Take Arms Against a Sea of Troubles

In this beautifully realized study, Peter Schäfer investigates the origins of a female manifestation of God in Jewish mysticism. His Beauty represents a sea change in Kabbalah and Jewish-Christian cultural studies. It shifts our attention from the eastern Gnosticism--is the appropriate framework for understanding the feminine elements in Jewish mysticism, Mirror of the Saving Lie.

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The poetic influence, Bloom proposes, creates anxiety. Therefore, the new poet wants to see the "libraries burning", scan
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Against this chool-of-resentment Bloom propagates "aestheticism" as the sole test of "canonicity". His concept of originality
lumps together the various critical schools, which derive inspiration from this approach as the School-of-Resentment.

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Critical essays examine the works of a wide range of authors, including Walt Whitman, Sigmund Freud, Hart Crane, and


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This second edition contains a new Introduction, which explains the genesis of Bloom’s thinking and the subsequent influence of the book on literary criticism of the past twenty years. Given the enormous attention generated by Bloom’s controversial The Western Cannon, this new edition is certain to find a readymade audience among the new generation of scholars, students, and layreaders interested in the Bloom cannon.
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And though he has written before about some of these authors, these exegeses, written in the winter of his life, are

Joyce and Proust; Tolstoy and Yeats to Delmore Schwartz and Amy Clampitt; Blake to Wallace Stevens—and so much more.

Ecclesiastes to Shakespeare and Dr. Johnson; Spenser and Milton to Wordsworth and Keats; Whitman and Browning to

mind upon itself when it absorbs the highest and most enduring literature. He offers more than eighty meditations on poems

In this inward journey from childhood to ninety, Bloom argues with nobody but Bloom, interested only in the influence of the

nature of poetic value itself. Bloom writes “the work of great poetry is to aid us to become free artists of ourselves.” This

a lifetime of teaching and criticism. He tackles such subjects as poetic voice, the nature of metaphor and allusion, and the

separate book. For the first time Bloom gives his readers an elegant guide to reading poetry––a master critic’s distillation of

Harold Bloom's poetry anthology The Best Poems English Language is his lengthy introductory essay, here reprinted as a

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nonfiction book that will show you how to handle your anxiety and be your best, this unique book will show you how.

primitive part of the brain where anxious thoughts arise. You'll also be able to determine if you suffer from generalized

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anxious teens, you may even avoid situations that cause you anxiety altogether—leaving you stuck in a cycle of worry and

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A Map of Misreading

James Bible as literature, free from dogma and with an appreciation of its enduring aesthetic value.

Romantic period to the present day. Throughout, Bloom makes an impassioned and convincing case for reading the King

as the Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, and Job, and alerts us to the echoes of the King James Bible in works from the

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Bible, and the original Hebrew and Greek texts, Bloom highlights how the translators and editors improved upon—or, in

“inexplicable wonder” that a rather undistinguished group of writers could bring forth such a magnificent work of literature,

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The King James Bible stands at “the sublime summit of literature in English,” sharing the honor only with Shakespeare,

A richly insightful reading of the King James Bible as a literary masterwork, published for the text's 400-year anniversary

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also offers historical context, a discussion of the theory of how the different texts came together to create the Bible, and

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Rosenberg's translations from the Hebrew bring J's stories to life and reveal her towering

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In this, his most comprehensive and accessible study of influence, Bloom leads readers through the labyrinthine paths which link the writers and critics who have informed and inspired him for so many years.

A heated debate has been raging in North America in recent years over the form and function of literature. At the center of the fray is a group of critics teaching at Yale University—Harold Bloom, Geoffrey Hartman, Paul de Man, and J. Hillis Miller—whose work can be described in relation to the deconstructive philosophy practiced by French philosopher Jacques Derrida. For over a decade the Yale Critics have aroused controversy; most often they are considered as a group, to be applauded or attacked, rather than as individuals whose ideas merit critical scrutiny. Here a new generation of scholars attempts for the first time a serious, broad assessment of the Yale group. These essays appraise the Yale Critics by exploring their roots, their individual careers, and the issues they introduce. Wallace Martin's introduction offers a brilliant, compact account of the Yale Critics and of their relation to deconstruction and the deconstruction to two characteristically Anglo-American enterprises; Paul Bove explores the new criticism and Wlad Godzich the reception of Derrida in America. Next come essays giving individual attention to each of the critics: Michael Sprinker on Hartman, Donald Pease on Miller, Stanley Corngold on de Man, and Daniel O'Hara on Bloom. Two essays then illuminate "deconstruction in America" through a return to modern continental philosophy: Donald Marshall on Maurice Blanchot, and Rodolphe Gasche on Martin Heidegger. Finally, Jonathan Arac's afterword brings the volume together and projects a future beyond the Yale Critics. Throughout, the contributors aim to provide a balanced view of a subject that has most often been treated polemically. While useful as an introduction, The Yale Critics also engages in a serious critical reflection on the uses of the humanities in American today.

Kabbalah and Criticism may be justly regarded as the cardinal work of Harold Bloom's enterprise. This book is the keystone in the arch; it clarifies the development of his earlier books and indicates the direction of his future work. Kabbalah and Criticism provides a study of the Kabbalah itself, of its great commentators and the "revisionary ratios" they employed, and of its significance as a model for contemporary criticism. It is thus an indispensable book for all students of literature as well as for all those who are fascinated by this singularly rich body of mystical writings the influence of which is possibly greater now than at any other time.

On the 250th anniversary of Wordsworth's birth comes a highly imaginative and vivid portrait of a revolutionary poet who embodied the spirit of his age Published in time for the 250th anniversary of William Wordsworth's birth, this is the biography of a great poetic genius, a revolutionary who changed the world. Wordsworth rejoiced in the French Revolution and played a central role in the cultural upheaval that we call the Romantic Revolution. He and his fellow Romantics changed forever the way we think about childhood, the sense of the self, our connection to the natural environment, and the purpose of poetry. But his was also a revolutionary life in the old sense of the word, insofar as his art was of memory, the return of the past, the circling back to childhood and youth. This beautifully written biography is purposefully fragmentary, momentary, and selective, opening up what Wordsworth called "the hiding-places of my power."