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Understanding Vladimir Nabokov Peter Lang Publishing

Freddy Montgomery ist ein attraktiver Mann in den besten Jahren, der einen Lebensstil des gepflegten Müßiggangs pflegt. Doch damit ist es vorbei, als er sich eine größere Geldsumme leiht, die er nicht zurückzahlen kann. Vergeblich hofft er auf die Hilfe eines Kunsthändlers in seiner irischen Heimat. Als er schließlich versucht, eines von dessen Gemälden zu stehlen, wird er von einem Dienstmädchen überrascht, das er in einem sinnlosen Akt der Gewalt tötet – ein Mord, der eine Kette weiterer Katastrophen auslöst ...

Vladimir Nabokov Cornell University

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The letters of the great writer to his wife—gathered here for the first time—chronicle a decades-long love story and document anew the creative energies of an artist who was always at work. No marriage of a major twentieth-century writer is quite as beguiling as that of Vladimir Nabokov's to Véra Slonim. She shared his delight in life's trifles and literature's treasures, and he rated her as having the best and quickest sense of humor of any woman he had met. From their first encounter in 1923, Vladimir's letters to Véra form a narrative arc that tells a half-century-long love story, one that is playful, romantic, pithy and memorable. At the same time, the letters tell us much about the man and the writer. We see the infectious fascination with which Vladimir observed

everything—animals, people, speech, the landscapes and cityscapes he encountered—and learn of the poems, plays, stories, novels, memoirs, screenplays and translations on which he worked ceaselessly. This delicious volume contains twenty-one photographs, as well as facsimiles of the letters themselves and the puzzles and doodles Vladimir often sent to Véra.

Despair University of Texas Press Vladimir Nabokov was always a controversial writer. Long before the publication of *Lolita*, controversy raged over the virtues of his work. His detractors insisted that he had forsaken the humanistic concerns of the Russian literary tradition, while his supporters claimed that his work actually extended and enriched that tradition. David Rampton faces these apparent

contradictions head on and tries to reach a more balanced, integrated view of the novelist's achievement.

Vladimir Nabokov in Context Rowohlt Verlag GmbH

In his autobiography *Speak, Memory*, Vladimir Nabokov compared his life to a spiral, in which "twirl follows twirl, and every synthesis is the thesis of the next series." The first four arcs of the spiral of Nabokov's life—his youth in Russia, voluntary exile in Europe, two decades spent in the United States, and the final years of his life in Switzerland—are now followed by a fifth arc, his continuing life in literary history, which this volume both explores and symbolizes. This is the first collection of essays to examine all five arcs of Nabokov's creative life through close analyses of representative works. The essays cast new light on works both famous and neglected and place these works against the backgrounds of Nabokov's career as a whole and modern literature in general. Nabokov analyzes his own artistry in his "Postscript to the Russian Edition of *Lolita*," presented here in its first English translation, and in his little-known "Notes to Ada by Vivian Darkbloom," published now for the first time in America and keyed to the standard U.S. editions of the novel. In addition to a defense of his father's work by Dmitri Nabokov and a portrait-interview by Alfred Appel, Jr., the volume presents a vast spectrum of critical analyses covering all Nabokov's major novels and several important short stories. The highly original structure of the book and the fresh and often startling revelations of the essays dramatize as never before the unity and richness of Nabokov's unique literary achievement.

Despair Reaktion Books

Nabokov schrieb die Fassung seiner Lebenserinnerung zwischen 1943 und 1951 in den Vereinigten Staaten. Sie umfasst die Jahre 1899 bis 1940, die Kindheit in Russland und die Exiljahre in Europa. Er gab ihr den Titel «Conclusive Evidence» («... schlüssige Beweise dafür, dass es mich wirklich gegeben hat ...»). 1964 wurde dann eine zweite, wesentlich erweiterte Fassung in den USA publiziert, die 1984 in Deutschland unter dem Titel «Sprich, Erinnerung, sprich» herauskam. Es war nicht Nabokovs Ziel, eine Chronik der Erinnerung zu schreiben. «Ich gestehe, dass ich nicht an die Zeit glaube», sagte er einmal. Ihn interessierte es, «die thematischen Muster das Leben hindurch zu verfolgen». So erzählen die fünfzehn Kapitel die ersten Jahre der Kindheit zwar chronologisch, greifen aber dann zuweilen vor: Die Erinnerung führt aus den Wäldern

um Wyra, dem Landsitz der Familie, über die französische Atlantikküste auf die Berghänge von Telluride, Colorado, aber immer wieder greift sie zurück auf das verlorene Paradies der Kindheit. «Vor der völligen Auslöschung konnte er das Verlorene nur auf eine Weise bewahren: indem er es in einer extravaganten Anspannung des Gedächtnisses genau und farbig rekonstruierte.» (Dieter E. Zimmer) *Vladimir Nabokov* Rowohlt Verlag GmbH

The first collection to address the vexing issue of Nabokov's moral stances, this book argues that he designed his novels and stories as open-ended ethical problems for readers to confront. In a dozen new essays, international Nabokov scholars tackle those problems directly while addressing such questions as whether Nabokov was a bad reader, how he defined evil, if he believed in God, and how he constructed fictional works that led readers to become aware of their own moral positions. In order to elucidate his engagement with aesthetics, metaphysics, and ethics, Nabokov and the Question of Morality explores specific concepts in the volume's four sections: "Responsible Reading," "Good and Evil," "Agency and Altruism," and "The Ethics of Representation." By bringing together fresh insights from leading Nabokovians and emerging scholars, this book establishes new interdisciplinary contexts for Nabokov studies and generates lively readings of works from his entire career. *Nabokov and the Question of Morality* Vintage

Nabokov described this novella, written in Paris in 1939 but only published twenty years later, as 'the first little throb of *Lolita*'. The plot is similar: a middle-aged man wedding an unattractive widow in order to indulge his paedophilic obsession with her daughter. However, *The Enchanter* has an utterly different atmosphere, as time, place and even names remain a mystery. Nabokov transforms his protagonist's attempts to lull his twelve-year-old step-daughter into a state of 'enchantment' into a graceful, chilling fairytale.

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The Velvet Butterfly is the third in a series of introductions to some of our major literary figures by the noted cultural journalist and foreign correspondent Alan Levy.

Despair Bloomsbury Publishing

This set comprises of 40 volumes covering nineteenth and twentieth century European and American authors. These volumes will be available as a complete set, mini boxed sets (by theme) or as individual volumes. This second set

compliments the first 68 volume set of *Critical Heritage* published by Routledge in October 1995.

Letters to Véra Kiepenheuer & Witsch DespairVintage

Text und Ton im Film. Open Road Media «Die Gabe» erzählt die Geschichte des jungen Exilrussen Fjodor in Berlin zwischen 1925 und 1928. Es war der letzte Roman, den Nabokov in russischer Sprache schrieb.

„... essence has been revealed to me“.

Umkreisungen des Nondualen im Prosawerk von Vladimir Nabokov Routledge

Self-satisfied, delighting in the many fascinating quirks of his own personality, Hermann Hermann is perhaps not to be taken too seriously. But then a chance meeting with a man he believes to be his double reveals a frightening 'split' in Hermann's nature. With shattering immediacy, Nabokov takes us into a deranged world, one full of an impudent, startling humour, dominated by the egotistical and scornful figure of a murderer who thinks himself an artist. *Nabokov at Cornell* Rowohlt Verlag GmbH

Vladimir Nabokov, bilingual writer of dazzling masterpieces, is a phenomenon that both resists and requires contextualization. This book challenges the myth of Nabokov as a sole genius who worked in isolation from his surroundings, as it seeks to anchor his work firmly within the historical, cultural, intellectual and political contexts of the turbulent twentieth century. *Vladimir Nabokov in Context* maps the ever-changing sites, people, cultures and ideologies of his itinerant life which shaped the production and reception of his work. Concise and lively essays by leading scholars reveal a complex relationship of mutual influence between Nabokov's work and his environment. Appealing to a wide community of literary scholars this timely companion to Nabokov's writing offers new insights and approaches to one of the most important, and yet most elusive writers of modern literature.

Lolita [dt.]: Gunter Narr Verlag

Vladimir Nabokov considers the novelist's aesthetic precepts and practice and the distinctive character of his work and the book also gives consideration of his fiction in the larger context of the modernist and postmodernist enterprise. It analyses the importance of the novels' challenges to all sorts of aesthetic and moral presumptions (including some of Nabokov's own). Readers are thus encouraged to draw their own conclusions about the issues raised in Nabokov's work.

The Enchanter Frank & Timme GmbH

Vladimir Nabokov gelingt in seinem Prosawerk scheinbar mühelos der Spagat zwischen höchster Glückseligkeit und tiefster Grausamkeit. Wie ist das möglich? Nora Scholz findet im Phänomen des Nondualen einen Analyse- und Erklärungsansatz dafür. Im Nondualen korreliert die „Essenz der Dinge“ mit der Ich-Losigkeit und dem „reinen Sehen“. Jegliche Perspektive erscheint als eine Art „Filter“ der reinen Wahrnehmung. In der Erzählung *Ultima Thule* schreibt Nabokov selbst „essence has been revealed to me ...“ Vor diesem Hintergrund wirft die Autorin einen neuen Blick auf die oft, nicht zuletzt von Nabokov selbst, konstatierte „Tyrannei“ der Autorschaft und findet so einen einzigartigen Zugang zu Nabokovs Werk.

Eigensinnige Ansichten CUP Archive
Desesperación es una impagable joya literaria, una originalísima variación sobre el tema del doble en la que la inveterada astucia narrativa de su autor se combina con su diabólico sentido del humor. La historia empieza el día en que un fabricante de chocolate tropieza con un vagabundo que le parece su sosias. Cuando, más adelante, su negocio comience a hundirse, decidirá llevar a cabo un crimen perfecto que le permitirá cobrar su propio seguro de vida y vivir feliz para siempre jamás. Pero lo que importa no es tanto la historia como, en primer lugar, la voz de quien la cuenta, un narrador tan fatuo e ingenioso, tan brillante y chiflado, tan seductor y espeluznante como el Humbert de *Lolita*. Y, al lado de este gran hallazgo, la infinidad de juegos, parodias, acertijos, burlas y bufonadas continuas que la apabullante inteligencia de Nabokov va proponiéndole al lector a medida que progresa el relato. Un relato que le permite, no solamente exponer algunas de sus teorías literarias, lanzar diversas diatribas contra los críticos mentecatos de toda especie, y burlarse de todo lo divino y todo lo humano con una euforia de la que sólo es capaz un escritor tan en posesión como él de unas inmensas facultades.

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From the Author of Books Like: 1.*Lolita* 2.*Invitation to a Beheading* 3.*Speak, Memory* 4.*Invitation to a Beheading* 5.*The Luzhin Defense* 6.*Invitation to a Beheading* 7.*Invitation to a Beheading* 8.*Invitation to a Beheading* 9.*Invitation to a Beheading* 10. *Pale Fire* Best Romance Books of All Time *LOLITA* by Vladimir Nabokov About the Book: Humbert Humbert - scholar, aesthete and romantic - has fallen completely and utterly in love with Dolores Haze, his landlady's gum-snapping, silky skinned twelve-year-old daughter. Reluctantly

agreeing to marry Mrs Haze just to be close to Lolita, Humbert suffers greatly in the pursuit of romance; but when Lo herself starts looking for attention elsewhere, he will carry her off on a desperate cross-country misadventure, all in the name of Love. Hilarious, flamboyant, heart-breaking and full of ingenious word play, *Lolita* is an immaculate, unforgettable masterpiece of obsession, delusion and lust. About the Author: Vladimir Vladimirovich Nabokov, also known by the pen name Vladimir Sirin, was a Russian-American novelist. Nabokov wrote his first nine novels in Russian, then rose to international prominence as a master English prose stylist. He also made significant contributions to lepidoptery, and had a big interest in chess problems. Nabokov's *Lolita* (1955) is frequently cited as his most important novel, and is at any rate his most widely known one, exhibiting the love of intricate wordplay and descriptive detail that characterized all his works. *Lolita* was ranked fourth in the list of the Modern Library 100 Best Novels; *Pale Fire* (1962) was ranked 53rd on the same list, and his memoir, *Speak, Memory* (1951), was listed eighth on the publisher's list of the 20th century's greatest nonfiction. He was also a finalist for the National Book Award for Fiction seven times. Valueble Customers Review: Written in a confessional style, Nabokov's masterwork tells the story of a middle-aged intellectual, Humbert Humbert, and his hebephiliac obsession with a twelve-year-old girl named Dolores Haze -- whom he calls Lolita. Early in the novel, Humbert is renting a room from Charlotte Haze (*Lolita's* mother,) and Charlotte starts sending him heavy hints that she is interested in a more intimate relationship. While the Humbert that we get to know as readers is a creepy, obsessive stalker, in person the man comes across as articulate and suave -- in other words, a fine marriage prospect for a single mom in the market for a husband. Eventually, Humbert does decide to marry Charlotte -- not because he loves her, but because he is obsessed with Dolores / Lolita and wants to stay close to the girl no matter what it takes. One day after the couple has settled into marriage, Humbert comes in to find that Charlotte is freaked out; she has read his journal and now knows what the reader is already aware of: that Humbert isn't right in the head, that he secretly detests Charlotte, and that he desperately wants to possess Lolita. This would be the end of the line for Humbert's ruse, but Charlotte, in a mad flurry of preparation to get away from Humbert, dashes in front of a speeding vehicle as

she is crossing the road to post letters that would have outed Humbert as a hebephiliac cretin. But Charlotte is not around to tell the story, and Humbert is handed the unopened letters (no one has any reason to think he's anything but a loving and devoted husband, so good is his mask.) At the time of Charlotte's death, Lolita is away at camp. While Humbert's obsession may have been news to Charlotte, it seemed the mother was always keen to keep her daughter at bay. In part the mother - daughter never got along, but, on some level, Charlotte seemed uncomfortable having Lolita around Humbert, whether Charlotte was just jealous of the girl's youth or whether she had some inkling of what was really going on can't be known. [We only have Humbert's perspective, and he is an admittedly unreliable narrator -- though he does offer his own speculations about other character's mindset, and -- as will be discussed -- his unreliability is in specific domains. In some ways, he's unexpectedly forthright.] At any rate, Humbert takes Lolita on a road trip, at first telling her only that her mother was not well, and not until an emotional outburst much later, letting the girl know her mother is dead. [*Lolita* seems to suspect that Humbert killed Charlotte, but seems unperturbed by it -- perhaps because she never got along with her mother, or perhaps, because she's a bit of a psychopath, herself.] After some time on the road, a time during which Humbert both has his way with Lolita and discovers that she isn't the innocent little girl he'd imagined, Humbert and Lolita settle into a town where Lolita can go to a girl's school and where they aren't known. This settling in creates a number of challenges for the possessive Humbert because he would ideally like Lolita to spend no time whatsoever with other males and as little time as possible with other females, or at least with females who might learn about their unusual living arrangement. For instance, Humbert has to be convinced to let Lolita participate in a school play via a meeting with faculty and administration from the school. Intriguingly, shortly before the play is to take place, Lolita insists they take their show on the road again. [There are many points at which it seems Lolita is playing Humbert, but this is the most intense subversion of the power dynamic. Lolita makes clear that they are leaving, and they will be going where she wants. She has come to understand her leverage, and is willing to exploit it.] In the second part of the novel, as they are traveling around, Humbert begins to notice that they are being followed. Humbert describes cars

tailoring them, and men running away or talking to Lolita while Humbert has stepped away from the girl. Of course, we know Humbert is unreliable, and even he is not sure how much he can trust some of these "sightings" as real, as opposed to being products of his imagination. As we are on the subject of Humbert's unreliable narration, it's worth discussing that the particular nature of Humbert's unreliable narration is a central to our relationship to the Humbert character. One might expect an unreliable narrator to hide or rationalize bad behavior, but Humbert not only lets the reader in on his bad behavior but frequently lets us know that he knows what he's doing is societally (and / or morally) unacceptable. Knowing that he's behaving badly or irrationally, and still making said choices would seem like it should make Humbert more despicable, but that's not necessarily the case, at least not fully. Because Humbert is forthright in some regard and because he is so articulate and sensible (if not rational,) one's reaction to him becomes complicated. I should point out that Humbert does rationalize his behavior, but he does so in a specific way, by acting as though his relationship with Lolita is a loving and, at least somewhat, healthy one. This distorted worldview can be seen in his perception of Clare Quilty, who - to the reader - is Humbert's mirror image; but to Humbert, Quilty is a monster. On their second road trip, Lolita falls ill and Humbert must take her to the hospital. As he is taking care of business, an unknown individual takes possession of Lolita. Searching high and low, Humbert can't discover who took her and where they've gone. Then one day, after years have passed, Humbert gets a letter from Dolly Schiller (the now married Delores Haze, a.k.a. Lolita) asking for money to get them through until her husband's new job starts paying. Humbert goes to her, intent on killing the man who dragged her away from him, but - once there - he realizes that Dolly's husband wasn't involved in her disappearance. Humbert begs Dolly to come back to him, only to realize that he is to her as Charlotte had been to him, a relationship she put up with to get what she wanted (or, with youthfully naiveté, thought she wanted.) Humbert willingly

gives Dolly some money and goes, but only after she tells him who actually absconded with her, i.e. Clare Quilty. The concluding sequence of the novel involves Humbert's confrontation with Quilty -- surreal and almost comic as it is. This book is definitely worth reading. Nabokov uses language with masterful poeticism, and builds a fascinating character in Humbert. Reader's who loved "Confederacy of Dunces" will recognize that one doesn't have to like a lead character to find their life-story intensely readable. But, while everyone hates Ignatius Reilly, one's feelings for Humbert may be more complicated. He's both detestable and sympathetic at the same time. The version of the book that I read had a nice epilogue by Nabokov, himself. While I don't always find such ancillary matter is useful in works of fiction, in this case I got a lot out of it because the book is quite nuanced. If nothing else, I learned that Nabokov reviled all the "symbolism" that critics liked to attribute to his works. I'd highly recommend this book. While it deals in challenging matter, Nabokov leaves a great deal to the reader's imagination, and so it's not graphic or explicit as one might expect from a book that's been so often banned. [Of course, being so banned was reason enough for me to read it.]

Despair Cambridge University Press
Herman, a young German business man, meets his "double" - the tramp Felix who resembles him like a twin brother; after long preparation he kills the tramp, simulating a suicide in order that his wife may collect a large sum of money on his insurance policy and later join him in France. While engaged in his hideous preparations, he is so carried away by the "pure" idea of committing a perfect crime that he becomes a "creative artist".

Despair Despair
Best known for his deeply controversial 1955 novel, *Lolita*, Vladimir Nabokov (1899-1977) is celebrated as one of the most distinctive literary stylists of the twentieth century. In *Vladimir Nabokov*, Barbara Wyllie presents a comprehensive account of the life and works of the writer, from his childhood and earliest stories in pre-revolutionary Russia, to *The Original of Laura*—a novel written almost entirely on index cards published for the first time in 2009, perhaps against Nabokov's wishes.

This literary biography investigates the author's poetry and prose, in both Russian and English, and examines the relationship between Nabokov's extraordinary erudition and the themes that recur throughout his works. His expertise as a specialist in butterflies complemented his wide knowledge of Russian and Western European culture, philosophy, and history, and informed the themes of transformation and transcendence that dominate his work. Wyllie traces his lifelong preoccupations with time, memory, and mortality across both his Russian and English works, and she illuminates his distinctive through detailed analysis of his major novels. Wyllie assesses his poetry and prose style alongside Nabokov's own autobiography, letters, and critical writings—as well as the only recently-published *The Original of Laura*—in order to create a complete and updated picture of the writer in the context of his works. Vladimir Nabokov presents a fascinating portrait of one of the twentieth century's most eclectic, prolific, and controversial authors. It is an essential read for fans of Nabokov and scholars of twentieth century English and Russian literature.

[Despair. a Novel by Vladimir Nabokov](#)
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The wickedly inventive and richly derisive story of Hermann, a man who undertakes the perfect crime--his own murder. • "A beautiful mystery plot, not to be revealed." - Newsweek "Nabokov writes prose the only way it should be written, that is, ecstatically." - John Updike "One of Mr. Nabokov's finest, most challenging and provocative novels." - The New York Times *Despair's* protagonist, Hermann, is another masterly portrait in the fascinating gallery of living characters Vladimir Nabokov has given to world literature. In his pseudo wordliness, his odd genius, Hermann is one with such other heteroclitic neurotic Nabokovian creations as Humbert Humbert and Charles Kimbote. Rapt in his own reality, incapable of escaping or explicating it, he is as solitary in his abyss as Luzhin or Charlotte Haze of *Lolita*. *Despair* is illuminated throughout by the virtuosity and cunning wit that are Vladimir Nabokov's hallmarks.

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