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**America's most famous poet lives again in the pages of John Isaac Jones's new biographical novel. His early orphan years, his tumultuous relationship with his foster father, his scandalous affairs, his glory days as a literary scion and his untimely death at the age of forty in a barroom brawl. It's all here. A biting satirical piece, this short story takes aim at modern societies superiority complex. Through poking, prodding and mindless electrocution , a group**

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of bumbling friends awaken a mummy from its slumber. After an evening of discourse, these men will begin to understand just how little they truly know about themselves and the world around them. Poking fun at the Egyptmania, and the casual attitudes towards scientific practice of the day, Poe delivers a scathing, humorous critique of his contemporaries. With witty dialogue, fascinating character development and an interesting twist, this short is perfect for anyone in the mood for a laugh with a dash of self reflection. Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) is a titan of literature. Most famous for his poetry, short stories, and tales of the supernatural and macabre, his body of work

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**continues to resonate to this day. Poe is widely regarded as the inventor of the detective genre and a contributor to the emergence of science fiction, dark romanticism, and weird fiction. His most famous works include "The Raven" (1845), "The Black Cat" (1843), and "The Gold-Bug" (1843).**

**No American author of the early 19th century enjoys a larger international audience than Edgar Allan Poe. Widely translated, read, and studied, he occupies an iconic place in global culture. Such acclaim would have gratified Poe, who deliberately wrote for "the world at large" and mocked the provincialism of strictly nationalistic themes. Partly for this reason, early**

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literary historians cast Poe as an outsider, regarding his dark fantasies as extraneous to American life and experience. Only in the 20th century did Poe finally gain a prominent place in the national canon. Changing critical approaches have deepened our understanding of Poe's complexity and revealed an author who defies easy classification. New models of interpretation have excited fresh debates about his essential genius, his subversive imagination, his cultural insight, and his ultimate impact, urging an expansive reconsideration of his literary achievement. Edited by leading experts J. Gerald Kennedy and Scott Peeples, this volume presents a sweeping

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reexamination of Poe's work. Forty-five distinguished scholars address Poe's troubled life and checkered career as a "magazinish," his poetry and prose, and his reviews, essays, opinions, and marginalia. The chapters provide fresh insights into Poe's lasting impact on subsequent literature, music, art, comics, and film and illuminate his radical conception of the universe, science, and the human mind. Wide-ranging and thought-provoking, this Handbook reveals a thoroughly modern Poe, whose timeless fables of peril and loss will continue to attract new generations of readers and scholars.

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A variety of critical approaches  
illuminate different facets of  
Poe's complex imagination by  
concentrating on such famous  
tales as The Cask of

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Amontillado, The Fall of the House of Usher, The Black Cat and The Murders in the Rue Morgue.

This epic poem gives an account of a Turkic ruler named Tamerlane, who conquered kingdoms to win power, while giving up that which his heart desired most. Despite the fact that his first published works were books of poetry, during his lifetime Edgar Allan Poe was recognized more for his literary criticism and prose than his poetry. However, Poe's poetic works have since become as well-known as his famous stories, and reflect similar themes of mystery and the macabre.

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"Tamerlane" is one of Poe's earliest works and gave its name to his first published book—Tamerlane and Other Poems. HarperPerennial Classics brings great works of literature to life in digital format, upholding the highest standards in ebook production and celebrating reading in all its forms. Look for more titles in the HarperPerennial Classics collection to build your digital library.

When eight-year-old Virginia "Sissy" Clemm meets her handsome cousin, Eddy, she sees the perfect husband she's conjured up in childhood games. Thirteen years her elder, he's



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soft-spoken, brooding, and handsome. Eddy finds his way through West Point and the army yet each time he returns to Baltimore, their friendship grows. As Sissy trains for a musical career, her childhood crush turns to love. When she's thirteen, Eddy proposes. But as their happy life darkens, Sissy endures Poe's abrupt disappearances, self-destructive moods, and alcoholic binges. When she falls ill, his greatest fear- that he'll lose the woman he loves- drives him both mad, and to his greatest literary achievement. Part ghost story, part love story, this provocative novel explores the

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mysterious, shocking  
relationship between Edgar Allan  
Poe and young Sissy Clemm, his  
cousin, muse and great love.  
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woman who inspired American  
literature's most demonized  
literary figure- and who  
ultimately destroyed him.

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psychological horror  
story and whose work had  
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terrifying look into the  
life and times of the  
original strange man:

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*Edgar Allan Poe. Poe is viewed as the ultimate doomed romantic whose last days are shrouded in sordid mystery. His life was a disaster, but his achievements in writing are amazing. He is widely recognized as father of the modern short story, inventor of the detective story and the master of horror. A Boston born writer, editor, and literary critic, he's best known for his creepy and macabre tales as well as being one of the central*

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*figures in the Romanticism movement in the United States. Accurately being dubbed as the ultimate doomed romantic, Poe was a drunk, his last days are shrouded in mystery akin to that of his short stories. During his lifetime, Edgar Allan Poe didn't make a dime out of writing, but his legacy to the world is one of never-ending riches. He left behind seventy-three wonderfully gruesome stories and a novel*

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*filled with suspense and brilliantly twisted plots. His stories and poems are now read and revered globally. As another master of horror, Stephen King, has said, we are all "the children of Poe." Abraham Lincoln, Josef Stalin, Michael Jackson, and Bart Simpson all have one thing in common; they are fans of the nineteenth century American writer and poet, Edgar Allan Poe. The writer of "The Raven" has legions of*

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*such devotees across the globe. The list of authors inspired by Poe is long and varied, but his profound influence reaches much further—into music, film, and art just as much as modern day literature. There have been more than a dozen film adaptations of his story "The Fall of the House of Usher," and his works have inspired composers ranging from Claude Debussy to Lou Reed. More than 160 years after his death,*

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Charlotte Montague has written a fascinating account of Poe's life and times, in which she uncovers a strange man, standing deep in the shadows, who's unique imagination and macabre writing have changed popular culture forevermore. In the process, she uncovers a strange man, standing deep in the shadows, whose macabre stories and twisted plots changed literature forever.

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of the detective story  
and a master of horror,  
the author of "The Red  
Mask of Death," "The  
Black Cat," and "The  
Murders of the Rue  
Morgue," Edgar Allan Poe  
seems to have derived  
his success from  
suffering and to have  
suffered from his  
success. "The Raven" and  
"The Tell-Tale Heart"  
have been read as signs  
of his personal  
obsessions, and "The  
Fall of the House of  
Usher" and "The Descent  
into the Maelstrom" as

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*symptoms of his own  
mental collapse.*

*Biographers have seldom  
resisted the  
opportunities to confuse  
the pathologies in the  
stories with the events  
in Poe's life. Against  
this tide of fancy,  
guesses, and amateur  
psychologizing, Arthur  
Hobson Quinn's biography  
devotes itself  
meticulously to facts.  
Based on exhaustive  
research in the Poe  
family archive, Quinn  
extracts the life from  
the legend, and*

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describes how they both  
were distorted by prior  
biographies. "

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House of Usher," "William**

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Wilson," "The Pit and the  
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across the East Coast and  
beyond, touring Poe's

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homes, examining artifacts  
from his life—locks of his  
hair, pieces of his  
coffin, original  
manuscripts, his boyhood  
bed—and visiting the many  
memorials dedicated to  
him. Along the way, Ocker  
meets people from a range  
of backgrounds and  
professions—actors, museum  
managers, collectors,  
historians—who have  
dedicated some part of  
their lives to Poe and his  
legacy. Poe-Land is a  
unique travelogue of the  
afterlife of the poet who  
invented detective  
fiction, advanced the

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emerging genre of science fiction, and elevated the horror genre with a mastery over the macabre that is arguably still unrivaled today.

For a century and a half Edgar Allan Poe has remained one of the most controversial and enigmatic figures in American literature. No other author has been subject to so much misconception; the "real Poe" has been all too dimly perceived, obscured by rumors and innuendoes about his alcoholism, ill-fated love affairs, and

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poverty. The Poe Log is the first complete and reliable chronicle of his tragic life and brilliant literary career.

Extracting facts and clues from a fascinating array of documents, reminiscences, newspaper reports, legal records, and letters to, from, or about Poe, Messrs. Thomas and Jackson have created a vibrant reconstruction of Poe's personal and professional life. The resulting text is remarkable for both its detail and its clarity. The broad outlines of Poe

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biography were sketched over a century ago; The Poe Log provides the fine strokes and details that complete the unfinished picture, endowing it with depth, verisimilitude, and meaning.

"The Black Cat" is a short story by Edgar Allan Poe. It was first published in the August 19, 1843, edition of The Saturday Evening Post. It is a study of the psychology of guilt, often paired in analysis with Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart". In both, a murderer carefully conceals his crime and



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believes himself  
unassailable, but  
eventually breaks down and  
reveals himself, impelled  
by a nagging reminder of  
his guilt.

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behind "The Raven," including a discussion of his rocky relationship with his wealthy adoptive father and his time spent working as an editor and reviewer. 15,000 first printing.

**The Philosophy of Composition Edgar Allan Poe "The Philosophy of Composition" is an essay by Edgar Allan Poe. Edgar Allan Poe (born Edgar Poe; January 19, 1809 - October 7, 1849) was an American author, poet, editor, and literary critic, considered part of the American Romantic Movement. Best known for his tales of mystery and the macabre, Poe was one of the earliest American practitioners of the short story, and is generally considered the inventor of the detective fiction genre. He is further credited with contributing to the emerging genre of science fiction. He was the first well-known American writer to try to earn a**

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living through writing alone, resulting in a financially difficult life and career. Born in Boston, he was the second child of two actors. His father abandoned the family in 1810, and his mother died the following year. Thus orphaned, the child was taken in by John and Frances Allan, of Richmond, Virginia. Although they never formally adopted him, Poe was with them well into young adulthood. Tension developed later as John Allan and Edgar repeatedly clashed over debts, including those incurred by gambling, and the cost of secondary education for the young man. Poe attended the University of Virginia for one semester but left due to lack of money. Poe quarreled with Allan over the funds for his education and enlisted in the Army in 1827 under an assumed name. It was at this time his publishing career began, albeit humbly, with an

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anonymous collection of poems, *Tamerlane and Other Poems* (1827), credited only to "a Bostonian." With the death of Frances Allan in 1829, Poe and Allan reached a temporary rapprochement. Later failing as an officer's cadet at West Point and declaring a firm wish to be a poet and writer, Poe parted ways with John Allan. Poe switched his focus to prose and spent the next several years working for literary journals and periodicals, becoming known for his own style of literary criticism. His work forced him to move among several cities, including Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York City. We are delighted to publish this classic book as part of our extensive Classic Library collection. Many of the books in our collection have been out of print for decades, and therefore have not been

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biography of one of our greatest  
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people fall in love. A cruel fate,*

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*however, was reserved for Annabel Lee. You will fall in love too with this beautiful work by Edgar Allan Poe, available in Portuguese and English editions. The Portuguese language version was even beautifully translated by Fernando Pessoa. POE Young Readers team worked tirelessly on this edition, retelling Poe's verses with beautiful watercolor-style illustrations. Finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize | Finalist for the 2022 Edgar Award An innovative biography of Edgar Allan Poe—highlighting his fascination and feuds with science. Decade after decade, Edgar Allan Poe remains one of the most popular American writers. He is beloved*

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*around the world for his pioneering detective fiction, tales of horror, and haunting, atmospheric verse. But what if there was another side to the man who wrote “The Raven” and “The Fall of the House of Usher”? In The Reason for the Darkness of the Night, John Tresch offers a bold new biography of a writer whose short, tortured life continues to fascinate. Shining a spotlight on an era when the lines separating entertainment, speculation, and scientific inquiry were blurred, Tresch reveals Poe’s obsession with science and lifelong ambition to advance and question human knowledge. Even as he composed dazzling works of fiction, he remained an avid and often*



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*combative commentator on new discoveries, publishing and hustling in literary scenes that also hosted the era's most prominent scientists, semi-scientists, and pseudo-intellectual rogues. As one newspaper put it, "Mr. Poe is not merely a man of science—not merely a poet—not merely a man of letters. He is all combined; and perhaps he is something more." Taking us through his early training in mathematics and engineering at West Point and the tumultuous years that followed, Tresch shows that Poe lived, thought, and suffered surrounded by science—and that many of his most renowned and imaginative works can best be understood in its company. He cast*

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*doubt on perceived certainties even as he hungered for knowledge, and at the end of his life delivered a mind-bending lecture on the origins of the universe that would win the admiration of twentieth-century physicists. Pursuing extraordinary conjectures and a unique aesthetic vision, he remained a figure of explosive contradiction: he gleefully exposed the hoaxes of the era's scientific fraudsters even as he perpetrated hoaxes himself. Tracing Poe's hard and brilliant journey, *The Reason for the Darkness of the Night* is an essential new portrait of a writer whose life is synonymous with mystery and imagination—and an entertaining, erudite tour of the world of American science just as it*

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*was beginning to come into its own.*  
A Novel

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of the conceived  
gruesome act, the  
narrator successfully  
fulfils his purpose,  
only to be lost in a  
battle with his sanity  
and guilt afterwards.  
Backed by the numerous  
movie and theatrical  
adaptations, the story  
is considered one of  
Poe's most popular and  
critically acclaimed.

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American poet and critic

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of his own lifelong  
fascination with the  
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inventor of the modern  
detective and science  
fiction genres, and as  
master of the  
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written biography, Pulitzer Prize-winning Kenneth Silverman gives us the long and amazing life of the man eulogized by the New York Herald in 1872 as "perhaps the most illustrious American of his age." Silverman presents Samuel Morse in all his complexity. There is the gifted and prolific painter (more than three hundred portraits and larger historical canvases) and pioneer photographer, who gave the first lectures on art in America, became the first Professor of Fine Arts at an American college (New York University), and founded the National Academy of Design. There is the republican idealist,



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prominent in antebellum politics, who ran for Congress and for mayor of New York. But most important, there is the inventor of the American electromagnetic telegraph, which earned Morse the name Lightning Man and brought him the fame he sought. In these pages, we witness the evolution of the great invention from its inception as an idea to its introduction to the world—an event that astonished Morse's contemporaries and was considered the supreme expression of the country's inventive genius. We see how it transformed commerce, journalism, transportation,

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military affairs, diplomacy, and the very shape of daily life, ushering in the modern era of communication. But we discover as well that Morse viewed his existence as accursed rather than illustrious, his every achievement seeming to end in loss and defeat: his most ambitious canvases went unsold; his beloved republic imploded into civil war, making it unlivable for him; and the commercial success of the telegraph engulfed him in lawsuits challenging the originality and ownership of his invention. Lightning Man is the first biography of Samuel F. B. Morse in sixty years. It is a revelation of

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the life of a fascinating and profoundly troubled American genius.

Tamerlane and Other Poems is the first published work by American writer Edgar Allan Poe. The short collection of poems was first published in 1827. Today, it is believed only 12 of approximately 50 copies of the collection still exist. The poems were largely inspired by Lord Byron, including the long title poem "Tamerlane", which depicts a historical conqueror who laments the loss of his first romance. Like much of Poe's future work, the poems in Tamerlane and Other Poems

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include themes of love, death, and pride.

Gothic, mysterious, theatrical, fatally flawed, and dazzling, the life of Edgar Allan Poe, one of America's greatest and most versatile writers, is the ideal subject for Peter Ackroyd. Poe wrote lyrical poetry and macabre psychological melodramas; invented the first fictional detective; and produced pioneering works of science fiction and fantasy. His innovative style, images, and themes had a tremendous impact on European romanticism, symbolism, and surrealism, and continue to influence writers today. In this

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essential addition to his canon of acclaimed biographies, Peter Ackroyd explores Poe's literary accomplishments and legacy against the background of his erratic, dramatic, and sometimes sordid life. Ackroyd chronicles Poe's difficult childhood, his bumpy academic and military careers, and his complex relationships with women, including his marriage to his thirteen-year-old cousin. He describes Poe's much-written-about problems with gambling and alcohol with sympathy and insight, showing their connections to Poe's childhood and the trials, as well as the triumphs, of his

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adult life. Ackroyd's thoughtful, perceptive examinations of some of Poe's most famous works shed new light on these classics and on the troubled and brilliant genius who created them.

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man's death and my  
life." Baltimore, 1849.

The body of Edgar Allan Poe has been buried in an unmarked grave. The public, the press, and even Poe's own family and friends accept the conclusion that Poe was a second-rate writer who met a disgraceful end as a drunkard. Everyone, in fact, seems to believe this except a young Baltimore lawyer named Quentin Clark, an ardent admirer who puts his own career and reputation at risk in a passionate



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crusade to salvage  
Poe's. As Quentin  
explores the puzzling  
circumstances of Poe's  
demise, he discovers  
that the writer's last  
days are riddled with  
unanswered questions the  
police are possibly  
willfully ignoring. Just  
when Poe's death seems  
destined to remain a  
mystery, and forever  
sealing his ignominy,  
inspiration strikes  
Quentin—in the form of  
Poe's own stories. The  
young attorney realizes  
that he must find the

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one person who can solve the strange case of Poe's death: the real-life model for Poe's brilliant fictional detective character, C. Auguste Dupin, the hero of ingenious tales of crime and detection. In short order, Quentin finds himself enmeshed in sinister machinations involving political agents, a female assassin, the corrupt Baltimore slave trade, and the lost secrets of Poe's final hours. With his own future hanging

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in the balance, Quentin  
Clark must turn master  
investigator himself to  
unchain his now  
imperiled fate from that  
of Poe's. Following his  
phenomenal debut novel,  
The Dante Club, Matthew  
Pearl has once again  
crossed pitch-perfect  
literary history with  
innovative mystery to  
create a beautifully  
detailed, ingeniously  
plotted tale of  
suspense. Pearl's  
groundbreaking  
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never published  
before—opens a new  
window on the truth  
behind Poe's demise,  
literary history's most  
persistent enigma. The  
resulting novel is a  
publishing event that,  
through sublime  
craftsmanship, subtle  
wit, and devious twists,  
does honor to Poe  
himself

Jerome McGann takes his  
readers on a spirited  
tour through a wide  
range of Poe's verse as  
well as the critical and  
theoretical writings in

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which he laid out his  
arresting ideas about  
poetry and poetics. In a  
bold reassessment,  
McGann argues that Poe  
belongs alongside  
Whitman and Dickinson as  
a foundational American  
poet and cultural  
presence.

The Tell-Tale Heart  
A Documentary Life of  
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Dreaming Revolution usefully  
employs current critical

theory to address how the  
European novel of class  
revolt was transformed into  
the American novel of  
imperial expansion.

Bradfield shows that early  
American romantic fiction -  
including works by William  
Godwin, Charles Brockden  
Brown, James Fenimore  
Cooper, and Edgar Allan Poe  
- can and should be  
considered as part of a  
genre too often limited to  
the Nineteenth-century  
European novel. Beginning  
with Godwin's Caleb  
Williams, Bradfield  
describes the ways in which  
revolution legitimates

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itself as a means of establishing Political consensus. For European revolutionaries like Godwin or Rousseau, the tyranny of the king must be replaced by the more indisputable authority of human reason. In other words, democratic revolution makes people free to investigate the same truths and arrive at the same democratic conclusions. In the American novel, however, the Enlightenment's idealized pursuit of abstract truth becomes restructured as a pursuit of abstract space. Instead of revealing knowledge, Americans explore further territories, manifest

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destiny, limitless regions of the yet-to-be-colonized and the still-to-be-known. In a spirited discussion of works by Brown, Cooper and Poe, Bradfield argues that Americans take the class dynamics of the European psychological novel and apply them to the American landscape, reimagining psychological spaces as geographical ones. Class distinctions become refigured in terms of the common people's pursuit of a meaning vaster than themselves - a meaning which leads them to imagine the always expanding body of colonial America. However, since class conflict is



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never successfully eliminated or forgotten, the memory of class struggle always reemerges in the narrative like a half-repressed dream of politics. In *Dreaming Revolution*, Bradfield reveals and interprets these dreams, opening these American novels to a richer and more rewarding reading. It is almost impossible to escape the Spanish Inquisition alive. However, Edgar Allan Poe's unnamed narrator, after suffering innumerable tortures upon his body and soul in the hands of his tormenters, sees the light of the day at the very end of his sanity's

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tether. Even despite the lack of supernatural elements, "The Pit and the Pendulum" (1842) has enjoyed and influenced several notable movie adaptations. Animations such as The "Flinstones", TV series like "Crime Scene Investigation", to films like Roger Corman's "The Pit and the Pendulum" (1961), starring Vincent Price and some torture methods found in the "Saw" franchise, the story's famous pendulum scene is a rather fruitful source of inspirations. Yet, despite the terrific torments, the story focuses primarily on how terror is implicitly depicted through the

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workings of the mind. Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) was an American poet, author, and literary critic. Most famous for his poetry, short stories, and tales of the supernatural, mysterious, and macabre, he is also regarded as the inventor of the detective genre and a contributor to the emergence of science fiction, dark romanticism, and weird fiction. His most famous works include "The Raven" (1845), "The Black Cat" (1843), and "The Gold-Bug" (1843).

The Annotated Poe  
The Strange Man Standing  
Deep in the Shadows