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This volume of Contemporary Authors(R) New Revision Series brings you up-to-date information on approximately 250 writers. Editors have scoured dozens of leading journals, magazines, newspapers and online sources in search of the latest news and criticism. Writers appearing in this volume include: Gail Anderson-Dargatz Valerie Martin Isidore Okpewho Philip Roth This book substantiates two claims. First, the modern world was not simply produced by "objective" factors, rooted in geographical discoveries and scientific inventions, to be traced to economic, technological or political factors, but is the outcome of social, cultural and spiritual processes. Among such factors, beyond the Protestant ethic (Max Weber), the rise of the absolutist state and its disciplinary network (Michel Foucault), or court society (Norbert Elias), a prime role is played by theatre. The modern reality is deeply theatricalized. Second, a special access for studying this theatricalized world is offered by novels. The best classical novels not simply can be interpreted as describing a world "like" the theatre, but they capture and present a world that has become thoroughly transformed into a global theatre. The theatre effectively transformed the world, and classical novels effectively analyze this "theatricalized" reality – much better than the main instruments supposedly destined to study reality, philosophy and sociology. Thus, instead of using the technique of sociology to analyze novels, the book will treat novels as a "royal road" to analyze a theatricalized reality, in order to find our way back to a genuine and meaningful life. Evolution and Conversion explores the main tenets of René Girard's thought in a series of dialogues. Here, Girard reflects on the evolution of his thought and offers striking new insights on topics such as violence, religion, desire and literature. His long argument is a historical one in which the origin of culture and religion is reunited in the contemporary world by means of a reinterpretation of Christianity and an understanding of the intrinsically violent nature of human beings. He also offers provocative re-readings of Biblical and literary texts and responds to statements by Daniel Dennett and Richard Dawkins. Including an introduction by the authors, this is a revealing text by one of the most original thinkers of our time. La leyenda del título es la de un reino africano en el que el rey era ejecutado cuando los astros alcanzaban determinadas posiciones. Hasta allí llegó un extranjero que contaba historias embriagadoras, tanto que los sacerdotes olvidaron escrutar el cielo y se inició la ruina del antiguo

orden. Aquí el maestro de ceremonias es Talleyrand, que nos introduce en lugares y vicisitudes: la Corte de Versalles, la India de los Veda, María Antonieta, Goethe, Baudelaire, Marx, tres sórdidos asesinos, Napoleón & Figuras conectadas unas a otras y que remiten a un mismo origen: la leyenda de la ruina de Kasch. Publisher description *Liminal Politics in the New Age of Disease* explores the phenomenon of 'liminal politics': an open-ended 'state of exception' in which normal rules no longer apply, and things which were previously unimaginable become possible – even appearing remarkably quickly to represent a 'new normal'. With attention to the emergency measures introduced to counter the spread of Covid-19, it shows how the emergency suspension of democratic accountability, ordinary life and civil liberties, while accidental, can lend itself to orchestration and exploitation for the purpose of political gain by 'trickster' or 'parasitic' figures. An examination of the cloning of political responses from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, with little consideration of their rational justification or local context, this volume interrogates the underlying dynamics of a global technological mimetism, as novel technocratic interventions are repeated and the way is opened for new technologies to reorganise social life in a manner that threatens the disintegration of its existing patterns. As such, it will appeal to scholars and students of sociology, social theory and anthropological theory with interests in political expediency and the transformation of social life. Why has monarchy been such a prevalent institution throughout history and in such a diverse range of societies? Kingship is at the heart of both ritual and politics and has major implications for the theory of social and cultural anthropology. Yet, despite the contemporary fascination with royalty, anthropologists have sorely neglected the subject in recent decades. This book combines a strong theoretical argument with a wealth of ethnography from kingships in Africa, Asia and the Pacific. Quigley gives a timely and much-needed overview of the anthropology of kingship and a crucial reassessment of the contributions of Frazer and Hocart to debates about the nature and function of royal ritual. From diverse fieldwork sites, a number of eminent anthropologists demonstrate how ritual and power intertwine to produce a series of variations around myth, tragedy and historical realities. However, underneath this diversity, two common themes invariably emerge: the attempt to portray kingship as timeless and perfect, and the dual nature of the king as sacred being and scapegoat. "In our highly literate culture, orality is all-pervasive. Different kinds of media and performance - theatre, film, television, story-telling, structured play - make us ask what is the relation between improvisation and premeditation, between transcription and textualization, between rehearsal, recollection and re-narration. The challenge of writing down what is spoken is partly technical, but also political and philosophical. How do young writers represent the spoken language of their contemporaries? What are the rules governing the transcription of oral evidence in fiction and non-fiction? Is the relationship between oral and written always a hierarchical one? Does the textualization of the oral destroy, more than it commemorates or preserves, the oral itself? Twelve wide-ranging essays, the majority on contemporary Italian theatre and literature, explore these questions in the most up-to-date account of orality and literacy in modern Italian culture yet produced. With the contributions: Michael Caesar, Marina Spunta- Introduction Michael Caesar- Voice, Vision and Orality: Notes on Reading Adriana Cavarero Arturo Tosi- Histrionic Transgressions: The Dario Fo-Commedia dell'Arte Relationship Revisited Gerardo Guccini- Le poetiche del 'teatro narrazione' fra 'scrittura oralizzante' e oralità-che-si-fa-testo Richard Andrews- Composing, Reciting, Inscribing and Transcribing Playtexts in the Community Theatre of Monticchiello David Forgacs- An Oral Renarration of a Photomontage, 1960 Alessandra Broccolini- Identità locali e giochi popolari in Italia tra oralità e scrittura Marina Spunta- The Facets of Italian Orality: An Overview of the Recent Debate Kate Litherland- Literature and Youth in the 1990s: Orality and the Written in Tiziano Scarpa's *Cos'è questo fracasso?* and Caliceti and Mozzi's *Quello*

che ho da dirvi Elena Porciani- Note su oralita e narrazione inattendibile Marco Codebo- Voice and Events in Manlio Calegari's Comunisti e partigiani: Genova 1942-1945 Hanna Serkowska- Oralita o stile? La trasmissione orale e le modalita narrative ne La Storia di Elsa Morante Catherine O'Rawe-Orality, Microhistory and Memory: Gesualdo Bufalino and Claudio Magris between Narrative and History" A sparkling new translation of the classic work on violence and revolution as seen through mythology and art The Ruin of Kasch takes up two subjects: "the first is Talleyrand, and the second is everything else," wrote Italo Calvino when the book first appeared in 1983. Hailed as one of those rare books that persuade us to see our entire civilization in a new light, its guide is the French statesman Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand, who knew the secrets of the ancien régime and all that came after, and was able to adapt the notion of "legitimacy" to the modern age. Roberto Calasso follows him through a vast gallery of scenes set immediately before and after the French Revolution, making occasional forays backward and forward in time, from Vedic India to the porticoes of the Palais-Royal and to the killing fields of Pol Pot, with appearances by Goethe and Marie Antoinette, Napoleon and Marx, Walter Benjamin and Chateaubriand. At the centre stands the story of the ruin of Kasch, a legendary kingdom based on the ritual killing of the king and emblematic of the ruin of ancient and modern regimes. 'Startling, puzzling, profound . . . a work charged with intelligence and literary seduction' The New York Times 'Unique, idiosyncratic and vaultingly ambitious... essential reading' Independent 'A great fat jewel-box of a book, gleaming with obscure treasures' John Banville Presenting the stories of Zeus and Europa, Theseus and Ariadne, the birth of Athens and the fall of Troy, in all their variants, Calasso also uncovers the distant origins of secrets and tragedy, virginity, and rape. "A perfect work like no other. (Calasso) has re-created . . . the morning of our world."--Gore Vidal. 15 engravings. "An astounding and original thriller with a complex relationship between three women at its heart and an explosive conclusion." —B. A. Paris, New York Times bestselling author of Behind Closed Doors The next gripping psychological thriller by the author of How I Lost You, Jenny Blackhurst's #1 international bestseller, about a psychiatrist and patient relationship that turns not only toxic...but deadly. Karen, Eleanor, and Bea have been best friends since childhood. They know everything about each other's lives, or at least they think they do. Now in their thirties, though their lives are beginning to diverge: Eleanor is a young wife and mother who is struggling to cope with her many responsibilities; Bea is happy being single—or so she lets people think; and Karen is a psychiatrist who, despite the secrets in her past, considers herself the anchor of the group. But when she takes on a new patient with issues she just can't quite put her finger on, she begins to realize she may have put her dearest friends in danger. Because her patient knows more about these three women than anyone outside their circle possible could. Or should... "'Forty-nine steps" refers to the Talmudic doctrine that there are forty-nine steps to meaning in every passage of the Torah. Employing this interpretive approach, Calasso offers a "secret history" of European literature and philosophy in the wake of Nietzsche, Marx, and Freud. Calasso analyzes how figures ranging from Gustav Flaubert, Gottfried Benn, Karl Kraus, Martin Heidegger, Walter Benjamin, Franz Kafka, Bertolt Brecht, and Theodor Adorno has contributed to, or been emblematic of, the current state of Western thought. This book's theme, writ large, is the power of fable - specifically, its persistence in art and literature despite its exclusion from orthodox philosophy."--BOOK JACKET. It is widely asserted that we are now living in a post-truth society. What that means, this book argues, is that the contemporary global world is thoroughly infested not only with trickster figures but an entire and operational trickster logic; or, that we now live in a Trickster Land – an argument advanced by the claim that in modernity liminality has become permanent; or that modern life is patently absurd. The first part of the book presents a series of 'guides' to this condition, in the form of key thinkers and writers who can help us understand and navigate our Trickster Land. Such guides include

*Hermann Broch, Lewis Hyde, Roberto Calasso, Michel Serres, Sándor Márai, Colin Thubron and Albert Camus. The second part goes on to discuss five main regions of Trickster Land: art, thought, the economy, politics and society. This last, central chapter of the book contrasts trickster logic with the basic, foundational logic of social life, presented as gift-giving by Marcel Mauss and as sociability by Georg Simmel, and which is expressed here, combining Heraclitus and Plato with the Gospel of John, by three basic terms of ancient Greek culture, as arkhé charis logos: meaningful social life originally and in its essence is animated by the power of kind benevolence. This volume will appeal to scholars of social theory, anthropology and sociology with interests in political thought and contemporary culture. Nel suo saggio su Nietzsche del 1969, Roberto Calasso accennava a “quel pensiero unico che è proprio soltanto dei grandi pensatori, gli altri di pensieri ne hanno tanti”. Una dichiarazione d’amore per un “pensiero unico” che si manifesta sotto molte vesti ma rimane fedele a se stesso. Per la prima volta Elena Sbrojavacca costruisce una mappa dei testi che Calasso ha indicato come parti di una sola opera: l’“opera in corso”. Undici volumi, un’opera unica, che comincia nel 1983 con *La rovina di Kasch* e continua ancora oggi. Questa grande impresa enigmatica, mostra Sbrojavacca, conserva una tensione ambigua e perenne con il presente ed è guidata da un’idea precisa di letteratura. Come scrisse una volta Calasso, “saper collegare i fili di quel vecchio impianto elettrico che è la nostra mente mi sembra l’unica ambizione che si possa legittimamente attribuire alla letteratura, la quale, per il resto, come tutte le cose essenziali della vita, non ha funzione, ma si appaga del capire ciò che è, rivelando ciò che è in una forma”. La letteratura per Calasso è assoluta, è un’esperienza totale che offre a chi la pratica infinite possibilità. E l’“opera in corso” attraversa vertiginosamente i campi del sapere in un percorso sul quale questo libro getta luce, mostrandone le trame e gli intrecci più profondi. Così Sbrojavacca costruisce una chiave d’accesso all’opera e al pensiero del grande scrittore, aiutandoci a seguire le tracce che disegnano l’avventura dell’esplorazione di quel territorio pieno di segreti e in larga parte ignoto che è la nostra mente. A decisive key to help grasp some of the essential points of what is happening around us. The ninth part of Roberto Calasso’s work in progress, *The Unnamable Present*, is closely connected with themes of the first book, *The Ruin of Kasch* (originally published in 1983, and recently reissued by FSG in a new translation). But while *Kasch* is an enlightened exploration of modernity, *The Unnamable Present* propels us into the twenty first century. Tourists, terrorists, secularists, fundamentalists, hackers, transhumanists, algorithmicians: these are all tribes that inhabit the unnamable present and act on its nervous system. This is a world that seems to have no living past, but was foreshadowed in the period between 1933 and 1945, when everything appeared bent on self-annihilation. *The Unnamable Present* is a meditation on the obscure and ubiquitous process of transformation happening today in all societies, which makes so many previous names either inadequate or misleading or a parody of what they used to mean. Translated with sensitivity by Calasso’s longtime translator, Richard Dixon, *The Unnamable Present* is a strikingly original and provocative vision of our times, from the writer *The Paris Review* called “a literary institution of one.” Precious repositories of ancient wisdom? Musty relics of outmoded culture? Timeless paragons of artistic achievement? Hegemonic tools of intellectual repression? Just what are the classics, anyway, and why do (or should) we still pay so much attention to them? What is the literary canon? What is myth, and how do we use it? These are some of the questions that gave rise to John Kirby’s *Secret of the Muses Retold*. This new study of works by five twentieth-century Italian writers investigates the abiding influence of the Greek and Roman classics, and their rich legacy in our own day. The result is not only a splendid introduction to contemporary Italian literature, but also a lucid and stimulating meditation on the insights that writers such as Umberto Eco and Italo Calvino have tapped from the wellspring of ancient tradition. Kirby’s book offers an impassioned plea for the*

*recuperation of the humanities in general, and of classical studies in particular. No expertise in Greek, Latin, Italian, or literary theory is presumed, and both traditional and postmodern perspectives are accommodated. This rigorously compiled A-Z volume offers rich, readable coverage of the diverse forms of post-1945 Italian culture. With over 900 entries by international contributors, this volume is genuinely interdisciplinary in character, treating traditional political, economic, and legal concerns, with a particular emphasis on neglected areas of popular culture. Entries range from short definitions, histories or biographies to longer overviews covering themes, movements, institutions and personalities, from advertising to fascism, and Pirelli to Zeffirelli. The Encyclopedia aims to inform and inspire both teachers and students in the following fields: *Italian language and literature *Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences *European Studies *Media and Cultural Studies *Business and Management *Art and Design It is extensively cross-referenced, has a thematic contents list and suggestions for further reading. Providing the most complete record possible of texts by Italian writers active after 1900, this annotated bibliography covers over 4,800 distinct editions of writings by some 1,700 Italian authors. Many entries are accompanied by useful notes that provide information on the authors, works, translators, and the reception of the translations. This book includes the works of Pirandello, Calvino, Eco, and more recently, Andrea Camilleri and Valerio Manfredi. Together with Robin Healey's Italian Literature before 1900 in English Translation, also published by University of Toronto Press in 2011, this volume makes comprehensive information on translations from Italian accessible for schools, libraries, and those interested in comparative literature. This book offers a new approach to the problem of evil through an examination of the anthropological figure of the 'trickster'. A lesser known and much more recent term than evil, the authors use the trickster to facilitate a greater understanding of the return of evil in the modern era. Instead of simply opposing 'good' and 'evil', the figure of the trickster is used to pursue the trajectories of similarities and quasi-similarities through imitation. After engaging with the trickster as presented in comparative anthropology and mythology, where it appears in tales and legends as a strange, erratic outsider, the authors seek to gain an inside perspective of trickster knowledge through an examination of mythology and the classical world, including both philosophers and poets. The book then goes on to trace the trickster through prehistory, using archaeological evidence to complement the diverse narratives. In this way, and by investigating the knowledge and customs surrounding evil, the authors use the figure of the trickster to provide an unprecedented diagnosis of the contemporary world, where external, mechanical rationality has become taken for granted and even considered as foundational in politics, economics, and technologised science. The authors advance the idea that the modern world, with its global free markets, mass mediatic democracy and technologised science, represents a universalisation of trickster logic. The Political Sociology and Anthropology of the Evil will be of interest to scholars working in the fields of social theory, political anthropology and political sociology, as well as those interested in the ways in which evil can infiltrate reality. La leggenda della rovina di Kasch narra di un regno africano dove il re veniva ucciso quando gli astri raggiungevano certe posizioni celesti. In quel regno arrivò un giorno uno straniero di nome Far-li-mas, dalla terra di là dal mare orientale. Raccontava storie inebrianti: i sacerdoti, ascoltandolo, dimenticarono di osservare il cielo. Con l'arrivo di Far-li-mas ebbe inizio la rovina dell'antico ordine di Kasch, fondato sul sacrificio. Ma anche il nuovo ordine, dove l'uccisione rituale del re era abolita, sarebbe andato presto in rovina. Rimasero soltanto le storie di Far-li-mas. In questo libro è la Storia stessa, guidata da un accorto cerimoniere, che torna a volgersi verso quelle storie. Il cerimoniere è qui Talleyrand, il più chiaroveggente e il più famigerato, il più moderno e il più arcaico fra i politici. Dando il braccio al lettore, come già lo aveva dato a tante Dame e a tanti Potenti, egli ci introduce a luoghi, voci, gesti, vicende: la Corte di Versailles e l'India dei "Veda", l'abbazia di Port-Royal e i*

portici libertini del Palais-Royal, Maria Antonietta, Bentham, Goethe, Fénelon, Baudelaire, Marx, Chateaubriand, tre sordidi assassini, un bastardo di Luigi XV, un uomo d'armi che si ritira alla Trappa, Napoleone, Joseph de Maistre, Porfirio, Stirner, Sainte-Beuve e molte altre illustri comparse. Ciascuna di queste figure è connessa a ogni altra – e tutte ci riconducono alla stessa origine: la leggenda della rovina di Kasch, quale fu raccontata, circa settant'anni fa, da un vecchio cammelliere – e qui riaffiora in un arcipelago di storie, avvolte, nutrite, invase e cesellate dal mare del tempo.

Roberto Calasso, "a literary institution of one" (The Paris Review), tells the story of the eternal life of Utnapishtim, the savior of man, in the eleventh part of his great literary project. A long time ago, the gods grew tired of humans, who were making too much noise and disturbing their sleep, and they decided to send a Flood to destroy them. But Ea, the god of fresh underground water, didn't agree and advised one of his favorite mortals, Utnapishtim, to build a quadrangular boat to house humans and animals. So Utnapishtim saved living creatures from the Flood. Rather than punish Utnapishtim, Enlil, king of the gods, granted him eternal life and banished him to the island of Dilmun. Thousands of years later, Sindbad the Sailor is shipwrecked on that very same island, and the two begin a conversation about courage, loss, salvation, and sacrifice. What Utnapishtim tells Sindbad is the subject of this book, the eleventh part of Roberto Calasso's great opus that began in 1983 with The Ruin of Kasch. The Tablet of Destinies, a continuous narrative from beginning to end, delves into our earliest mythologies and records the origin stories of human civilization. Breaking Down Joker offers a compelling, multi-disciplinary examination of a landmark film and media event that was simultaneously both celebrated and derided, and which arrived at a time of unprecedented social malaise. The collection breaks down Joker to explore its aesthetic and ideological representations within the social and cultural context in which it was released. An international team of authors explore Joker's sightlines and subtexts, the affective relationships, corrosive ideologies and damning if ambivalent messages of this film. The chapters address such themes as white masculinity, identity and perversion, social class and mobility, urban loneliness, movement and music, and questions of reception and activism. With contributions from scholars from screen studies, theatre and performance studies, psychology and psychoanalysis, geography, cultural studies and sociology, this fully interdisciplinary collection offers a uniquely multiple operational cross-examination of this pivotal film text, and will be of great importance to scholars, students and researchers in these areas. A brilliant new translation of a classic work on violence and revolution as seen through mythology and art The Ruin of Kasch takes up two subjects—"the first is Talleyrand, and the second is everything else," wrote Italo Calvino when the book first appeared in 1983. Hailed as one of those rare books that persuade us to see our entire civilization in a new light, its guide is the French statesman Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand, who knew the secrets of the ancien régime and all that came after, and was able to adapt the notion of "legitimacy" to the modern age. Roberto Calasso follows him through a vast gallery of scenes set immediately before and after the French Revolution, making occasional forays backward and forward in time, from Vedic India to the porticoes of the Palais-Royal and to the killing fields of Pol Pot, with appearances by Goethe and Marie Antoinette, Napoleon and Marx, Walter Benjamin and Chateaubriand. At the center stands the story of the ruin of Kasch, a legendary kingdom based on the ritual killing of the king and emblematic of the ruin of ancient and modern regimes. Offered here in a new translation by Richard Dixon, The Ruin of Kasch is, as John Banville wrote, "a great fat jewel-box of a book, gleaming with obscure treasures." Looks at the life, influence, and work of the French writer and founder of modernism. This Handbook engages the reader in the major debates, approaches, methodologies, and explanatory frames within political anthropology. Examining the shifting borders of a moving field of enquiry, it illustrates disciplinary paradigm shifts, the role of humans in political structures, ethnographies of the political, and global processes.

Reflecting the variety of directions that surround political anthropology today, this volume will be essential reading to understanding the interactions of humans within political frames in a globalising world. This book offers a comprehensive sociological study of the nature and dynamics of the modern world, through the use of a series of anthropological concepts, including the trickster, schismogenesis, imitation and liminality. Developing the view that with the theatre playing a central role, the modern world is conditioned as much by cultural processes as it is by economic, technological or scientific ones, the author contends the world is, to a considerable extent, theatrical - a phenomenon experienced as inauthenticity or a loss of direction and meaning. As such the novel is revealed as a means for studying our theatricalised reality, not simply because novels can be understood to be likening the world to theatre, but because they effectively capture and present the reality of a world that has been thoroughly 'theatricalised' - and they do so more effectively than the main instruments usually employed to analyse reality: philosophy and sociology. With analyses of some of the most important novelists and novels of modern culture, including Rilke, Hofmannsthal, Kafka, Mann, Blixen, Broch and Bulgakov, and focusing on fin-de-siècle Vienna as a crucial 'threshold' chronotope of modernity, Permanent Liminality and Modernity demonstrates that all seek to investigate and unmask the theatricalisation of modern life, with its progressive loss of meaning and our deteriorating capacity to distinguish between what is meaningful and what is artificial. Drawing on the work of Nietzsche, Bakhtin and Girard to examine the ways in which novels explore the reduction of human existence to a state of permanent liminality, in the form of a sacrificial carnival, this book will appeal to scholars of social, anthropological and literary theory. I saggi raccolti nel volume indagano il concetto di "contemporaneo", mettendone in questione il significato storiografico tradizionale. Investigando la temporalità della rammemorazione (Bloch e Benjamin), della comprensione e dell'arte (Gadamer), dell'inconscio (Freud e Lacan), della relazione etica (Levinas) e dell'interpretazione post-storica (Calasso), essi lasciano emergere come il contemporaneo non sia una nozione cronologica di tempo, corrispondente al presente o all'attuale, ma indichi una rottura del continuum temporale. Si tratta di un'intempestività, che diviene il luogo di un incontro evenemenziale tra una pluralità di tempi, tra un passato riattualizzato e l'avvenire. Il contemporaneo non nomina perciò una sincronia, bensì un'anacronia, che irrompe nella diacronia del tempo, impedendo al presente di coincidere con se stesso. In The Thousand and One Nights and Twentieth-Century Fiction, Richard van Leeuwen challenges conventional perceptions of the development of 20th-century prose by arguing that Thousand and One Nights, as an intertextual model, has been a crucial influence on authors who have contributed to shaping the main literary currents in 20th-century world literature, inspiring new forms and concepts of literature and texts. This bibliography lists English-language translations of twentieth-century Italian literature published chiefly in book form between 1929 and 1997, encompassing fiction, poetry, plays, screenplays, librettos, journals and diaries, and correspondence. Fra il 1921 e il 1928 il grande antropologo Leo Frobenius pubblicò, con il titolo «Atlantis», un'opera sterminata in più volumi che rimarrà il vero tesoro narrativo delle civiltà africane. E una delle regioni più affascinanti di questo universo di storie è costituita dalle «Fiabe del Kordofan», che Frobenius apprese nel 1912 da alcuni cammellieri di El Obeid, nel Sudan, e trascrisse mantenendo felicemente il passo e la vivezza della narrazione orale. Qui vediamo affiorare, insieme a personaggi e temi ricorrenti nella novellistica di ogni paese, credenze magiche o usi appartenenti a cicli culturali delle età più remote, teocratiche e matriarcali. E sulla soglia di questa raccolta apparirà la favola che è il presupposto di tutte le altre: la leggenda della rovina di Kasch, regno fondato sul sacrificio periodico del re, dove l'arte del raccontare, introdotta dallo straniero Far-li-mas, mostrerà di avere la forza di sabotare l'ordine esistente e di salvare così la vita del re, di sua sorella e del narratore stesso, analogamente a ciò che avviene nella

cornice delle «Mille e una notte», con cui queste «Fiabe del Kordofan» rivelano sorprendenti affinità. In *Ka*, Roberto Calasso delves into the corpus of classical Sanskrit literature recreating and re-imagining the enchanting world of ancient India. Beginning with the Rig-Veda, *Ka* weaves together myths from the Upanishad, the Mahabharata and the stories of the Buddha, all of which pose questions that have haunted us for millennia. The *Encyclopedia of Italian Literary Studies* is a two-volume reference book containing some 600 entries on all aspects of Italian literary culture. It includes analytical essays on authors and works, from the most important figures of Italian literature to little known authors and works that are influential to the field. The *Encyclopedia* is distinguished by substantial articles on critics, themes, genres, schools, historical surveys, and other topics related to the overall subject of Italian literary studies. The *Encyclopedia* also includes writers and subjects of contemporary interest, such as those relating to journalism, film, media, children's literature, food and vernacular literatures. Entries consist of an essay on the topic and a bibliographic portion listing works for further reading, and, in the case of entries on individuals, a brief biographical paragraph and list of works by the person. It will be useful to people without specialized knowledge of Italian literature as well as to scholars. Describes authors, works, and literary terms from all eras and all parts of the world. In this original study by Cesáreo Bandera, the intimate connection between the simplicity and humility of the story and its greatness is explored. Other comparisons are also made: the story of the picaresque rogue, on the one hand, and the psychological insights of the pastoral novel, on the other. *La légende de la ruine de Kasch* est l'histoire d'un royaume d'Afrique dont le roi était tué lorsque les astres formaient certaines configurations dans le ciel. Un jour se présenta un étranger, nommé Far-li-mas. Il faisait des récits extraordinaires qui envoûtaient tant son auditoire que les prêtres oubliaient de contempler le ciel. L'arrivée de ce conteur marqua la fin d'une ère sacrificielle : la ruine du royaume de Kasch. Mais bientôt le nouvel ordre lui-même, où était aboli le meurtre rituel du roi, allait connaître son déclin. A travers cette légende, Roberto Calasso pose la question de la légitimité du pouvoir, de la tyrannie et du sacrifice. Talleyrand, témoin privilégié de l'Histoire, guide le lecteur dans des lieux réels ou symboliques : la cour de Versailles, l'Inde des Veda, l'abbaye de Port-Royal, les galeries libertines du Palais Royal. Il a pour compagnons Marie-Antoinette, Bentham, Goethe, Fénelon, Baudelaire, Chateaubriand, un bâtard de Louis XV, Sainte-Beuve et d'innombrables autres comparses. Une étonnante vision de l'Histoire, à la fois érudite et poétique. Pick up *The New York Public Library Literature Companion* to check the dates of Marcel Proust's *Remembrance of Things Past* or to find out how James Joyce's *Ulysses* changed U.S. obscenity laws, and you may find yourself hours later absorbed in the imaginary worlds of *Camelot* and *The Matrix* or sidetracked by the fascinating history of *The New Yorker*. Designed to satisfy the curious browser as well as the serious researcher, this exciting new resource offers the most up-to-date information on literature available in English from around the world, from the invention of writing to the age of the computer. Interwoven throughout the more than 2,500 succinct and insightful entries on *Creators*, *Works of Literature*, and *Literary Facts and Resources* are the fascinating facts and quirky biographical details that make literature come alive. Readers will discover, for instance, that Walt Whitman was fired from his government job after his personal copy of *Leaves of Grass* was discovered in his desk by the Secretary of the Interior, who was scandalized by it; that James Baldwin remembered listening to blues singer Bessie Smith ("playing her till I fell asleep") when he was writing his first book; and that a publisher turned down the serialization rights to *Gone with the Wind*, saying, "Who needs the Civil War now -- who cares?" Looking for information about book burning or how many Nobel laureates have come from Japan? You'll find it here. Trying to remember the name of that movie based on a favorite book? Read the "Variations" section -- you'll be amazed at the pervasive presence of great literature in today's entertainment. From

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