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The Reception of James Joyce in Europe

Dalkey Archive Press
This year Rikki Ducornet is being presented with a lifetime achievement award by the American Academy of Arts and Letters for her beloved work as a novelist and essayist, but perhaps most of all for her work as a writer of short stories. In the tradition of Italo Calvino, Donald Barthelme, and Angela Carter, Ducornet creates modern-day fables filled with characters as complex and surprising as any in American short fiction. This landmark collection of new stories is generously illustrated by T. Motley, whose gritty, fantastical cartooning explores the same post-magical realism that has been the subject of Ducornet's distinguished career. "Rikki Ducornet is linguistically explosive . . . one of the most interesting American writers around." —The Nation "[Ducornet] writes like a stunned time-traveler, testifying in breathless fragments to exotic ages that have gone or never were. . . . It's startling and refreshing to encounter a writer whose work insists so relentlessly upon the magic of making tales." —Robert Chatain, Chicago Tribune "In the bizarre world of Rikki Ducornet's fiction, laughter and terror hold hands in an uneasy truce and almost anything can happen." —Richard Burgin, Washington Post "It is high time that the U.S. discovered one of its foremost women novelists and accorded her the recognition that the ebullient quality of her imagination deserves." —American Book Review

The Hard Life

Franklin Watts
This Is Not a Tragedy examines David Markson's entire body of work, ranging from his early tongue-in-cheek Western and crime novels to contemporary classics such as Wittgenstein's Mistress and Reader's Block. Having begun in parody, Markson's writing soon began to fragment, its pieces adding up to a peculiar sort of self-portrait—doubtful and unsteady—and in the process achieving nothing less than

a redefinition of the novel form. Written on the verge of silence, David Markson's fiction represents an intimate, unsettling, and unique voice in the cacophony of modern letters, and This Is Not a Tragedy charts Markson's attempts to find, in art and language, the solace denied us by life. from This Is Not a Tragedy: "How much of myself is in there? It's all me. Especially in Reader's Block, all that personal stuff re: Reader and/or Protagonist, ex-wife, ex-galfriends, children, lack of money, isolation, messed-up life, and/or some items dictated by nov-elistic necessity—and of course there is necessary invention there also, e.g., a house at a cemetery—but even little items like a couple of yellow stones from Masada or a reproduction of Giotto's Dante—I plucked up whatever was ready at hand. Is that laziness, or is it what they speak of as using what one knows? Take your pick." —David Markson to Francioise Palleau-Papin

Night

Dalkey Archive Press
Not since Louis-Ferdinand Celine's Ferdinand Bardamu has a character appeared in fiction with such a bitter, ironic, hysterically ranting voice. Tonka--a fifty-something woman spending the night watching TV before leaving her husband for a younger man--rails against all of society, from attacks on America to complaints about commercials, from the passive nature of most married women to the way corporations control the world. With shocking honesty and anger, she pours out her soul to an imaginary audience, interspersing her rants with the story of her difficult life, the suffering experienced during the Yugoslav war, and the affairs she and her best friend have with the same man.

Count Julian

Dalkey Archive Press
Christ versus Arizona turns on the events in 1881 that surrounded the shootout at the OK Corral, where Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, and Virgil and Morgan Earp fought the Clantons and the McLaurys. Set against a backdrop of an Arizona influenced by the Mexican Revolution and the westward expansion of the United States, the story is a bravura performance by the 1989 Nobel Prize-winning author. A

monologue by the naive, unreliable, and uneducated Wendell L. Espana, the book weaves together hundreds of characters and a torrent of interconnected anecdotes, some true, some fabricated. Wendell's story is a document of the vast array of ills that welcomed the dawning of the twentieth century, ills that continue to shape our world in the new millennium."

Impossible Object

Dalkey Archive Press
In a series of inter-related stories, husbands, wives and lovers attempt to come to grips with their 'impossible' situations, while the novel itself attempts to show in its formal inventiveness just how bewildering romantic love can be. [News from the Empire](#) Dalkey Archive Press

A striking reassessment of the Don Juan myth. A literary tour de force, this extraordinary novel is told in single-minded pursuit of double meanings, but it is serious play. Larva is a rollicking account of a masquerade party in an abandoned mansion in London. Milalias (disguised as Don Juan) searches for Babelle (as Sleeping Beauty) through a linguistic funhouse of puns and wordplay recalling Joyce's Finnegans Wake. A mock-scholarly commentary reveals the backgrounds of the masked revellers, while Rios' allusive language shows that words too wear masks, hiding an astonishing range of further meanings and implications. Larva revives a Hispanic tradition repressed for centuries by introducing the English tradition of puns, palindromes and acrostics (a word puzzle in which certain letters in each line form a word or words) and establishes Rios as the most accomplished successor (in any language) to Joyce.

The City Builder

Dalkey Archive Press
When an unknown black poodle inexplicably explodes in philosophy professor Timothy Chesterton-Brown's back yard--paralyzing the professor and killing his guest--the "mystery of the sardine" begins. Its solution will involve such unwitting detectives as a twelve-year-old mathematician, his mother, his beloved, a palmist named Miss Prentice, and a bureaucrat dubbed the Minister of Imponderabilia. The clues they unearth--

drawing on logic, the occult, intuition, and everything in between--lead them far away from the tiny seaside town where they begin. We follow them to Majorca, Rome, Warsaw, and London, but in the end, the solution lies beyond even the furthest and most magical reaches of reason.

Imaginative Qualities of Actual Things Dalkey Archive Press

A comic look at Irish life. The narrator is Finbarr, an orphan raised amid the odor of good whisky and bad cooking. With a mixture of admiration and unease he watches his brother, Manus, turn into a young man of business, successful enough to move to England.

Teeth Under the Sun Dalkey Archive Press
This bitterly funny memoir reads like an exposé of the power structures in America's higher education system: who's got it, how they're abusing it, what everyone else is willing to do to get it, and the social cost of doing educational business this way. We follow our protagonist, Kassie, as the academic world reshapes her life, her worst secrets and most humiliating mistakes revealing deep problems of race, class, gender, and sexuality. We watch as she alienates her family by hanging her "snobbish" nose over books; as she embarks on an adulterous affair with her instructor; as she comes to terms with her racist attitudes toward her own inner-city students; and as she abandons her principles for the sake of her career. A scathing and fierce work, at once sorry and triumphant.

Christ Versus Arizona Dalkey Archive Press
In this collection of short stories, the lands of both the living and the dead are equally dark and mysterious worlds where logic and reality are subject to constant change and where ideas about identity and self are continually questioned.

God's Hazard Dalkey Archive Press
A retelling of the play in which fairy creatures meddle with varying results in the lives of human creatures wandering in their woods.

Experience & Religion Dalkey Archive Press

Prominent Moscow poet Evgeny Bunimovich selected representative work from forty-four living Russian poets born after 1945 to be translated and published in this bilingual edition. The collection ranges from the mordant post-Soviet irony

of Igor Irteniev to the fresh voices of poets like Marianna Geide and Anna Russ -- young women just beginning to make themselves heard. The book includes the work of Booker Prize winner Sergey Gandlevsky and several winners of the Andrey Bely Prize and Brodsky Fellowships. Most of these poems, and many of the poets, have previously been unpublished in the West.

Realm of the Dead Dalkey Archive Press
Details a series of sordid and ridiculous episodes in the life of a family under the influence of an eccentric and sexually rapacious father, in a first novel by the cult songwriter that traces the youth of a boy who witnesses their collective descent into hopeless dysfunction. Original.

This is Not a Tragedy Dalkey Archive Press
"Religion," this book begins, "is a mistrusted word now," and Nicholas Mosley, in this engaging meditation, seeks to repair that trust. Rather than trying to convince or compel the reader to accept his beliefs, he describes how religion functions in the modern world. Elsewhere, Mosley has written, "There is a subject nowadays which is taboo in the way that sexuality was once taboo, which is to talk about life as if it had any meaning." In this book, he describes religion as the source of that meaning. Despair is the fashionable attitude, but it is one Mosley, here and in his many novels, rejects in favor of a cautious optimism. He writes not to persuade, but to explain a worldview that is refreshing for the hope and intelligence it contains.

Melancholy Dalkey Archive Press
The hiring of a new secretary shouldn't be a big deal--just a slight change in the office environment. But for the protagonist of this novel, it is a declaration of war, a call to arms: "The new secretary has only been here two days," she says, "and I'm already talking about evil, a word I shouldn't even be using--arming myself for battle and choosing my weapons." Her quiet life of sacrifice and service has been rudely disrupted by the new hire, and she is not--despite the advice of her doctor, her neighbors, and her daughter--about to leave it at that. Instead, sabotage, alcohol, and kindness become the arsenal in a conflict fought across copy rooms and office parties. But the humor is undercut by a sadness, a sense of defeat that

makes this slim novel resonate with the injustice of our increasingly impersonal, corporate world.

Man in the Holocene Dalkey Archive Press
"A luminous parable . . . A masterpiece." The New York Times

Marks of Identity Dalkey Archive Press
A major scholarly collection of international research on the reception of James Joyce in Europe

The One Marvelous Thing Dalkey Archive Press

A modern-day Don Quixote and an exile in his own hometown, the protagonist of *Teeth Under the Sun* is kept from writing by a conspiracy (real? imagined?) designed to prevent him from revealing the truth about the town's strange status quo and violent past. In a place where people have abandoned their houses for tiny apartments in the confines of new high-rises, the narrator walks the almost empty streets, remembering better times and meeting figures from his past: his ex-wife, his son, writers, friends, and revolutionaries. And all of this is interspersed with his memories of the movies *Fact and Fiction*, past and present, all meet in this story of the narrator's attempts to engage more fully with a modern world forcing him into isolation. *As You Were Saying* Dalkey Archive Press
Winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature for 2023 "Melancholy" takes us deep inside a painter's fragile consciousness, vulnerable to everything but therefore uniquely able to see its beauty and its light.

The Distant Sound Dalkey Archive Press
"Gilbert Sorrentino's third novel is about the New York artistic and literary world of the 1950s and '60s, specifically the artists, writers, hangers-on, and the phonies who populated that world. In a prose that is ruthless as well as possessed of an enormous comic verve, the dedicated, the stupid, the rapacious, and the foolish are dissected. Eight major characters, many of whom reappear in Sorrentino's later novels, are employed to allow the reader a variety of views of the same world. Told in the weary voice of a cynical and sardonic narrator, the novel is crammed with fantastic characters, incidents, and episodes, and moves from wit and satire through elegiac brooding, to bitter invective. It is a superb re-creation of a real time and place."--Publisher description.