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Henry Fielding's Novels and the Classical

Tradition Gale, Cengage Learning Contains the fantasy, *A Journey from This World to the Next*, and two plays: the farce *Eurydice*, and *The Wedding Day*, a revision of an early intrigue comedy. Volume Three of Henry Fielding's *Miscellanies*, first published as a three-volume set in 1743, consists in its entirety of a major work of fiction, *The History of the life of the Late Mr. Jonathan Wild the Great*. Jonathan Wild takes its title from the 'thief-taker' and gangleader of that name who has hanged in 1725, but in Fielding's hands the history of Wild is transformed into a mock-historical work of sustained irony aimed at all who would be 'great men'. The general introduction to this edition sets the novel against its historical and biographical background and argues

against the view, common and since the mid-nineteenth century, that it is a personal satire directed at the figure of Sir Robert Walpole. In both the general and the textual introductions, the editors also offer a fresh view on questions about the date and history of the work's composition. Full explanatory notes and commentary place Fielding's allusions and details in their contemporary context. As in previous volumes of the Wesleyan Edition, this provides a critical, unmodernized text, based on the Greg-Bowers 'Rationale of Copy-text'. The version is that of the first edition, with an appendix giving all variants in wording and presentation of the 1754 revision. In his introduction the textual editor lays out the rationale for his choice version. This volume also includes, for the first

time in a modern edition, Fielding's list of subscribers to the Miscellanies, along with detailed biographical notes and an analysis of the subscription list by textual author.

The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Literature Atlantic Publishers & Dist  
'Epic into Novel' examines the work of Henry Fielding alongside other key eighteenth-century writers to examine how the conflicting influences of the classical tradition and the new literary marketplace were reconciled.

Facts at Your Fingertips Routledge  
This book provides an expansive view of celebrity's intimate dimensions. In the process, it offers a timely reassessment of how notions of private and public were negotiated by writers, readers, actors and audiences in the early to mid-

eighteenth century. The essays assembled here explore the lives of a wide range of figures: actors and actresses, but also politicians, churchmen, authors and rogues; some who courted celebrity openly and others who seemed to achieve it almost inadvertently. At a time when the topic of celebrity's origins is attracting unprecedented scholarly attention, this collection is an important, pioneering resource.

The History of Tom Jones Cambridge University Press

This book explores the aesthetics of the novel from the perspective of Continental European philosophy, presenting a theory on the philosophical definition and importance of the novel as a literary genre. It analyses a variety of

individuals whose work is reflected in both theoretical literary criticism and Continental European aesthetics, including Mikhail Bakhtin, Georg Lukács, Theodor Adorno, and Walter Benjamin. Moving through material from eighteenth century and ancient Greek philosophy and aesthetics, the book provides comprehensive coverage of the major positions on the philosophy of the novel. Distinctive features include the importance of Vico's view of the epic to understanding the novel, the importance of Kierkegaard's view of the novel and irony along with his other aesthetic views, the different possibilities associated with seeing the novel as 'mimetic' and the importance of Proust in understanding the genre in all its philosophical aspects, relating the issue

of the philosophical aesthetics of the novel with the issue of philosophy written as a novel and the interaction between these two alternative positions. [Intimacy and Celebrity in Eighteenth-Century Literary Culture](#) Associated University Presse  
V. 49--Epic and saga. [An Enquiry Into the Causes of the Late Increase of Robbers and Related Writings](#) University of Delaware Press  
In this study, author Nancy A. Mace rectifies the lack of scholarly attention given Henry Fielding's use of the classical tradition in his novels, periodical essays, and miscellaneous writings. Although scholars have extensively studied the affinities between Henry Fielding's novels and such modern genres as the romance,

travel literature, and criminal biography, they have paid surprisingly little attention to his use of the classical tradition in developing both his narrative theory and practice.

#### The Toast, an Epic Poem Springer

Epic into Novel examines an unexplored tension in Fielding's work: the tension between his commitment to the classical tradition and his immersion in a print culture in which books were regarded as consumable commodities. It gives a fresh account of Fielding's engagement with classical literature, showing how he fashioned his novels out of ancient epic. It also shows how Fielding drew on the language of cookery and consumption in order to characterize his relationship with the market. This interest in the place of the ancients in a world of

consumerism was inherited from the previous generation of satirists. The 'Scriblerians'—among them Jonathan Swift, John Gay, and Alexander Pope—repeatedly suggest in their work that classical values are at odds with modern tastes and appetites. Fielding, who had idolized these writers as a young man, developed many of their satiric routines in his own writing. But Fielding broke from Swift, Gay, and Pope in creating a version of epic designed to appeal to modern consumers. Henry Power draws on a range of sources—including eighteenth-century cookery books as well as works of classical literature—to offer fresh readings of works by Swift, Gay, and Pope, and of Fielding's major novels. Epic into Novel explores Fielding's

engagement with various Scriblerian themes, primarily the consumption of literature, but also the professionalization of scholarship, and the status of the author. It shows ultimately that Fielding broke with the Scriblerians in acknowledging and celebrating the influence of the marketplace on his work.

**The Harvard Classics: Prefaces and prologues to famous books** University of Delaware Press

This book is a contribution to the new field of literary studies which is informed by book history and takes interest in the intersection of the ideal and material aspects of literature. It studies the ways eighteenth-century English novels, plays and poems illustrated the changes which the growth of literacy, the proliferation

of writing and the emergence of print marketplace made in the social and cultural life of Britain and demonstrated the contingency of the emerging criticism on the technological and economic conditions of book production. The first part focusses on the representation of the tensions created by the emergence of literate society and on the hopes and fears awoken by the expansion of the cultural public sphere caused by the proliferation of print. The second part explores the contribution of literature to the shaping of the roles of authors, readers and patrons in the field of literary production.

Prefaces and Prologues to Famous Books

New York : Russell & Russell

Every age that has produced literary epics has also produced variations on

the elements that constitute the epic. 'Twentieth-Century Epic Novels' examines the most popular 20th-century manifestations of epic sensibilities by looking closely at five major examples of the 20th-century epic novel.

**Henry Fielding's Theory of the Comic Prose Epic** Hamden, Conn. : Archon Books

This book, is an in-depth study of the novel *Tom Jones : A Literary Appreciation* written by Henry Fielding, the father of English novel, in 1749. The novel is written on such a vast scale, with a large number of characters and incidents, with epic and comic styles employed from time to time, that it is truly called a comic epic in prose. Its characters have been drawn from life, so that the novel is a

True representation of the English society of the mid-eighteenth century. Its plot construction has remained a model for later novelists for about two centuries. So, it is a must reading for all students of English literature. However, a college student is always in great hurry to finish his course. Often he skips the study of this novel because of its being bulky. Moreover, he needs a guide to enable him to appreciate works of literature, more so in the case of this great novel.

Philosophy of the Novel Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG

The works of Henry Fielding, though written nearly three hundred years ago, retain their sense of comedy and innovation in the face of tradition, and they easily engage the twenty-first-

century student with many aspects of eighteenth-century life: travel, inns, masquerades, political and religious factions, the '45, prisons and the legal system, gender ideals and realities, social class. Part 1 of this volume, "Materials," discusses the available editions of Joseph Andrews, Tom Jones, Shamela, Jonathan Wild, and Amelia; suggests useful critical and contextual works for teaching them; and recommends helpful audiovisual and electronic resources. The essays of part 2, "Approaches," demonstrate that many of the methods and models used for one novel--the romance tradition, Fielding's legal and journalistic writing, his techniques as a playwright, the ideas of Machiavelli--can be adapted to others. *Henry Fielding and the Heliodoran Novel*

University of Delaware Press  
Great for schoolwork, speeches, crosswords, and more, this fact-packed resource contains more than 800 full-color photos, illustrations, maps, charts, and diagrams, along with timelines and color-coded chapters.

**Action, Character and Consciousness in the Novels of Henry Fielding** Cambridge Scholars Publishing

Epic has long been regarded as the exclusive domain of the male literary genius and as an incarnation of patriarchal values. This provocative collection of essays challenges such a hegemonic stereotype by demonstrating the ways in which women writers have successfully adapted the masculine epic tradition to suit their own aesthetic



needs and to express their own heroic literary, social, and historical visions. Bringing the female epic out of the shadows, the contributors rethink generic boundaries to illuminate this heretofore hidden literary practice. The essays range from Mary Tighe to Rebecca West from Elizabeth Barrett Browning to Gwendolyn Brooks, and from Frances Burney to Virginia Woolf. Bernard Schweizer's introduction, titled 'Muses with Pens,' connects the trajectory of ideas and influences in the individual essays to demonstrate how each participates in reclaiming for women writers a place in the development of a female epic tradition. The volume will be an invaluable resource for scholars working on issues related to genre, canon formation, and

the evolution of female literary authority. The Harvard Classics Wesleyan University Press

'Epic into Novel' examines the work of Henry Fielding alongside other key eighteenth-century writers to examine how the conflicting influences of the classical tradition and the new literary marketplace were reconciled.

**Country Life** Cambridge University Press

Critical unmodernized texts of Fielding's legal and social pamphlets from 1749 to 1753.

*Approaches to Teaching the Novels of Henry Fielding* Oxford University Press  
Examines how and why marriage plots became the English novel's most popular form in the eighteenth century. This book will be of interest to students and

researchers of eighteenth and early nineteenth-century English literature and culture as well as feminist literary history.

*Contributions to The Champion and Related Writings* Modern Language Association

Argues that, although Fielding condemned romance, he shared virtually the same aesthetic assumptions as Mme. de Scudery and other heroic novelists. Calling this tradition of seventeenth-century epics in prose the Heliodoran novel, Lynch analyzes how romance conventions serve a clear aesthetic purpose.

*A New Species of Criticism* Readers Digest

Authoritative yet accessible, this is the first-ever comprehensive account of a

true landmark in eighteenth-century travel writing. Daniel Defoe's *Tour thro' the Whole Island of Great Britain* is constantly cited even now by students in practically every branch of history, and there are few topics essential to our understanding of the nation in the early modern period that do not show up in its pages. Historians since the late nineteenth century have looked to the *Tour* as one of the richest and most insightful works describing Britain in the lead-up to the Industrial Revolution, and critics and biographers of Defoe have regularly named it as among his most characteristic and central works.

Indispensable for virtually any interdisciplinary approach to the nation in this period, this new study provides wide-reaching, up-to-date analysis of the

content of the Tour, and of its methods, sources, form, and vast historical significance.

*Epic into Novel* Springer

This volume completes the edition's coverage of Henry Fielding's journalism, which occupied a far greater part of his time than has been traditionally acknowledged. His contributions to *The Champion* are not only among his most energetic and intriguing works in the genre; they also have a dense political background, of interest to historians studying the interface between journalism and politicians of the time, as well as the role of newspaper publishers. Walpole figures hugely, and the extent to which Fielding hints at the minister's life and activities is remarkable. Much of the volume's material has never been

reprinted before. Explanatory annotations are full, as the characteristically allusive and topical nature of Fielding's writing requires. Appendices provide an analytical textual apparatus, and the editorial introductions emphasize matters such as genesis and composition, circumstances of publication, in addition to immediate biographical, literary, and historical backgrounds.

*The Harvard Classics: Prefaces and prologues to famous books* GRIN Verlag  
The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Literature is an in-depth examination of literature through a philosophical lens, written by distinguished figures across the major divisions of philosophy. Its 40 newly-commissioned essays are divided into six sections: historical foundations

what is literature? aesthetics & appreciation meaning & interpretation metaphysics & epistemology ethics & political theory The Companion opens with a comprehensive historical overview of the philosophy of literature, including chapters on the study's ancient origins up to the 18th-20th centuries. The second part defines literature and its different categories. The third part covers the aesthetics of literature. The fourth and fifth sections discuss the meaning and consequences of philosophical interpretation of literature,

as well as epistemological and metaphysical issues such as literary cognitivism and imaginative resistance. The sixth section contextualizes the place of philosophy of literature in the "real world" with essays on topics such as morality, politics, race and gender. Fully indexed, with helpful further reading sections at the end of each chapter, this Companion is an ideal starting point for those coming to philosophy of literature for the first time as well as a valuable reference for readers more familiar with the subject.