction. Pioneering Wallace scholar Marshall Boswell does this by illuminating "The Wallace Effect"-the aura of literary competition that Wallace routinely summoned in his fiction and non-fiction and that continues to inform the reception of his work by his contemporaries. A frankly combative writer, Wallace openly challenged his artistic predecessors as he sought to establish himself as the leading literary figure of the post-postmodern turn. Boswell challenges this portrait in two ways. First, he examines novels by Wallace's literary patriarchs and contemporaries that introduce innovations on traditional metafiction that Wallace would later claim as his own. Second, he explores four novels published after Wallace's ascendancy that attempt to demythologize Wallace's persona and his literary preeminence. By re-situating Wallace's work in a broader and more contentious literary arena, *The Wallace Effect* traces both the reach and the limits of Wallace's legacy.

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*Global Wallace* Jan 02 2020 David Foster Wallace is invariably seen as an emphatically American figure. Lucas Thompson challenges this consensus, arguing that Wallace's investments in various international literary traditions are central to both his artistic practice and his critique of US culture. Thompson shows how, time and again, Wallace's fiction draws on a diverse range of global texts, appropriating various forms of world literature in the attempt to craft fiction that critiques US culture from oblique and unexpected vantage points. Using a wide range of comparative case studies, and drawing on extensive archival research, *Global Wallace* reveals David Foster Wallace's substantial debts to such unexpected figures as Jamaica Kincaid, Julio Cortázar, Jean Rhys, Octavio Paz, Leo Tolstoy, Zbigniew Herbert, and Albert Camus, among many others. It also offers a more comprehensive account of the key influences that Wallace scholars have already perceived, such as Fyodor Dostoevsky, Franz Kafka, and Manuel Puig. By reassessing Wallace's body of work in relation to five broadly construed geographic territories -- Latin America, Russia, Eastern Europe, France, and Africa -- the book reveals the mechanisms with which Wallace played particular literary traditions off one another, showing how he appropriated vastly different global texts within his own fiction. By expanding the geographic coordinates of Wallace's work in this way, *Global Wallace* reconceptualizes contemporary American fiction, as being embedded within a global exchange of texts and ideas.

**Contemporary Fictions of Attention** Jun 06 2020 With the supposed shortening of our attention spans, what future is there for fiction in the age of the internet? *Contemporary Fictions of Attention* rejects this discourse of distraction-crisis which suggests that the future of reading is in peril, and instead finds that contemporary writers construct 'fictions of attention' that find some value in states or moments of inattention. Through discussion of work by a diverse selection of writers, including Joshua Cohen, Ben Lerner, Tom McCarthy, Ali Smith, Zadie Smith, and David Foster Wallace, this book identifies how fiction prompts readers to become peripherally aware of their own attention. *Contemporary Fictions of Attention* locates a common interest in attention within 21st-century fiction and connects this interest to a series of debates surrounding ethics, temporality, the everyday, boredom, work, and self-discipline in contemporary culture.

**David Foster Wallace and "The Long Thing"** Feb 01 2020 Of the twelve books David Foster Wallace published both during his lifetime and posthumously, only three were novels. Nevertheless, Wallace always thought of himself primarily as a novelist. From his college years at Amherst, when he wrote his first novel as part of a creative honors thesis, to his final days, Wallace was buried in a novel project, which he often referred to as "the Long Thing." Meanwhile, the short stories and journalistic assignments he worked on during those years he characterized as "playing hooky from a certain Larger Thing." Wallace was also a specific kind of novelist, devoted to producing a specific kind of novel, namely the omnivorous, culture-consuming "encyclopedic" novel, as described in 1976 by Edward Mendelson in a groundbreaking essay on Thomas Pynchon's *Gravity's Rainbow*. *David Foster Wallace and "The Long Thing"* is a state-of-the-art guide through Wallace's three major works, including the generation-defining *Infinite Jest*. These essays provide fresh new readings of each of Wallace's novels as well as thematic essays that trace out patterns and connections across the three works. Most importantly, the collection includes six chapters on Wallace's unfinished novel, *The Pale King*, which will prove to be foundational for future scholars of this important text.

**Spieler** Jul 08 2020 DeLillos zeitloses Porträt einer sinnentleerten Gesellschaft – jetzt wiederentdecken! Lyle und Pammy – ein typisches New Yorker Yuppiepaar der späten 1970er-

Jahre: Er arbeitet an der Börse, sie im World Trade Center. Abends sitzt er in der perfekt eingerichteten Wohnung und zapft sich durch das Fernsehprogramm, sie geht zum Steptanz. Beide stürzen sich in Affären. Lyle beobachtet sogar einen Mord und lässt sich auf ein Detektivspiel ein. Doch keines dieser Abenteuer berührt die beiden im Inneren – dort herrscht nur Leere. Selbst als Akteure in unterschiedliche kleine Spiele verwickelt, nehmen sie sich doch nur als ohnmächtige Figuren in einem großen Stück wahr, das von undurchschaubaren Mächten dirigiert wird. Don DeLillo entwirft in diesem frühen Werk von 1977 ein düsteres Bild einer sinnentleerten Welt, deren Zusammenhänge sich ihren Bewohnern nicht mehr erschließen. Jede Gewissheit ist verschwunden, nichts ist mehr so, wie es scheint.

**Jede Liebesgeschichte ist eine Geistergeschichte** Feb 24 2022 »Wenn Sie Wallaces Werk lieben, müssen Sie dieses Buch lesen, lieben Sie Wallaces Werk nicht, müssen Sie es sogar unbedingt lesen!« Tom Bissell »Fiction's about what it is to be a fucking human being.« David Foster Wallace Mit Unendlicher Spaß wurde David Foster Wallace über Nacht zum Superstar der amerikanischen Literaturszene. 2008 nahm sich der begnadete Schriftsteller das Leben. D.T. Max hat sich auf die Suche nach dem einzig wahren David Foster Wallace gemacht, herausgekommen ist dabei ein facettenreiches Porträt über einen Mann voller Widersprüche: Aufgewachsen als Sohn eines Collegeprofessors und einer grammatikfanatischen Englischlehrerin in einer Kleinstadt im Mittleren Westen, war er ein begabter Teenager, Tennis-Nerd und Klassenclown, später dann Überflieger, großer Stilist, die Stimme einer Generation. Es war ein Leben, geprägt von Alkoholismus, Drogenabhängigkeit, Panikattacken und »der üblen Sache«, wie David Foster Wallace seine Depressionen selbst nannte – ein andauernder Tanz am Abgrund. Es ist ein Leben zwischen den Extremen, das D.T. Max auf der Suche nach David Foster Wallace gefunden hat: Mit all seinen Entdeckungen und Dramen, der Verliebtheit, der Liebe, der Langeweile, den Ängsten und Krankheiten, den Glücksfällen und Fehlentscheidungen, den Sehnsüchten – eine Geschichte von den dunkelsten und den hellsten Tagen. Mit Jede Liebesgeschichte ist eine Geistergeschichte legt D.T. Max eine Biographie über David Foster Wallace vor, die sich liest wie ein Roman – ein unverzichtbares Buch!

**The Cambridge Companion to David Foster Wallace** Dec 25 2021 A compelling, comprehensive, and substantive introduction to the work of David Foster Wallace.