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Introduction

The twenty-five articles in *British Writers*, *Supplement V* survey writers who for one reason or another are not represented in either the initial seven volumes of *British Writers* (1979–1984) or in supplements I (1987), II (1992), III (1996), or IV (1997). In Supplement V, as in its immediate predecessor, all but a couple of the writers came of age following World War II; they are not only moderns, but contemporaries, their careers still evolving.

From its inception, British Writers was designed as a companion to the ongoing American Writers (1974-). These two sets were followed by Ancient Writers: Greece and Rome (2 vols., 1982), by European Writers (14 vols., 1983-1991) and its three-volume redaction, European Writers (1992), by Latin American Writers (3 vols., 1989), and by African Writers (2 vols., 1996). These volumes constitute, so far, the Scribner World Literature series. And they are allied to works such as Science Fiction Writers (1982), Supernatural Fiction Writers (2 vols., 1985), William Shakespeare: His World, His Work, His Influence (3 vols., 1985), Writers for Children (1988), The Books of the Bible (1989), Modern American Women Writers (1991), African-American Writers (1991), and American Nature Writers (2 vols., 1996).

Each article in *British Writers*, *Supplement V* is devoted to a single writer; each is at least twelve thousand words long. Each article presents an account of the writer's works, life, and relations to his or her time, place, and literary context. But from article to article the emphasis varies, just as from writer to writer the relative interest of the life, the reading, the situation varies. Whatever the relative emphasis, the works come first; other matters are taken up to the extent that they form or inform the works.

In style and scope, the articles are expressly written for that mythical but inspiring figure, the general reader, rather than for the specialist. They are written, that is, for high school, college, and graduate students, as well as for their teachers; for librarians and editors; for reviewers, scholars, and critics; for literary browsers; for anyone who wants to repair an erosion or gap in his or her reservoir of knowledge. The article that can at once inform the general reader and stimulate the specialist will have achieved its goal.

Above all, and in consultation with librarians, the editors asked themselves whether a writer under consideration for inclusion was someone that English-speaking readers were likely to look up upon publication of Supplement V or twenty years later. The editors therefore took into account a shift in reader interest and critical activity and classroom attention that has not yet worked itself out. That shift, which is often thought of as a process of decanonization, includes a weakening of the distinction between popular literature and the other kind, whatever we call it. Thus earlier supplements include articles on such "popular" writers as Agatha Christie, John le Carré, Bram Stoker, H. Rider Haggard, Dorothy L. Sayers, Daphne du Maurier, Eric Ambler, and P. D. James. Thus Supplement V includes articles on Patricia Highsmith and J. G. Ballard.

In accordance with a practice that evolved early in the series, not all the writers represented in Supplement V are "British" in one or another restricted sense of the word. Anita Desai, for example, was born in Mussoorie, India; Patricia Highsmith was born in the United States; Eavan Boland, Medbh McGuckian, and Thomas Kinsella are very much Irish. But their relation to British literary culture was continuous and formative, if sometimes adversarial; their work shows up most vividly for what it is against the background of that British literary culture it enlarges or contests. In any case, the editors felt that readers would want to look up Desai and Boland, for example, but could not do so elsewhere in articles like the ones that make up this volume. This last justification, however, could apply to all the articles in this volume: they are all about writers who are well worth looking up.

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Chronology

1901-1	910 Reign of King Edward VII		Henry James's The Ambassadors
1901	William McKinley assassinated; Theo-		Alan Paton born
	dore Roosevelt succeeds to the presi-		Shaw's Man and Superman
	dency		Synge's Riders to the Sea produced in Dub-
	First transatlantic wireless telegraph sig-		lin
	nal transmitted		Yeats's In the Seven Woods and On Baile's
	Chekhov's Three Sisters		Strand
	Freud's <i>Psychopathology of Everyday Life</i> Rudyard Kipling's <i>Kim</i>	1904	Roosevelt elected president of the United States
	Thomas Mann's Buddenbrooks		Russo-Japanese war (1904–1905)
	Potter's The Tale of Peter Rabbit		Construction of the Panama Canal begins
	Shaw's Captain Brassbound's Conversion		The ultraviolet lamp invented
1000	August Strindberg's The Dance of Death		The engineering firm of Rolls-Royce
1902	Barrie's The Admirable Crichton		founded
	Arnold Bennett's Anna of the Five Towns		Barrie's <i>Peter Pan</i> first performed
	Cézanne's Le Lac d'Annecy		Cecil Day Lewis born
	Conrad's Heart of Darkness		Chekhov's The Cherry Orchard
	Henry James's The Wings of the Dove		Conrad's Nostromo
	William James's The Varieties of Religious		Henry James's The Golden Bowl
	Experience		Kipling's Traffics and Discoveries
	Kipling's Just So Stories		Georges Rouault's Head of a Tragic Clown
	Maugham's Mrs. Craddock Christina Stead born		G. M. Trevelyan's England Under the Stuarts
	Stevie Smith born		
	Times Literary Supplement begins publish-		Puccini's <i>Madame Butterfly</i> First Shaw-Granville Barker season at the
	ing		Royal Court Theatre
1903	At its London congress the Russian Social		The Abbey Theatre founded in Dublin
1703	Democratic Party divides into Menshe-	1905	Russian sailors on the battleship <i>Potemkin</i>
	viks, led by Plekhanov, and Bolsheviks,	1700	mutiny
	led by Lenin		After riots and a general strike the czar
	The treaty of Panama places the Canal		concedes to demands by the Duma for
	Zone in U.S. hands for a nominal rent		legislative powers, a wider franchise,
	Motor cars regulated in Britain to a 20-		and civil liberties
	mile-per-hour limit		Albert Einstein publishes his first theory
	The Wright brothers make a successful		of relativity
	flight in the United States		The Austin Motor Company founded
	Burlington magazine founded		Bennett's Tales of the Five Towns
	Samuel Butler's The Way of All Flesh pub-		Claude Debussy's <i>La Mer</i>
	lished posthumously		E. M. Forster's Where Angels Fear to Tread
	Cyril Connolly born		Henry Green born
	George Gissing's The Private Papers of		Richard Strauss's Salome
	Henry Ryecroft		H. G. Wells's Kipps
	Thomas Hardy's The Dynasts		Oscar Wilde's De Profundis

Admiral Robert Peary reaches the North 1906 Liberals win a landslide victory in the British general election Freud lectures at Clark University The Trades Disputes Act legitimizes peaceful picketing in Britain (Worcester, Mass.) on psychoanalysis Serge Diaghilev's Ballets Russes opens in Captain Dreyfus rehabilitated in France **Paris** J. J. Thomson begins research on gamma Galsworthy's Strife Hardy's Time's Laughingstocks The U.S. Pure Food and Drug Act passed Churchill's Lord Randolph Churchill Eric Ambler born Malcolm Lowry born William Empson born Galsworthy's The Man of Property Claude Monet's Water Lilies Kipling's Puck of Pook's Hill Stephen Spender born Shaw's The Doctor's Dilemma Trevelyan's Garibaldi and the Thousand Wells's Tono-Bungay first published (book Yeats's Poems 1899-1905 1907 form, 1909) Exhibition of cubist paintings in Paris Henry Adams' The Education of Henry Ad-1910-1936 Reign of King George V 1910 The Liberals win the British general elec-Henri Bergson's Creative Evolution Conrad's The Secret Agent Marie Curie's Treatise on Radiography Daphne du Maurier born Arthur Evans excavates Knossos Forster's The Longest Journey Edouard Manet and the first post-Christopher Fry born impressionist exhibition in London André Gide's La Porte étroite Filippo Marinetti publishes "Manifesto of Shaw's John Bull's Other Island and Major the Futurist Painters" Barbara Norman Angell's The Great Illusion Synge's The Playboy of the Western World Bennett's Clayhanger Trevelyan's Garibaldi's Defence of the Ro-Forster's Howards End man Republic Galsworthy's Justice and The Silver Box 1908 Herbert Asquith becomes prime minister Kipling's Rewards and Fairies David Lloyd George becomes chancellor Rimsky-Korsakov's Le Coq d'or of the exchequer Stravinsky's The Firebird William Howard Taft elected president of Vaughan Williams' A Sea Symphony the United States Wells's The History of Mr. Polly The Young Turks seize power in Istanbul Wells's The New Machiavelli first pub-Henry Ford's Model T car produced lished (in book form, 1911) Bennett's The Old Wives' Tale 1911 Lloyd George introduces National Health Pierre Bonnard's Nude Against the Light Insurance Bill Georges Braque's House at L'Estaque Suffragette riots in Whitehall Chesterton's The Man Who Was Thursday Roald Amundsen reaches the South Pole Jacob Epstein's Figures erected in London Bennett's The Card Forster's A Room with a View Chagall's Self Portrait with Seven Fingers Anatole France's L'lle des Pingouins Conrad's Under Western Eyes Henri Matisse's Bonheur de Vivre D. H. Lawrence's The White Peacock Elgar's First Symphony Katherine Mansfield's In a German Pen-Ford Madox Ford founds the English Resion Edward Marsh edits Georgian Poetry 1909 The Young Turks depose Sultan Abdul George Moore's Hail and Farewell (1911-Hamid 1914) The Anglo-Persian Oil Company formed Flann O'Brien born Louis Bleriot crosses the English Channel Strauss's Der Rosenkavalier from France by monoplane Stravinsky's Petrouchka

1912	Irevelyan's Garibaldi and the Making of Italy Wells's The New Machiavelli Mahler's Das Lied von der Erde Woodrow Wilson elected president of the United States SS Titanic sinks on its maiden voyage Five million Americans go to the movies daily; London has four hundred movie theaters		fighter aircraft Poison gas used for the first time First Zeppelin raid in London Brooke's 1914: Five Sonnets Norman Douglas' Old Calabria D. W. Griffith's The Birth of a Nation Gustav Holst's The Planets D. H. Lawrence's The Rainbow Wyndham Lewis's The Crowd
1913	Second post-impressionist exhibition in London Bennett's and Edward Knoblock's Milestones Constantin Brancusi's Maiastra Wassily Kandinsky's Black Lines D. H. Lawrence's The Trespasser Second Balkan War begins Henry Ford pioneers factory assembly technique through conveyor belts Epstein's Tomb of Oscar Wilde New York Armory Show introduces modern art to the world Alain Fournier's Le Grand Meaulnes Freud's Totem and Tabu	1916	Maugham's Of Human Bondage Pablo Picasso's Harlequin Sibelius' Fifth Symphony Evacuation of Gallipoli and the Dardanelles Battles of the Somme, Jutland, and Verdun Britain introduces conscription The Easter Rebellion in Dublin Asquith resigns and David Lloyd George becomes prime minister The Sykes-Picot agreement on the partition of Turkey First military tanks used Wilson reelected president of the United
1914	D. H. Lawrence's Sons and Lovers Mann's Death in Venice Proust's Du côté de chez Swann (first volume of A la recherche du temps perdu, 1913–1922) Barbara Pym born Ravel's Daphnis and Chloé The Panama Canal opens (formal dedication on 12 July 1920) Irish Home Rule Bill passed in the House of Commons Archduke Franz Ferdinand assassinated at Sarajevo World War I begins Battles of the Marne, Masurian Lakes, and Falkland Islands Joyce's Dubliners	1917	States Henri Barbusse's Le Feu Griffith's Intolerance Penelope Fitzgerald born Roald Dahl born Joyce's Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man Jung's Psychology of the Unconscious Moore's The Brook Kerith Edith Sitwell edits Wheels (1916–1921) Wells's Mr. Britling Sees It Through United States enters World War I Czar Nicholas II abdicates The Balfour Declaration on a Jewish national home in Palestine The Bolshevik Revolution Georges Clemenceau elected prime minister of France Lenin appointed chief commissar; Trot-
1915	Shaw's Pygmalion and Androcles and the Lion Yeats's Responsibilities Wyndham Lewis publishes Blast magazine and The Vorticist Manifesto The Dardanelles campaign begins Britain and Germany begin naval and submarine blockades The Lusitania is sunk		sky appointed their continussal, not- sky appointed minister of foreign af- fairs Conrad's The Shadow-Line Douglas' South Wind Eliot's Prufrock and Other Observations Modigliani's Nude with Necklace Sassoon's The Old Huntsman Prokofiev's Classical Symphony Yeats's The Wild Swans at Coole

1918	Wilson puts forward Fourteen Points for World Peace Central Powers and Russia sign the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk Execution of Czar Nicholas II and his family Kaiser Wilhelm II abdicates The Armistice signed Women granted the vote at age thirty in Britain Rupert Brooke's Collected Poems Gerard Manley Hopkins' Poems Joyce's Exiles Wyndham Lewis' Tarr Sassoon's Counter-Attack Oswald Spengler's The Decline of the West Strachey's Eminent Victorians Béla Bartók's Bluebeard's Castle Charlie Chaplin's Shoulder Arms The Versailles Peace Treaty signed J. W. Alcock and A. W. Brown make first transatlantic flight Ross Smith flies from London to Australia	1921	white Russian forces of Denikin and Kolchak defeated by the Bolsheviks P. D. James born Karel Čapek's R.U.R. Galsworthy's In Chancery and The Skin Game Sinclair Lewis' Main Street Katherine Mansfield's Bliss Matisse's Odalisques (1920–1925) Ezra Pound's Hugh Selwyn Mauberly Paul Valéry's Le Cimetière Marin Yeats's Michael Robartes and the Dancer Britain signs peace with Ireland First medium-wave radio broadcast in the United States The British Broadcasting Corporation founded Braque's Still Life with Guitar Chaplin's The Kid Aldous Huxley's Crome Yellow Paul Klee's The Fish Brian Harris born D. H. Lawrence's Women in Love John McTaggart's The Nature of Existence
1920	National Socialist party founded in Germany Benito Mussolini founds the Fascist party in Italy Sinn Fein Congress adopts declaration of independence in Dublin Eamon De Valera elected president of Sinn Fein party Communist Third International founded Lady Astor elected first woman Member of Parliament Prohibition in the United States John Maynard Keynes's The Economic Consequences of the Peace Eliot's Poems Maugham's The Moon and Sixpence Shaw's Heartbreak House The Bauhaus school of design; building, and crafts founded by Walter Gropius Amedeo Modigliani's Self-Portrait The League of Nations established Warren G. Harding elected president of the United States Senate votes against joining the League and rejects the Treaty of Versailles The Nineteenth Amendment gives women the right to vote in the United States	1922	(vol. 1) George Moore's Héloïse and Abélard Eugene O'Neill's The Emperor Jones Luigi Pirandello's Six Characters in Search of an Author Shaw's Back to Methuselah Strachey's Queen Victoria Lloyd George's Coalition government succeeded by Bonar Law's Conservative government Benito Mussolini marches on Rome and forms a government William Cosgrave elected president of the Irish Free State The BBC begins broadcasting in London Lord Carnarvon and Howard Carter discover Tutankhamen's tomb The PEN club founded in London The Criterion founded with T. S. Eliot as editor Kingsley Amis born Eliot's The Waste Land A. E. Housman's Last Poems Joyce's Ulysses D. H. Lawrence's Aaron's Rod and England, My England Sinclair Lewis' Babbitt

	O'Neill's Anna Christie Pirandello's Henry IV Edith Sitwell's Façade Virginia Woolf's Jacob's Room Yeats's The Trembling of the Veil		Hardy's Human Shows and Far Phantasies Aldous Huxley's Those Barren Leaves Kafka's The Trial Sean O'Casey's Juno and the Paycock Virginia Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway and The
1923	The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics		Common Reader
	established		Brancusi's Bird in Space
	French and Belgian troops occupy the		Shostakovich's First Symphony
	Ruhr in consequence of Germany's fail-		Sibelius' Tapiola
	ure to pay reparations		Elizabeth Jennings born
	Mustafa Kemal (Ataturk) proclaims Tur-	1926	Ford's A Man Could Stand Up
	key a republic and is elected president		Gide's Si le grain ne meurt
	Warren G. Harding dies; Calvin Coolidge		Hemingway's The Sun also Rises
	becomes president		Kafka's The Castle
	Stanley Baldwin succeeds Bonar Law as		D. H. Lawrence's The Plumed Serpent
	prime minister		T. E. Lawrence's Seven Pillars of Wisdom
	Adolf Hitler's attempted coup in Munich		privately circulated
	fails		Maugham's The Casuarina Tree
	Time magazine begins publishing		O'Casey's The Plough and the Stars
	E. N. da C. Andrade's The Structure of the		Puccini's Turandot
	Atom		John Berger born
	Brendan Behan born	1927	General Chiang Kai-shek becomes prime
	Christine Brooke-Rose born		minister in China
	Bennett's Riceyman Steps		Trotsky expelled by the Communist Party
	Churchill's The World Crisis (1923-1927)		as a deviationist; Stalin becomes leader
	J. E. Flecker's Hassan produced		of the party and dictator of the Soviet
	Nadine Gordimer born		Union
	Paul Klee's Magic Theatre		Charles Lindbergh flies from New York
	D. H. Lawrence's Kangaroo		to Paris
	Rainer Maria Rilke's Duino Elegies and		Ruth Prawer Jhabvala born
	Sonnets to Orpheus		Richard Murphy born
	Sibelius' Sixth Symphony		J. W. Dunne's An Experiment with Time
	Picasso's Seated Woman		Freud's Autobiography translated into En-
	William Walton's Façade		glish
1924	Ramsay MacDonald forms first Labour		Albert Giacometti's Observing Head
	government, loses general election,		Ernest Hemingway's Men Without Women
	and is succeeded by Stanley Baldwin		Fritz Lang's Metropolis
	Calvin Coolidge elected president of the		Wyndham Lewis' Time and Western Man
	United States		F. W. Murnau's Sunrise
	Noël Coward's <i>The Vortex</i>		Proust's Le Temps retrouvé posthumously
	Forster's A Passage to India		published
	Mann's The Magic Mountain		Stravinsky's Oedipus Rex
	Shaw's St. Joan		Virginia Woolf's To the Lighthouse
1925	Reza Khan becomes shah of Iran	1928	The Kellogg-Briand Pact, outlawing war
	First surrealist exhibition held in Paris		and providing for peaceful settlement
	Alban Berg's Wozzeck		of disputes, signed in Paris by sixty-
	Chaplin's The Gold Rush		two nations, including the Soviet Un-
	John Dos Passos' Manhattan Transfer		ion
	Theodore Dreiser's An American Tragedy		Herbert Hoover elected president of the
	Sergei Eisenstein's Battleship Potemkin		United States
	F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby		Women's suffrage granted at age twenty-
	André Gide's Les Faux Monnayeurs		one in Britain

Alexander Fleming discovers penicillin

The Daily Worker, journal of the British

Communist party, begins publishing Anita Brookner born J. W. Reppe makes artificial fabrics from Thomas Kinsella born Alan Sillitoe born an acetylene base William Trevor born I. G. Ballard born Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill's The Three-John Arden born Penny Opera W. H. Auden's Poems Eisenstein's October Coward's Private Lives Aldous Huxley's Point Counter Point Eliot's Ash Wednesday Christopher Isherwood's All the Conspir-Wyndham Lewis' The Apes of God Maugham's Cakes and Ale D. H. Lawrence's Lady Chatterley's Lover Ezra Pound's XXX Cantos Wyndham Lewis' The Childermass Evelyn Waugh's Vile Bodies Matisse's Seated Odalisque 1931 The failure of the Credit Anstalt in Aus-Munch's Girl on a Sofa tria starts a financial collapse in Central Shaw's Intelligent Woman's Guide to So-Europe cialism Britain abandons the gold standard; the Virginia Woolf's Orlando pound falls by twenty-five percent Yeats's The Tower Mutiny in the Royal Navy at Invergordon 1929 The Labour party wins British general over pay cuts Ramsay MacDonald resigns, splits the Trotsky expelled from the Soviet Union Cabinet, and is expelled by the Labour Museum of Modern Art opens in New party; in the general election the National Government wins by a majority Collapse of U.S. stock exchange begins of five hundred seats world economic crisis The Statute of Westminster defines do-Brian Friel born minion status Thom Gunn born Ninette de Valois founds the Vic-Wells Robert Bridges' The Testament of Beauty Ballet (eventually the Royal Ballet) William Faulkner's The Sound and the Coward's Cavalcade Dali's The Persistence of Memory Robert Graves's Goodbye to All That John le Carré born Hemingway's A Farewell to Arms Fay Weldon born Ernst Junger's The Storm of Steel O'Neill's Mourning Becomes Electra Hugo von Hoffmansthal's Poems Anthony Powell's Afternoon Men Henry Moore's Reclining Figure Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's Vol de nuit J. B. Priestley's The Good Companions William Walton's Belshazzar's Feast Erich Maria Remarque's All Quiet on the Virginia Woolf's The Waves Western Front 1932 Franklin D. Roosevelt elected president of Shaw's The Applecart the United States R. C. Sheriff's Journey's End Paul von Hindenburg elected president Edith Sitwell's Gold Coast Customs of Germany; Franz von Papen elected Thomas Wolfe's Look Homeward, Angel chancellor Virginia Woolf's A Room of One's Own Sir Oswald Mosley founds British Union Yeats's The Winding Stair of Fascists Second surrealist manifesto; Salvador The BBC takes over development of tele-Dali joins the surrealists vision from J. L. Baird's company Epstein's Night and Day Mondrian's Composition with Yellow Blue Basic English of 850 words designed as a 1930 Allied occupation of the Rhineland ends prospective international language Mohandas Gandhi opens civil disobedi-The Folger Library opens in Washington, ence campaign in India D.C.

Robert Watson-Watt builds first practical The Shakespeare Memorial Theatre radar equipment opens in Stratford-upon-Avon Geoffrey Hill born Thomas Keneally born David Lodge born Edna O'Brien born D. M. Thomas born Faulkner's Light in August Karl Jaspers' Suffering and Existence Aldous Huxley's Brave New World F. R. Leavis' New Bearings in English Poetry Ivy Compton-Burnett's A House and Its Boris Pasternak's Second Birth Head Ravel's Concerto for Left Hand Eliot's Murder in the Cathedral Rouault's Christ Mocked by Soldiers Barbara Hepworth's Three Forms Waugh's Black Mischief George Gershwin's Porgy and Bess Yeats's Words for Music Perhaps Graham Greene's England Made Me 1933 Roosevelt inaugurates the New Deal Isherwood's Mr. Norris Changes Trains Hitler becomes chancellor of Germany Malraux's Le Temps du mépris Yeats's Dramatis Personae The Reichstag set on fire Hitler suspends civil liberties and free-Klee's Child Consecrated to Suffering dom of the press; German trade unions Benedict Nicholson's White Relief 1936 Edward VII accedes to the throne in Jansuppressed George Balanchine and Lincoln Kirstein uary; abdicates in December found the School of American Ballet 1936-1952 Reign of George VI Joe Orton born 1936 German troops occupy the Rhineland Lowry's Ultramarine Ninety-nine percent of German electorate André Malraux's La Condition humaine vote for Nazi candidates Orwell's Down and Out in Paris and Lon-The Popular Front wins general election don in France; Léon Blum becomes prime Gertrude Stein's The Autobiography of Alminister ice B. Toklas Roosevelt reelected president of the 1934 The League Disarmament Conference **United States** ends in failure The Popular Front wins general election The Soviet Union admitted to the League in Spain Hitler becomes Führer Spanish Civil War begins Civil war in Austria; Engelbert Dollfuss Italian troops occupy Addis Ababa; Abassassinated in attempted Nazi coup yssinia annexed by Italy Frédéric Joliot and Irene Joliot-Curie dis-BBC begins television service from Alexcover artificial (induced) radioactivity andra Palace Einstein's My Philosophy A. S. Byatt born Auden's Look, Stranger! Fitzgerald's Tender Is the Night Graves's I, Claudius and Claudius the God Auden and Isherwood's The Ascent of F-6 Toynbee's A Study of History begins pub-A. J. Ayer's Language, Truth and Logic lication (1934-1954) Chaplin's Modern Times Waugh's A Handful of Dust Greene's A Gun for Sale 1935 Grigori Zinoviev and other Soviet leaders Aldous Huxley's Eyeless in Gaza convicted of treason Keynes's General Theory of Employment Stanley Baldwin becomes prime minister F. R. Leavis' Revaluation in National Government; National Mondrian's Composition in Red and Blue Government wins general election in Dylan Thomas' Twenty-five Poems **Britain** Wells's The Shape of Things to Come filmed 1937 Italy invades Abyssinia Trial of Karl Radek and other Soviet lead-Germany repudiates disarmament clauses of Treaty of Versailles Neville Chamberlain succeeds Stanley Germany reintroduces compulsory mili-Baldwin as prime minister tary service and outlaws the Jews China and Japan at war

	Frank Whittle designs jet engine		Eliot's The Family Reunion
	Picasso's Guernica		Alan Ayckbourn born
	Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony		Margaret Drabble born
	Magritte's La Reproduction interdite		Seamus Heaney born
	Anita Desai born		Isherwood's Good-bye to Berlin
	Tony Harrison born		Joyce's Finnegans Wake (1922–1939)
	Hemingway's To Have and Have Not		MacNeice's Autumn Journal
			Powell's What's Become of Waring?
	Malraux's L'Espoir	1940	Churchill becomes prime minister
	Orwell's The Road to Wigan Pier	1940	Italy declares war on France, Britain, and
	Priestley's <i>Time and the Conways</i> Virginia Woolf's <i>The Years</i>		Greece
1938	Trial of Nikolai Bukharin and other So-		General de Gaulle founds Free French
	viet political leaders		Movement
	Austria occupied by German troops and		The Battle of Britain and the bombing of
	declared part of the Reich		London
	Hitler states his determination to annex		Roosevelt reelected president of the
	Sudetenland from Czechoslovakia		United States for third term
	Britain, France, Germany, and Italy sign		Betjeman's Old Lights for New Chancels
	the Munich agreement		Angela Carter born
	German troops occupy Sudetenland		Bruce Chatwin born
	Caryl Churchill born		Chaplin's The Great Dictator
	Edward Hulton founds <i>Picture Post</i>		
			Disney's Fantasia
	Cyril Connolly's Enemies of Promise		Greene's The Power and the Glory
	du Maurier's Rebecca		Hemingway's For Whom the Bell Tolls
	Faulkner's The Unvanquished		C. P. Snow's Strangers and Brothers (reti-
	Graham Greene's Brighton Rock		tled George Passant in 1970, when entire
	Hindemith's Mathis der Maler		sequence of ten novels, published
	Jean Renoir's La Grande Illusion		1940–1970, was entitled Strangers and
	Jean-Paul Sartre's La Nausée	20.00	Brothers)
	Yeats's New Poems	1941	German forces occupy Yugoslavia, Greece,
	Anthony Asquith's Pygmalion and Walt		and Crete, and invade the Soviet Union
	Disney's Snow White		Lend-Lease agreement between the United
1939	German troops occupy Bohemia and Mo-		States and Britain
	ravia; Czechoslovakia incorporated into Third Reich		President Roosevelt and Winston Chur-
			chill sign the Atlantic Charter
	Madrid surrenders to General Franco; the		Japanese forces attack Pearl Harbor;
	Spanish Civil War ends		United States declares war on Japan,
	Italy invades Albania		Germany, Italy; Britain on Japan
	Spain joins Germany, Italy, and Japan in		Auden's New Year Letter
	anti-Comintern Pact		James Burnham's The Managerial Revolu-
	Britain and France pledge support to Po-		tion
	land, Romania, and Greece		F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Last Tycoon
	The Soviet Union proposes defensive al-		Aldous Huxley's Grey Eminence
	liance with Britain; British military mis-		Shostakovich's Seventh Symphony
	sion visits Moscow		Michael Tippett's A Child of Our Time
	The Soviet Union and Germany sign non-		Orson Welles's Citizen Kane
	aggression treaty, secretly providing		Virginia Woolf's Between the Acts
	for partition of Poland between them	1942	Japanese forces capture Singapore, Hong
	Germany invades Poland; Britain, France,		Kong, Bataan, Manila
	and Germany at war		German forces capture Tobruk
	The Soviet Union invades Finland		U.S. fleet defeats the Japanese in the Coral
	New York World's Fair opens		Sea, captures Guadalcanal

Hitler commits suicide; German forces Battle of El Alamein Allied forces land in French North Africa surrender Atom first split at University of Chicago The Potsdam Peace Conference The United Nations Charter ratified in William Beveridge's Social Insurance and San Francisco Allied Services The Labour Party wins British general Albert Camus's L'Étranger Joyce Cary's To Be a Pilgrim election Edith Sitwell's Street Songs Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima Waugh's Put Out More Flags and Nagasaki German forces surrender at Stalingrad Surrender of Japanese forces ends World 1943 German and Italian forces surrender in North Africa Trial of Nazi war criminals opens at Nu-Italy surrenders to Allies and declares remberg All-India Congress demands British war on Germany withdrawal from India Cairo conference between Roosevelt, De Gaulle elected president of French Churchill, Chiang Kai-shek Teheran conference between Roosevelt, Provisional Government; resigns the Churchill, Stalin next year Betjeman's New Bats in Old Belfries Pat Barker born Eliot's Four Quartets Britten's Peter Grimes Henry Moore's Madonna and Child Orwell's Animal Farm Bertrand Russell's History of Western Phi-Sartre's Les Mouches Vaughan Williams' Fifth Symphony losophy 1944 Allied forces land in Normandy and Sartre's The Age of Reason Edith Sitwell's The Song of the Cold southern France Waugh's Brideshead Revisited Allied forces enter Rome Bills to nationalize railways, coal mines, 1946 Attempted assassination of Hitler fails and the Bank of England passed in Brit-Liberation of Paris U.S. forces land in Philippines ain German offensive in the Ardennes halted Nuremberg Trials concluded Roosevelt reelected president of the United Nations General Assembly meets United States for fourth term in New York as its permanent head-Education Act passed in Britain quarters Pay-as-You-Earn income tax introduced The Arab Council inaugurated in Britain Eavan Boland born Iulian Barnes born Beveridge's Full Employment in a Free So-James Kelman born Frederick Ashton's Symphonic Variations cietu Cary's The Horse's Mouth Britten's The Rape of Lucretia Aldous Huxley's Time Must Have a Stop David Lean's Great Expectations Maugham's The Razor's Edge O'Neill's The Iceman Cometh Sartre's Huis Clos Roberto Rossellini's Paisà Edith Sitwell's Green Song and Other Po-Dylan Thomas' Deaths and Entrances 1947 President Truman announces program of Graham Sutherland's Christ on the Cross aid to Greece and Turkey and outlines Trevelyan's English Social History the "Truman Doctrine" 1945 British and Indian forces open offensive Independence of India proclaimed; partition between India and Pakistan, and in Burma Yalta conference between Roosevelt, communal strife between Hindus and Churchill, Stalin Muslims follows Mussolini executed by Italian partisans General Marshall calls for a European re-Roosevelt dies; Harry S. Truman becomes covery program president First supersonic air flight

Cary's A Fearful Joy Britain's first atomic pile at Harwell Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman comes into operation Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-four Edinburgh Festival established Korean War breaks out Discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in Pal-1950 Nobel Prize for literature awarded to Berestine Princess Elizabeth marries Philip Mounttrand Russell batten, duke of Edinburgh Medbh McGuckian born David Hare born R. H. S. Crossman's The God That Failed Salman Rushdie born T. S. Eliot's The Cocktail Party Auden's Age of Anxiety Fry's Venus Observed Camus's La Peste Doris Lessing's The Grass Is Singing Chaplin's Monsieur Verdoux C. S. Lewis' The Chronicles of Narnia (1950-Lowry's Under the Volcano 1956) Priestley's An Inspector Calls Wyndham Lewis' Rude Assignment Edith Sitwell's The Shadow of Cain George Orwell's Shooting an Elephant Waugh's Scott-King's Modern Europe Carol Reed's The Third Man 1948 Gandhi assassinated Dylan Thomas' Twenty-six Poems Czech Communist Party seizes power 1951 Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean defect Pan-European movement (1948-1958) befrom Britain to the Soviet Union gins with the formation of the perma-The Conservative party under Winston nent Organization for European Eco-Churchill wins British general election nomic Cooperation (OEEC) The Festival of Britain celebrates both the Berlin airlift begins as the Soviet Union centenary of the Crystal Palace Exhihalts road and rail traffic to the city bition and British postwar recovery British mandate in Palestine ends; Israeli Electric power is produced by atomic enprovisional government formed ergy at Arcon, Idaho Yugoslavia expelled from Soviet bloc Paul Muldoon born Columbia Records introduces the long-W. H. Auden's Nones playing record Samuel Beckett's Molloy and Malone Dies Truman elected president of the United Benjamin Britten's Billy Budd States for second term Greene's The End of the Affair Ian McEwan born Akira Kurosawa's Rashomon Greene's The Heart of the Matter Wyndham Lewis' Rotting Hill Aldous Huxley's Ape and Essence Anthony Powell's A Question of Upbring-Leavis' The Great Tradition ing (first volume of A Dance to the Music Pound's Cantos of Time, 1951-1975) Priestley's The Linden Tree J. D. Salinger's The Catcher in the Rye Waugh's The Loved One C. P. Snow's The Masters 1949 North Atlantic Treaty Organization estab-Igor Stravinsky's The Rake's Progress lished with headquarters in Brussels 1952 Reign of Elizabeth II Berlin blockade lifted At Eniwetok Atoll the United States det-German Federal Republic recognized; onates the first hydrogen bomb capital established at Bonn The European Coal and Steel Community Konrad Adenauer becomes German comes into being chancellor Radiocarbon dating introduced to ar-Mao Tse-tung becomes chairman of the chaeology People's Republic of China following Michael Ventris deciphers Linear B script Communist victory over the Nationalists Dwight D. Eisenhower elected president Martin Amis born of the United States Graham Swift born Beckett's Waiting for Godot Simone de Beauvoir's The Second Sex Charles Chaplin's Limelight

	Ernest Hemingway's The Old Man and the		Cary's Not Honour More
	Sea		Greene's The Quiet American
	Arthur Koestler's Arrow in the Blue		Philip Larkin's The Less Deceived
	F. R. Leavis' The Common Pursuit		F. R. Leavis' D. H. Lawrence, Novelist
	Lessing's Martha Quest (first volume of		Vladimir Nabokov's Lolita
	The Children of Violence, 1952-1965)		Patrick White's The Tree of Man
	C. S. Lewis' Mere Christianity	1956	Nasser's nationalization of the Suez Ca-
	Thomas' Collected Poems	1,00	nal leads to Israeli, British, and French
	Evelyn Waugh's Men at Arms (first vol-		armed intervention
	ume of Sword of Honour, 1952–1961)		
			Uprising in Hungary suppressed by So-
1052	Angus Wilson's Hemlock and After		viet troops
1953	Constitution for a European political		Khrushchev denounces Stalin at Twenti-
	community drafted		eth Communist Party Congress
	Julius and Ethel Rosenberg executed for		Eisenhower reelected president of the
	passing U.S. secrets to the Soviet Union		United States
	Cease-fire declared in Korea		Anthony Burgess' Time for a Tiger
	Edmund Hillary and his Sherpa guide,		Golding's Pincher Martin
	Tenzing Norkay, scale Mt. Everest		Murdoch's Flight from the Enchanter
	Nobel Prize for literature awarded to		ě ,
	Winston Churchill		John Osborne's Look Back in Anger
	General Mohammed Naguib proclaims		Snow's Homecomings
	Egypt a republic		Edmund Wilson's Anglo-Saxon Attitudes
	Beckett's Watt	1957	The Soviet Union launches the first arti-
			ficial earth satellite, Sputnik I
	Joyce Cary's Except the Lord		Eden succeeded by Harold Macmillan
4054	Robert Graves's Poems 1953		Suez Canal reopened
1954	First atomic submarine, Nautilus, is		Eisenhower Doctrine formulated
	launched by the United States		Parliament receives the Wolfenden Re-
	Dien Bien Phu captured by the Vietminh		port on Homosexuality and Prostitu-
	Geneva Conference ends French domin-		tion
	ion over Indochina		
	U.S. Supreme Court declares racial seg-		Nobel Prize for literature awarded to Al-
	regation in schools unconstitutional		bert Camus
	Nasser becomes president of Egypt		Beckett's Endgame and All That Fall
	Nobel Prize for literature awarded to Er-		Lawrence Durrell's Justine (first volume
	nest Hemingway		of The Alexandria Quartet, 1957–1960)
	Kazuo Ishiguro born		Ted Hughes's The Hawk in the Rain
			Murdoch's The Sandcastle
	Kingsley Amis' Lucky Jim		V. S. Naipaul's The Mystic Masseur
	John Betjeman's A Few Late Chrysanthe-		Eugene O'Neill's Long Day's Journey into
	mums		Night
	William Golding's Lord of the Flies		Osborne's The Entertainer
	Christopher Isherwood's The World in the		
	Evening		Muriel Spark's The Comforters
	Koestler's The Invisible Writing		White's Voss
	Iris Murdoch's Under the Net	1958	European Economic Community estab-
	C. P. Snow's The New Men		lished
	Thomas' Under Milk Wood published		Khrushchev succeeds Bulganin as Soviet
	posthumously		premier
1955	Warsaw Pact signed		Charles de Gaulle becomes head of
1,00	West Germany enters NATO as Allied oc-		France's newly constituted Fifth Re-
	cupation ends		public
			The second control of
	The Conservative party under Anthony		The United Arab Republic formed by
	Eden wins British general election		Egypt and Syria

The New English Bible published The United States sends troops into Leb-Will Self born First U.S. satellite, Explorer 1, launched Beckett's How It Is Greene's A Burnt-Out Case Nobel Prize for literature awarded to Koestler's The Lotus and the Robot Boris Pasternak Murdoch's A Severed Head Roddy Doyle born Naipaul's A House for Mr Biswas Caryl Phillips born Osborne's Luther Beckett's Krapp's Last Tape John Kenneth Galbraith's The Affluent So-Spark's The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie White's Riders in the Chariot Greene's Our Man in Havana 1962 John Glenn becomes first U.S. astronaut Murdoch's The Bell to orbit earth The United States launches the spacecraft Pasternak's Dr. Zhivago Snow's The Conscience of the Rich Mariner to explore Venus Algeria achieves independence 1959 Fidel Castro assumes power in Cuba St. Lawrence Seaway opens Cuban missile crisis ends in withdrawal of Soviet missiles from Cuba The European Free Trade Association Adolf Eichmann executed in Israel for founded Alaska and Hawaii become the forty-Nazi war crimes ninth and fiftieth states Second Vatican Council convened by The Conservative party under Harold Pope John XXIII Macmillan wins British general elec-Nobel Prize for literature awarded to **John Steinbeck** tion Edward Albee's Who's Afraid of Virginia Ben Okri born Woolf? Jeanette Winterson born Beckett's Happy Days Brendan Behan's The Hostage Anthony Burgess' A Clockwork Orange Golding's Free Fall and The Wanting Seed Graves's Collected Poems Koestler's The Sleepwalkers Aldous Huxley's Island Harold Pinter's The Birthday Party Isherwood's Down There on a Visit Snow's The Two Cultures and the Scientific Lessing's The Golden Notebook Revolution Nabokov's Pale Fire Spark's Memento Mori Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's One Day in the 1960 South Africa bans the African National Life of Ivan Denisovich Congress and Pan-African Congress 1963 Britain, the United States, and the Soviet The Congo achieves independence Union sign a test-ban treaty John F. Kennedy elected president of the Britain refused entry to the European **United States Economic Community** The U.S. bathyscaphe Trieste descends to The Soviet Union puts into orbit the first 35,800 feet woman astronaut, Valentina Teresh-Publication of the unexpurgated Lady kova Chatterley's Lover permitted by court Paul VI becomes pope Auden's Hommage to Clio President Kennedy assassinated; Lyndon Betjeman's Summoned by Bells B. Johnson assumes office Pinter's The Caretaker Nobel Prize for literature awarded to Snow's The Affair George Seferis David Storey's This Sporting Life Britten's War Requiem South Africa leaves the British Common-1961 John Fowles' The Collector wealth Murdoch's The Unicorn Sierra Leone and Tanganyika achieve in-Spark's The Girls of Slender Means dependence Storey's Radcliffe The Berlin Wall erected John Updike's The Centaur

1964	Tonkin Gulf incident leads to retaliatory strikes by U.S. aircraft against North		Osborne's A Patriot for Me Paul Scott's The Jewel in the Crown (first
	Vietnam		volume of The Raj Quartet, 1966–1975)
	Greece and Turkey contend for control of		White's The Solid Mandala
	Cyprus	1967	Thurgood Marshall becomes first black
	Britain grants licenses to drill for oil in the		U.S. Supreme Court justice
	North Sea		Six-Day War pits Israel against Egypt and
	The Shakespeare Quatercentenary cele-		Syria
	brated		Biafra's secession from Nigeria leads to
	Lyndon Johnson elected president of the		civil war
	United States		Francis Chichester completes solo cir-
	The Labour party under Harold Wilson		cumnavigation of the globe
	wins British general election		Dr. Christiaan Barnard performs first
	Nobel Prize for literature awarded to		heart transplant operation, in South Af-
	Jean-Paul Sartre		rica
	Saul Bellow's Herzog		China explodes its first hydrogen bomb
	Burgess' Nothing Like the Sun		Golding's The Pyramid
	Golding's The Spire		Hughes's Wodwo
	Isherwood's A Single Man		Isherwood's A Meeting by the River
	Stanley Kubrick's Dr. Strangelove		Naipaul's The Mimic Men
	Larkin's The Whitsun Weddings		Tom Stoppard's Rosencrantz and Guilden-
	Naipaul's An Area of Darkness		stern Åre Dead
	Peter Shaffer's The Royal Hunt of the Sun		Orson Welles's Chimes at Midnight
	Snow's Corridors of Power		Angus Wilson's No Laughing Matter
1965	The first U.S. combat forces land in Viet-	1968	Violent student protests erupt in France
	nam		and West Germany
	The U.S. spacecraft Mariner transmits		Warsaw Pact troops occupy Czechoslo-
	photographs of Mars		vakia
	British Petroleum Company finds oil in		Violence in Northern Ireland causes Brit-
	the North Sea		ain to send in troops
	War breaks out between India and Paki-		Tet offensive by Communist forces
	stan		launched against South Vietnam's cit-
	Rhodesia declares its independence		ies
	Ontario power failure blacks out the Ca-		Theater censorship ended in Britain
	nadian and U.S. east coasts		Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King,
	Nobel Prize for literature awarded to		Jr., assassinated
	Mikhail Sholokhov		Richard M. Nixon elected president of the
	Robert Lowell's For the Union Dead		United States
	Norman Mailer's An American Dream		Booker Prize for fiction established
	Osborne's Inadmissible Evidence		Durrell's Tunc
	Pinter's The Homecoming		Graves's Poems 1965–1968
	Spark's The Mandelbaum Gate		Osborne's The Hotel in Amsterdam
1966	The Labour party under Harold Wilson		Snow's The Sleep of Reason
	wins British general election		Solzhenitsyn's The First Circle and Cancer
	The Archbishop of Canterbury visits		Ward
	Pope Paul VI		Spark's The Public Image
	Florence, Italy, severely damaged by	1969	Humans set foot on the moon for the first
	floods		time when astronauts descend to its
	Paris exhibition celebrates Picasso's		surface in a landing vehicle from the
	eighty-fifth birthday		U.S. spacecraft Apollo 11
	Fowles's The Magus		The Soviet unmanned spacecraft <i>Venus V</i>
	Greene's The Comedians		lands on Venus