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<p>Seminar paper from the year 2006 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,3, RWTH Aachen University, 13 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: PAUL AUSTER`s novel 'City of Glass' published in 1985 appeared during the period of the postmodern era.1 Although it is considerably discussed at what time the beginnings of</p>	<p>the postmodern era is to be set, it is irrefutable that 'City of Glass' belongs to postmodern literature. To analyse in how far PAUL AUSTER`s 'City of Glass' serves as a representative of the postmodern era and to show the reader in what way postmodern qualities are converted into the writings of that time, the main part of this paper will be divided up into two sections. The first section</p>	<p>serves to define the coming up of this movement and the qualities it possesses within the genre of detective fiction. Furthermore some important idealistic features like the idea of reality and identity have to be taken into consideration. The short introduction of the two identity-constituting models by ERIKSON and MEAD will provide a</p>
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better overview of the idea of identity formation. Within the second section the novel itself will be taken into consideration. Therefore it is necessary to take a close look at the main character Daniel Quinn and his character development the crisis of his identity in the course of the novel respectively. Besides another striking factor, namely the appearance of

doublings and triplings of characters, has to be clarified as well as the role of the narrator. The conclusion at the end of the paper is supposed then to show to what extent 'City of Glass' belongs to postmodern literature and which peculiarities of postmodern writings have been included in this novel. Since there are just a few recent publications on Paul Auster and his novels three of them namely, An

Art of Desire: Reading Paul Auster by BERND HERZOGENTH, Crisis: The Works of Paul Auster by CARSTEN SPRINGER and the pu [Neon Lit:city of Glass](#) Harper Perennial A timeless, utterly charming Christmas fable, beautifully illustrated and destined to become a classic When Paul Auster was asked by The New York Times to write a Christmas story for the Op-Ed page,

the result, "Auggie Wren's Christmas Story," led to Auster's collaboration on a film adaptation, *Smoke*. Now the story has found yet another life in this enchanting illustrated edition with Argentine artist Isol. It begins with a writer's dilemma: he's been asked by *The New York Times* to write a story that will appear in the paper on Christmas morning. The writer agrees, but he has a

problem: How to write an unsentimental Christmas story? He unburdens himself to his friend at his local cigar shop, a colorful character named Auggie Wren. "A Christmas story? Is that all?" Auggie counters. "If you buy me lunch, my friend, I'll tell you the best Christmas story you ever heard. And I guarantee every word of it is true." And an unconventional story it is, involving a

lost wallet, a blind woman, and a Christmas dinner. Everything gets turned upside down. What's stealing? What's giving? What's a lie? What's the truth? It's vintage Auster, and pure pleasure: a truly unsentimental but completely affecting tale. *Paul Auster's 'City of Glass' as a Postmodern Detective Novel* Penguin When reclusive crime writer Daniel Quinn

receives a mysterious call seeking a private detective in the middle of the night, he quickly and unwittingly becomes the protagonist in a thriller of his own. As the familiar territory of the noir detective genre gives way to something altogether more disturbing, Quinn becomes consumed by his mission, and begins to lose his grip on reality. *God Dies by the Nile* Penguin

A graphic, crime noir novel on a New York detective-cum-novelist who answers a wrong number. A double-barreled investigation, one from the perspective of the detective, the other from that of the novelist. Adapted from Paul Auster's *City of Glass* by the creators of *Maus*. *City of Glass* GRIN Verlag Paul Auster is one of the most acclaimed figures in American

literature. Known primarily as a novelist, Auster's films and various collaborations are now gaining more recognition. Evija Trofimova offers a radically different approach to the author's wider body of work, unpacking the fascinating web of relationships between his texts and presenting Auster's canon as a rhizomatic facto-fictional network produced by a

set of writing tools. Exploring Auster's literal and figurative use of these tools – the typewriter, the cigarette, the doppelgänger figure, the city – Evija Trofimova discovers Auster's "writing machine", a device that works both as a means to write and as a construct that manifests the emblematic writer-figure. This is a book about assembling texts and textual networks, the writing

machines that produce them, and the ways such machines invest them with meaning. Embarking on a scholarly quest that takes her from between the lines of Auster's work to between the streets of his beloved New York and finally to the man himself, Paul Auster's *Writing Machine* becomes not just a critical investigation but a critical collaboration, raising important questions about the

ultimate meaning of Auster's work, and about the relationship between texts, their authors, their readers and their critics.

The Symbolic and Metaphoric Potential of Paul

Auster's "City of Glass" W. W. Norton & Company
An inside look into Paul Auster's art and craft, the inspirations and obsessions, mesmerizing and dramatic in turn. A remarkably

candid, and often surprisingly dramatic, investigation into one writer's art, craft, and life, *A Life in Words* is rooted in three years of dialogue between Auster and Professor I. B. Siegumfeldt, starting in 2011, while Siegumfeldt was in the process of launching the Center for Paul Auster Studies at the University of Copenhagen. It includes a number of surprising disclosures,

both concerning Auster's work and about the art of writing generally. It is a book that's full of surprises, unscripted yet amounting to a sharply focused portrait of the inner workings of one of America's most productive and successful writers, through all twenty-one of Auster's narrative works and the themes and obsessions that drive them. *A Life in Words* GRIN

Verlag From The New York Trilogy to *The Book of Illusions*, Paul Auster's novels have earned him a reputation as "one of American's most spectacularly inventive writers." Here, published together for the first time, are the screenplays of the three films he made in the 1990s. *Smoke* (starring Harvey Keitel, William Hurt, Forest Whitaker, and Stockard Channing) tells the story

of a novelist, a cigar store manager, and a black teenager who unexpectedly cross paths and end up changing each other's lives in indelible ways. Set in contemporary Brooklyn, *Smoke* directly inspired *Blue in the Face*, a largely improvised comedy shot in a total of six days. A film unlike any other it stars Harvey Keitel, with featured performances by Roseanne, Lily Tomlin, Lou Reed, and Michael J. Fox.

Lulu on the Bridge (Auster's solo directorial debut, again starring Harvey Keitel, with Mira Sorvino, Willem Dafoe, and Vanessa Redgrave) opens with the accidental shooting of jazz musician Izzy Maurer during a performance in a New York club. Izzy is then led on a journey into the strange and sometimes frightening labyrinth of his soul. Both thriller and fairy tale, *Lulu on the Bridge*

is above all a story about the redemptive powers of love. [Neon Lit:city of Glass](#) Macmillan Nawal el Saadawi's classic tale attempts to square Islam with a society in which women are respected as equals is as relevant today as ever. 'People have become corrupt everywhere. You can search in vain for Islam, or a devout Muslim. They no longer exist.' *Kafr El*

Teen is a beautiful, sleepy village on the banks of the Nile. Yet at its heart it is tyrannical and corrupt. The Mayor, Sheikh Hamzawi of the mosque, and the Chief of the Village Guard are obsessed by wealth and use and abuse the women of the village, taking them as slaves, marrying them and beating them. Resistance, it seems, is futile. Zakeya, an ordinary villager, works in the fields by the Nile and

watches the world, squatting in the dusty entrance to her house, quietly accepting her fate. It is only when her nieces fall prey to the Mayor that Zakeya becomes enraged by the injustice of her society and possessed by demons. Where is the loving and peaceful God in whom Zakeya believes?" *Walking Through Paul Auster's "City of Glass": "Flânerie" in his Novel*

Harper Perennial A graphic novel classic with a new introduction by Art Spiegelman Quinn writes mysteries. The Washington Post has described him as a "post-existentialist private eye." An unknown voice on the telephone is now begging for his help, drawing him into a world and a mystery far stranger than any he ever created in print. Adapted by Paul Karasik and David Mazzucchelli,

with graphics by David Mazzucchelli, Paul Auster's groundbreaking, Edgar Award-nominated masterwork has been astonishingly transformed into a new visual language. "[This graphic novel] is, surprisingly, not just a worthy supplement to the novel, but a work of art that fully justifies its existence on its own terms."--The Guardian *Chronotopes of the Uncanny*

Picador
A LOS ANGELES TIMES BOOK PRIZE WINNER
A BOSTON GLOBE BEST BOOK OF 2021
Booker Prize-shortlisted and New York Times bestselling author Paul Auster's comprehensive, landmark biography of the great American writer Stephen Crane. With *Burning Boy*, celebrated novelist Paul Auster tells the extraordinary story of Stephen Crane, best

known as the author of *The Red Badge of Courage*, who transformed American literature through an avalanche of original short stories, novellas, poems, journalism, and war reportage before his life was cut short by tuberculosis at age twenty-eight. Auster's probing account of this singular life tracks Crane as he rebounds from one perilous situation to the next: A controversial

article written at twenty disrupts the course of the 1892 presidential campaign, a public battle with the New York police department over the false arrest of a prostitute effectively exiles him from the city, a star-crossed love affair with an unhappily married uptown girl tortures him, a common-law marriage to the proprietress of Jacksonville's most elegant bawdyhouse endures, a

shipwreck results in his near drowning, he withstands enemy fire to send dispatches from the Spanish-American War, and then he relocates to England, where Joseph Conrad becomes his closest friend and Henry James weeps over his tragic, early death. In *Burning Boy*, Auster not only puts forth an immersive read about an unforgettable life but also, casting a dazzled eye

on Crane's astonishing originality and productivity, provides uniquely knowing insight into Crane's creative processes to produce the rarest of reading experiences—the dramatic biography of a brilliant writer as only another literary master could tell it. **The New York Trilogy** GRIN Verlag When reclusive crime writer Daniel Quinn receives a mysterious call seeking a

private detective in the middle of the night, he quickly and unwittingly becomes the protagonist in a thriller of his own. As the familiar territory of the noir detective genre gives way to something altogether more disturbing, Quinn becomes consumed by his mission, and begins to lose his grip on reality.

Searching for identity: The mutual projection of the 'postlapsaria

n' protagonist and his environment in Paul Auster's "City of Glass" GRIN Verlag
Using the theoretical frameworks of Freud, Todorov, and Bahktin, this book explores how American writers of the late 20th century have translated the psychoanalytical concept of »the uncanny« into their novelistic discourses. The two texts under scrutiny - Paul Auster's »City of Glass« and

Toni Morrison's »Jazz« - show that the uncanny has developed into a crucial trope to delineate personal and collective fears that are often grounded on the postmodern disruption of spatio-temporal continuities and coherences. Conversations with Paul Auster Univ. Press of Mississippi Bachelor Thesis from the year 2012 in the subject English

Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,0, University of Dusseldorf "Heinrich Heine" (Philosophische Fakultät), language: English, abstract: The topic of this paper is to examine the detective novel City of Glass, published by Paul Auster in 1985, from a psychoanalytical point of view. This analytic approach, combining both detective fiction and psychoanalysis

s, is more natural than might appear at first glance. After all, the modus operandi of the psychoanalyst and the detective are quite similar. A close contemplation of details, a search for hints and finally a development of a theory that unites the small signs in a big picture are crucial steps in both fields. Sigmund Freud laid out the common importance of details as following: And

if you were a detective engaged in tracing a murder, would you expect to find that the murderer had left his photograph behind at the place of the crime, with his address attached? Or would you not necessarily have to be satisfied with comparatively slight and obscure traces of the person you were in search of? So do not let us underestimate small indications, by their help we may succeed in getting on

the track of something bigger. Furthermore, Freud emphasized how psychoanalysts are practicing a kind of detective-work as well: "We have to uncover psychic material; and in order to do this we have invented a number of detective devices." Due to those parallels, "psychological studies of mystery and detective narratives have a long and varied

history." Most of these approaches have analyzed traditional detective fiction. Auster's very untraditional detective novel, however, plays with the conventions of the genre and creates its very own detective universe, a confusing play of constantly changing identities. This universe shows parallels to the world-view of the French psychoanalyst Jaques Lacan, as: Lacanian psychoanalysis

s offers a theory of the subject that does without concepts such as unity, origin, continuity. It goes from the assumption of a fundamentally split subject and thus comes up with a model of subjectivity that grounds itself on a constitutive lack rather than wholeness. These parallels are not a pure coincidence as Auster is familiar with Lacan's work and quotes themes of

<p>Lacanian psychoanalysis. Also, Lacan himself applied his theories to detective fiction, such as <i>The Purloined Letter</i> by Edgar Allan Poe. In this work, the central question that shall be the focus of investigation is: From a psychoanalytical point of view – how does Paul Auster position his main character Daniel Quinn in the context of traditional detective</p>	<p>novels?(...) <i>“Reading the City”</i>: <i>The concept of language in Paul Auster’s “City of Glass”</i> Picador The remarkable, acclaimed series of interconnected detective novels – from the author of <i>4 3 2 1</i>: A Novel The New York Review of Books has called Paul Auster's work “one of the most distinctive niches in contemporary literature.” <i>Moving at the breathless pace of a</i></p>	<p>thriller, this uniquely stylized trilogy of detective novels begins with <i>City of Glass</i>, in which Quinn, a mystery writer, receives an ominous phone call in the middle of the night. He’s drawn into the streets of New York, onto an elusive case that’s more puzzling and more deeply-layered than anything he might have written himself. In <i>Ghosts</i>, Blue, a mentee of Brown, is hired by White</p>
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to spy on Black from a window on Orange Street. Once Blue starts stalking Black, he finds his subject on a similar mission, as well. In *The Locked Room*, Fanshawe has disappeared, leaving behind his wife and baby and nothing but a cache of novels, plays, and poems. This Penguin Classics Deluxe Edition includes an introduction from author and professor Luc Sante, as well as a pulp novel-inspired cover from Art

Spiegelman, Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic artist of *Maus* and *In the Shadow of No Towers*. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust

the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators. *Graphic Adaptation of Paul Auster's City of Glass - Visual Language and Symbolism* transcript Verlag "Consistently entertaining... always poised, eloquent, and full of moments of tenderness."

—Electric Literature The 52 micro-memoirs in genre-defying Heating & Cooling offer bright glimpses into a richly lived life, combining the compression of poetry with the truth-telling of nonfiction into one heartfelt, celebratory book. Alternatingly wistful and wry, ranging from childhood recollections to quirky cultural observations, these micro-memoirs build on one

another to shape a life from unexpectedly illuminating moments. **Conversations with Paul Auster** Sun and Moon Press Paul Auster (b. 1947) is one of the most critically acclaimed and intensely studied authors in America today. His varied career as a novelist, poet, translator, and filmmaker has attracted scholarly scrutiny from a variety of critical perspectives.

The steadily rising arc of his large readership has made him something of a popular culture figure with many appearances in print interviews, as well as on television, the radio, and the internet. Auster's best known novel may be his first, *City of Glass* (1985), a grim and intellectually puzzling mystery that belies its surface image as a "detective novel" and goes on to become a

profound meditation on transience and mortality, the inadequacies of language, and isolation. Fifteen more novels have followed since then, including *The Music of Chance*, *Moon Palace*, *The Book of Illusions*, and *The Brooklyn Follies*. He has, in the words of one critic, "given the phrase 'experimental fiction' a good name" by fashioning bona fide literary works with all the rigor and

intellect demanded of the contemporary avant-garde. This volume--the first of its kind on Auster--will be useful to both scholars and students for the penetrating self-analysis and the wide range of biographical information and critical commentary it contains. *Conversations with Paul Auster* covers all of Auster's oeuvre, from *The New York Trilogy*--of which *City of Glass* is a component--to

Sunset Park (2010), along with his screenplays for *Smoke* (1995) and *Blue in the Face* (1996). Within, Auster nimbly discusses his poetry, memoir, nonfiction, translations, and film directing. [Space, Gender and Subjectivity in Paul Auster's Novel City of Glass](#) Seven Stories Press A man's obsession with a silent-film star sends him on a journey into a shadow world of lies, illusions, and

unexpected love Six months after losing his wife and two young sons in an airplane crash, Vermont professor David Zimmer spends his waking hours mired in a blur of alcoholic grief and self-pity. Then, watching television one night, he stumbles upon a clip from a lost silent film by comedian Hector Mann. Zimmer's interest is piqued, and he soon finds himself embarking on a journey around the world to research a book on this mysterious figure, who vanished from sight in 1929 and has been presumed dead for sixty years. When the book is published the following year, a letter turns up in Zimmer's mailbox bearing a return address from a small town in New Mexico—supposedly written by Hector's wife. "Hector has read your book and would like to meet you. Are you interested in paying us a visit?" Is the letter a hoax, or is Hector Mann still alive? Torn between doubt and belief, Zimmer hesitates, until one night a strange woman appears on his doorstep and makes the decision for him, changing his life forever. This stunning novel plunges the reader into a universe in which the comic and the tragic, the real and the imagined, the violent and the tender dissolve into

one another. With *The Book of Illusions*, one of America's most powerful and original writers has written his richest, most emotionally charged work yet.

City of Glass

Univ. Press of Mississippi
From the bestselling author of *Oracle Night* and *The Book of Illusions*, an exhilarating, whirlwind tale of one man's accidental redemption Nathan Glass has come to Brooklyn to die. Divorced, estranged

from his only daughter, the retired life insurance salesman seeks only solitude and anonymity. Then Nathan finds his long-lost nephew, Tom Wood, working in a local bookstore—a far cry from the brilliant academic career he'd begun when Nathan saw him last. Tom's boss is the charismatic Harry Brightman, whom fate has also brought to the "ancient kingdom of

Brooklyn, New York."

Through Tom and Harry, Nathan's world gradually broadens to include a new set of acquaintances—not to mention a stray relative or two—and leads him to a reckoning with his past. Among the many twists in the delicious plot are a scam involving a forgery of the first page of *The Scarlet Letter*, a disturbing revelation that takes place in a sperm bank,

and an impossible, utopian dream of a rural refuge. Meanwhile, the wry and acerbic Nathan has undertaken something he calls *The Book of Human Folly*, in which he proposes "to set down in the simplest, clearest language possible an account of every blunder, every pratfall, every embarrassment, every idiocy, every foible, and every inane act I had committed

during my long and checkered career as a man." But life takes over instead, and Nathan's despair is swept away as he finds himself more and more implicated in the joys and sorrows of others. The Brooklyn Follies is Paul Auster's warmest, most exuberant novel, a moving and unforgettable hymn to the glories and mysteries of ordinary human life. *Oracle Night*

GRIN Verlag
"I am alone in the dark, turning the world around in my head as I struggle through another bout of insomnia, another white night in the great American wilderness." So begins Paul Auster's brilliant, devastating tale about the many realities we inhabit as wars flame all around us. Seventy-two-year-old August Brill is recovering from a car accident in his daughter's house in

Vermont. When sleep refuses to come, he lies in bed and tells himself stories, struggling to push back thoughts about things he would prefer to forget ? his wife's recent death and the horrific murder of his granddaughter's boyfriend, Titus. The retired book critic imagines a parallel world in which America is not at war with Iraq but with itself. In this other America the twin towers did not

fall, and the 2000 election results led to secession, as state after state pulled away from the union, and a bloody civil war ensued. As the night progresses, Brill's story grows increasingly intense, and what he is so desperately trying to avoid insists on being told. Joined in the early hours by his granddaughter, he gradually opens up to her and recounts the story of his marriage. After she falls

asleep, he at last finds the courage to revisit the trauma of Titus's death. Passionate and shocking, *Man in the Dark* is a story of our moment, an audiobook that forces us to confront the blackness of night even as it celebrates the existence of ordinary joys in a world capable of the most grotesque violence. **City of Glass** Henry Holt and Company Seminar paper from the year 2008 in the

<p>subject English - Literature, Works, grade: 2, University of Constance, course: Hauptseminar - „History, Theory, Practise of Reading“ , language: English, abstract: Hunger, chance, disappearance and solitude are the central themes of Auster’s fiction.¹ Sometimes these themes are easy to detect but in their core more complex as they seem to be on first sight. With the</p>	<p>New York Trilogy Paul Auster has created a powerful and deep going tripartite work which made him popular all over the world. In 1989, he received the Prix France Culture de Littérature Étrangère for this, his first novella and many other prices followed for other works he has published until now. City of Glass² deals with reality and coincidence - failure and identity in the</p>	<p>frame of a detective story. “It was a wrong number that started it”³ is the first sentence the reader detects when one begins to read the novel. A story about a writer named Quinn that used to be a quite talented writer. After he had lost his wife and son, he publishes detective stories under the pseudonym William Wilson. Isolated from his fellow humans Quinn gets involved into a</p>
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sequence of events marked by chance and solitude. He accepts to work on a case as a detective after he had received a strange phone call asking for Paul Auster the famous detective. Quinn accepts the case and from now on works under the name of Paul Auster.

Him and the caller Peter Stillman meet and Quinn gets to know the details of his work – he is to protect Peter from his father Mr. Stillman senior who as Peter’s wife thinks is planning to kill his son. This marks the beginning of Quinn’s long journey through New York City. [...] 1 Dennis

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