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Fairleigh Dickinson Univ Press

Offering a piercing indictment of what we have let ourselves become, this short, critical work is a damning critique of the current age and of the democratic systems that characterize it. Alain Badiou argues that any truly radical politics must begin with dismantling the obscene (or pornographic) qualities of neoliberal capitalism. In *The Pornographic Age* he asks us to hold up a mirror to ourselves and confront the debasement of the political realities in which we live, the shock of which must galvanize us into action. It is only through this realization, this crucial confrontation with the perversity with which we conduct our daily lives that we can prompt true revolution. Including an afterword from international Badiou scholars A. J. Bartlett and Justin Clemens and a commentary by William Watkin, this book is a philosophical call to arms: Badiou's radical indictment of the current age is an exciting, no-holds-barred exploration of both how we live and how we might live.

The Maids Bloomsbury Publishing

Provides in-depth analysis of the life, works, career, and critical importance of Jean Genet.

"Culture, Consciousness and Identity"

Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

The clients of a French brothel act out their fantasies while a revolution rages in the city

The Rites of Passage of Jean Genet

Routledge

A fictionalized account of the author's lover, Jean Decarin, who was killed in the Resistance during the liberation of Paris in World War II.

The politics of Jean Genet's late theatre

Grove Press

One of the nation's most celebrated playwrights turns to fiction in a collection of stories that explores masculinity, from men who find themselves engulfed in violence over an unsettled debt to a writer's confrontation with his Catholic past. Reprint.

The Screens

Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Studie over de vijf toneelstukken van de Franse schrijver (1910-)

Letters to Roger Blin Rodopi

The Criminal Child offers the first English translation of a key early work by Jean Genet. In 1949, in the midst of a national debate about improving the French reform-school system, Radiodiffusion Française commissioned Genet to write about his experience as a juvenile delinquent. He sent back a piece that was a paean to prison instead of the expected horrifying exposé. Revisiting the cruel hazing rituals that had accompanied his incarceration, relishing the special argot spoken behind bars, Genet bitterly denounced any improvement in the condition of young prisoners as a threat to their criminal souls. The radio station chose not to broadcast Genet's views. "The Criminal

Child” appears here with a selection of Genet’s finest essays, including his celebrated piece on the art of Alberto Giacometti.

The Screens New York Review of Books “One of the greatest achievements of modern literature.”—Richard Howard “A major achievement . . . Genet transforms experiences of degradation into spiritual exercises and hoodlums into bearers of the majesty of love.”—Saturday Review “Genet can use a brutal phraseology that makes prison life specific and immediate. Yet through his singular sensibility, these elements are transmuted into something fragile, rare, beautiful.”—The New York Times “This book recreates for the reader Genet’s magic world, one of dazzling beauty charged with novelty and excitement.”—Bettina Knapp “Genet would have deserved international standing for this novel alone. . . . He succeeds to an amazing degree in creating poetry from the profoundest degradation.”—The Times (London)

The Selected Writings of Jean Genet Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

Jean Genet and the politics of theatre is the first publication to situate the politics of Genet’s theatre within the social, spatial and political contexts of France in the 1950s and 1960s. The book’s innovative approach departs significantly from existing scholarship on Genet. Where scholars have tended to bracket Genet as either an absurdist, ritualistic or, more recently, a resistant playwright, this study argues that his theory and practice of political theatre have more in common with the affirmative ideas of thinkers such as Henri Lefebvre, Jacques Rancière and Alain Badiou. By doing so, the monograph positions Genet as a revolutionary playwright, interested in producing progressive forms of

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Genet New York Review of Books “Jean Genet’s The Screens, hailed by many to be Genet’s masterpiece, was staged in Paris in 1966 by the Jean-Louis Barrault-Madeleine Renaud Company. During the several months of rehearsals which Genet attended, he wrote a series of letters and notes to Roger Blin giving his views on every aspect of the staging of The Screens. His comments deal with the details of that play and that production, but also transcend them. What the book adds up to is a precise and fascinating compilation of Jean Genet’s concept of the theater.”--Page 4 of cover.

Culture, Consciousness and Identity arsenal pulp press

In this book, Gene A. Plunka argues that the most important single element that solidifies all of Genet’s work is the concept of metamorphosis. Genet’s plays and prose demonstrate the transition from game playing to the establishment of one’s identity through a state of risk taking that develops from solitude. However, risk taking per se is not as important as the rite of passage. Anthropologist Victor Turner’s work in ethnography is used as a focal point for the examination of rites of passage in Genet’s dramas. Rejecting society, Genet has allied himself with peripheral groups, marginal men, and outcasts--scapegoats who lack power in society. Much of their effort is spent in revolt or direct opposition in mainstream society that sees them as objects to be abused. As an outcast or marginal man, Genet solved his problem of identity through artistic creation and metamorphosis.

Likewise, Genet's protagonists are outcasts searching for positive value in a society over which they have no control; they always appear to be the victims or scapegoats. As outcasts, Genet's protagonists establish their identities by first willing their actions and being proud to do so. Unfortunately, man's sense of Being is constantly undermined by society and the way individuals react to roles, norms, and values. Roles are the products of carefully defined and codified years of positively sanctioned institutional behavior. According to Genet, role playing limits individual freedom, stifles creativity, and impedes differentiation. Genet equates role playing with stagnant bourgeois society that imitates rather than invents; the latter is a word Genet often uses to urge his protagonists into a state of productive metamorphosis. Imitation versus invention is the underlying dialectic between bourgeois society and outcasts that is omnipresent in virtually all of Genet's works. Faced with rejection, poverty, oppression, and degradation, Genet's outcasts often escape their horrible predicaments by living in a world of illusion that consists of ceremony, game playing, narcissism, sexual and secret rites, or political charades. Like children, Genet's ostracized individuals play games to imitate a world that they can not enter. Essentially, the play acting becomes catharsis for an oppressed group that is otherwise confined to the lower stratum of society. Role players and outcasts who try to find an identity through cathartic game playing never realize their potential in Genet's world. Instead, Genet is interested in outcasts who immerse themselves in solitude and create their own sense of dignity free from external control. Most important,

these isolated individuals may initially play games, yet they ultimately experience metamorphosis from a world of rites, charades, and rituals to a type of "sainthood" where dignity and nobility reign. The apotheosis is achieved through a distinct act of conscious revolt designed to condemn the risk taker to a degraded life of solitude totally distinct from society's norms and values.

The Thief's Journal Boston : Twayne

This book is the only introductory text to Genet in English, offering an overview of this key figure in defining and understanding twentieth-century theatre. The authors provide a comprehensive account of Genet's key plays and productions, his early life and his writing for and beyond the theatre.

Nine Plays of the Modern Theater

Springer

A Study Guide for Jean Genet's "The Balcony," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Drama For Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Drama For Students for all of your research needs.

Prisoner of Love Cambridge Scholars Publishing

A companion volume to *Contradictory characters*, this book analyzes the juxtaposition of the tragic and the comic in modern drama.

A Writer in Revolt Faber & Faber

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Beat Drama BRILL

Jean Genet, French playwright, novelist and poet, turned the experiences in his life amongst pimps, whores, thugs and other fellow social outcasts into a poetic literature, with an honesty and explicitness unprecedented at the time. Widely considered an outstanding and unique figure in French literature, Genet wrote five novels between 1942 and 1947, now being republished by Faber & Faber in beautiful new paperback

editions. The Thief's Journal is perhaps Jean Genet's most authentically autobiographical novel; an account of his impoverished travels across 1930s Europe. The narrator is guilty of vagrancy, petty theft and prostitution, but his writing transforms such degradations into an inverted moral code, where criminality and delinquency become heroic. With a holy trinity of his own making - homosexuality, theft and betrayal - in *The Thief's Journal* Genet produced a startlingly powerful novel without precedent. Includes a new introduction by Ahdaf Soueif.

[The Performance of Meta-theatre and Self-reflection](#) Manchester University Press

The BalconyGrove Press

Jean Genet HarperCollins Publishers

The shattering novel of underground life the New York Times called "a cry of rapture and horror . . . the purest lyrical genius." Jean Genet's debut novel *Our Lady of the Flowers*, which is often considered to be his masterpiece, was written entirely in the solitude of a prison cell. A semi- autobiographical account of one man's journey through the Paris demi-monde, dubbed "the epic of masturbation" by no less a figure than Jean-Paul Sartre, the novel's exceptional value lies in its exquisite ambiguity.

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