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The Drought Apr 01 2023 'The world, without

rain, is drying up. Rivers are a trickle and we see the shrivelling of the species far from its sources and headed lemming-like for the sea. Time has burst its dams and seeps inside the race-structure with bizarre results A strange and rather wonderful book full of haunting landscapes, phantasmagoria and disaster that clangs on the mind. An impressive novel at any level. Its obscurities and surrealist flourishes only heighten the dreamlike atmosphere.'

Guardian

[The Angle Between Two Walls](#) Nov 03 2020 This is the first theoretically informed book on Ballard, reading his work not only within the science fiction genre, but also connecting it to issues of popular culture and legitimisation, postmodernism and the legacy of the avant-garde. Aiming where necessary to contextualise Ballard's fiction within the science fiction genre, Luckhurst's study also travels over many terrains more or less foreign to SF: existentialism, Surrealism, Pop Art, psychoanalysis, ethnologies of contemporary modernity, and the theory of autobiography.

The Unlimited Dream Company: A Novel

Aug 25 2022 "A remarkable piece of invention, a flight from the world of the familiar and the real

into the exotic universe of dream and desire."
—New York Times Book Review When a light aircraft crashes into the Thames at Shepperton, the young pilot who struggles to the surface minutes later seems to have come back from the dead. Within hours everything in the dormitory suburb is transformed. Vultures invade rooftops, luxuriant tropical vegetation overruns the quiet avenues, and the local inhabitants are propelled by the young man's urgent visions through ecstatic sexual celebrations toward an apocalyptic climax. In this characteristically inventive novel Ballard displays to devastating effect the extraordinary imagination that has established him as one of the twentieth century's most visionary writers.

The Voices of Time May 10 2021

Concrete Island Aug 01 2020 Roman.

Hello America Oct 03 2020 Science fiction-roman.

Running Wild Apr 20 2022 Yet again J. G. Ballard's inimitable clairvoyance is on display in this timely, powerful story of a community shattered by a massive act of violence. A massacre rocks a suburban utopia—thirty-two adults murdered, and their children missing—in *Running Wild*, one of Ballard's most dazzlingly

subversive works of fiction. “To Ballard, lack of choice . . . is a dangerous state of being. In *Running Wild*, it’s not the children who are doing the running; it is the society that raised them” (San Francisco Chronicle).

The Day of Creation: A Novel Oct 15 2021 Dr. Mallory, director of the WHO clinic in Port-la-Nouvelle, dreams of bringing water to the region, and unexpectedly discovers a new river, which he names after himself.

J.G. Ballard Nov 27 2022 Controversial science fiction writer, J.G. Ballard, tells of his unorthodox upbringing in Shanghai in the 1940's. Ballard has achieved acclaim for works such as *Empire of the Sun*, and controversy over *Crash*, which investigates the psychosexual significance of the car crash. The book includes an article on Ballard *Mythmaker of the 20th Century* by William S. Burroughs, and chapter one of *Crash*, plus Ballard's introduction to the French edition.

Grave New World Feb 25 2020 In this book Dr Dominika Oramus reads J.G. Ballard's fiction (and some of his non-fiction) as a record of the gradual internal degeneration of Western civilization in the second half of the twentieth century. In sundry ways and styles Ballard's ostensibly very heterogeneous oeuvre depicts the

same intangible catastrophe that has happened to the world. Contemporary reality is thus presented in his late prose as "post-apocalyptic" though we are not literally living amidst the ruins, the golden age is far behind us and we are witnessing the twilight of the West. Oramus achieves two aims in this study. First, the revelation of the Grave New World, that imaginary territory Ballard describes in his books, which is a combination of the turn-of-the-millennium world, intertextual allusions to both fiction and non-fiction, and Ballard's projections for the near future with its sociological idiosyncrasies. Oramus shows that no matter which literary conventions Ballard applies in a given text (science fiction, speculative fiction, detective story, thriller, war novel, or any other), he charts the very same territory and remains throughout primarily interested in the reaction of the human mind to the post-World War II reality - which is the common denominator of his diverse obsessions. Second, she sheds light on the spiritual condition and social problems of contemporary Western civilization as seen by Ballard, its ever so inquisitive member. Her technique in approaching Ballard is that of textual analysis and a close readings of passages

of his texts that best show his exuberant stylistics; sometimes she also points out his references to literary and cultural theories. As far as said theories are concerned, Oramus follows Ballard's own readings. He very often alludes to critical schools and makes his characters discuss fashionable notions and ideas. She refers to the same sources: mostly psychoanalysts (many Ballardian characters are psychiatrists), but also historians and recent cultural theorists.

The Complete Stories of J. G. Ballard Jan 18 2022 Collects all ninety-two of the late Empire of the Sun author's stories--including "Prima Belladonna," "Dead Time," and "The Index"--which span five decades and explore everything from musical orchids to human cannibalism to the secret history of World War III.

Super-Cannes May 22 2022 Long-regarded as one of the true visionary writers of the twentieth century, J.G. Ballard was one of the first British writers of the post-war period to begin to see, and to map out in his fiction, the future course of our civilization. For forty years his unflinching eye has turned to the point where the advancing edge of our technological progress has worn away our inner humanity. Eden-Olympia is more

than just a multinational business park, it is a virtual city-state in itself, with the latest in services and facilities for the most elite high-tech industries. Isolated and secure, overlooking the luxurious French Riviera, the residents lack nothing. Yet one day Dr. Greenwood from Eden-Olympia's clinic goes on a suicidal shooting spree. Dr. Jane Sinclair is hired as his replacement, and she and her husband, Paul, are given Dr. Greenwood's house as a residence. Unable to work while recovering from an accident, Paul spends his days taking a close look at the house where Dr. Greenwood shot himself and three hostages. He discovers clues in the house lead him to question Eden-Olympia's official account of the killings. Drawn into investigating the activities of the park's leading citizens, while Jane is lured deeper into Eden-Olympia's inner workings, Paul uncovers the dangerous psychological vents that maintain Eden-Olympia's smoothly running surface. An experiment is underway at Eden-Olympia, an experiment in power and brutality. Soon Paul finds himself in race to save himself and his wife before they are crushed by forces that may be beyond anyone's control.

The Empire's of J. G. Ballard Mar 08 2021 J.

G. Ballard once declared that the most truly alien planet is Earth and in his science fiction he abandoned the traditional imagery of rocket ships traveling to distant galaxies to address the otherworldliness of this world. *The Empires of J. G. Ballard* is the first extensive study of Ballard's critical vision of nation and empire, of the political geography of this planet. Paddy examines how Ballard's self-perceived status as an outsider and exile, the Sheppertonian from Shanghai, generated an outlook that celebrated worldliness and condemned parochialism. This book brings to light how Ballard wrestled with notions of national identity and speculated upon the social and psychological implications of the post-war transformation of older models of empire into new imperialisms of consumerism and globalization. Presenting analyses of Ballard's full body of work with its tales of reverse colonization, psychological imperialism, the savagery of civilization, estranged Englishmen abroad and at home, and multinational communities built on crime, *The Empires of J. G. Ballard* offers a fresh perspective on the fiction of J. G. Ballard. *The Empires of J.G. Ballard: An Imagined Geography* offers a sustained and highly convincing analysis of the imperial and

post-imperial histories and networks that shape and energise Ballard's fictional and non-fictional writings. To what extent can Ballard be considered an international writer? What happens to our understanding of his post-war science fictions when they are opened up to the language and logics of post-colonialism? And what creative and critical roles do the spectres of empire play in Ballard's visions of modernity? Paddy follows these and other fascinating lines of enquiry in a study that is not only essential reading for Ballard students and scholars, but for anyone interested in the intersections of modern and contemporary literature, history and politics. (Jeanette Baxter, Anglia Ruskin University)

Shanghai made my father. Arriving in England after WW2, he was a person of the world who witnessed extremes of human experience, and remained the outsider observing life from his home in Shepperton. 1930s Shanghai, Paris of the East, was a mix of international sophistication and violence, unfettered capitalism and acute poverty, American cars, martinis and Coca Cola, a place marked by death and war. It had a profound influence on my father and his imagination. Dr Paddy's fascinating book explores my father's fiction

within an international context and offers a profound reading of a man who always kept his eyes and mind open to the world. (Fay Ballard)

Kingdom Come: A Novel Feb 28 2023 “J.G. Ballard is the undisputed laureate of suburban psychosis. . . . A brilliant novel.”—Literary Review A violent novel filled with insidious twists, *Kingdom Come* follows the exploits of Richard Pearson, a rebellious, unemployed advertising executive, whose father is gunned down by a deranged mental patient in a vast shopping mall outside Heathrow Airport. When the prime suspect is released without charge, Richard’s suspicions are aroused. Investigating the mystery, Richard uncovers at the Metro-Centre mall a neo-fascist world whose charismatic spokesperson is whipping up the masses into a state of unsustainable frenzy. Riots frequently terrorize the complex, immigrant communities are attacked by hooligans, and sports events mushroom into jingoistic political rallies. In this gripping, dystopian tour de force, J.G. Ballard holds up a mirror to suburban mind rot, revealing the darker forces at work beneath the gloss of consumerism and flag-waving patriotism.

Memories of the Space Age Mar 27 2020 The

"Cape Canaveral" stories, eight stories originally published between 1962 and 1985.

The Terminal Beach Apr 28 2020

The Drought: A Novel Jan 24 2020 An apocalyptic dystopia like no other, one whose "originality and power [of] vision can be felt" (Times Literary Supplement). Weird and mesmerizingly grotesque, The Drought tells the chilling story of the world on the brink of extinction, where a global drought, brought on by industrial waste, has left mankind in a life-or-death search for water. Violence erupts and insanity reigns as the human race struggles for survival in a worldwide desert of despair.

The Psychological Fictions of J.G. Ballard Oct 27 2022 J. G. Ballard self-professedly 'devoured' the work of Freud as a teenager, and entertained early thoughts of becoming a psychiatrist; he opened his novel-writing career with a manifesto declaring his wish to write a science fiction exploring not outer but 'inner space', and declaring the need for contemporary fiction to be viewed 'as a branch of neurology'. He also apparently welcomed a reader's report on Crash (1973) condemning him as 'beyond psychiatric help' as confirming his achievement of 'total artistic success'. Samuel Francis investigates

Ballard's engagement with psychology and the psychological in his fiction, tracing the influence of key figures including Sigmund Freud, C.G. Jung and R.D. Laing and placing his work in the context of the wider fields of psychology and psychiatry. While the psychological preoccupations of his writing are very clear - including his use of concepts such as the unconscious, psychopathology, 'deviance', obsession, abnormal psychology and schizophrenia - this is the first book to offer a detailed analysis of this key conceptual and historical context for his fiction.

J.G. Ballard Dec 17 2021 Peter Brigg examines the life and work of British author J.G. Ballard, from his science fiction to his mainstream fiction. Starmont Reader's Guide 26.

High-rise Sep 25 2022 Dr. Robert Laing lives in a "high rise" housing complex that offers its residents state-of-the-art technology that caters to domestic bliss. But--paradoxically--this array of high-tech innovation is responsible for a new kind of violence. "Reminiscent of Lord of the Flies".--The New York Times.

Hello America: A Novel Feb 16 2022 "This fable lifts a great freight of ideas effortlessly...The story of an expedition driven on by wishes of

possession and power but guided internally by myths of America whose sources lie in the late 20th century." —Guardian Following the energy crisis of the late twentieth century, America has been abandoned. Now, a century later, a small group of European explorers returns to the now climatically mutated continent. But America is unrecognizable—the Bering Strait has been dammed and much of the country has become a desert, populated by isolated natives and the bizarre remnants of a disintegrated culture. The expedition sets off from Manhattan on a cross-country journey, through Holiday Inns and abandoned theme parks, to uncover a shocking new power in the heart of Las Vegas.

Miracles of Life: Shanghai to Shepperton, An Autobiography Apr 08 2021 The author of such novels as "Empire of the Sun" and "Crash" recalls his childhood, his first attempts at science fiction, and his life as a single father after the premature death of his wife.

War Fever Jun 30 2020 A war-ravaged Beirut is the setting for the title story of this visionary collection by J. G. Ballard, a tale in which a young street fighter inadvertently discovers how to bring an end to the bloodshed only to find that his solution is all too effective as far as some

supposedly neutral observers are concerned. Other stories in *War Fever* feature an assassination plot against an American astronaut, the leader of an authoritarian religious movement; a man who is destroyed by a car crash and resolves never to leave his apartment again; and the survivor of a toxic-waste ship wrecked on a deserted Caribbean island.

Empire of the Sun Nov 15 2021 The classic, award-winning novel, made famous by Steven Spielberg's film, tells of a young boy's struggle to survive World War II in China. Jim is separated from his parents in a world at war. To survive, he must find a strength greater than all the events that surround him. Shanghai, 1941 -- a city aflame from the fateful torch of Pearl Harbor. In streets full of chaos and corpses, a young British boy searches in vain for his parents. Imprisoned in a Japanese concentration camp, he is witness to the fierce white flash of Nagasaki, as the bomb bellows the end of the war...and the dawn of a blighted world. Ballard's enduring novel of war and deprivation, internment camps and death marches, and starvation and survival is an honest coming-of-age tale set in a world thrown utterly out of joint.

The Crystal World Aug 13 2021 From J. G. Ballard, author of 'Crash' and 'Cocaine Nights' comes his extraordinary vision of an African forest that turns all in its path to crystal.

Myths of the Near Future Dec 05 2020 First published 1982. Short stories providing visions of other times and other places, where nothing seems quite right

Rushing to Paradise Sep 01 2020 A key backlist title from the author of Cocaine Nights - to be reissued as part of a repackaging of the Ballard backlist.

Millennium People: A Novel Mar 20 2022 "The most cosmically elegiac writer in literature . . . no one reading Ballard could doubt the tidal gravity of his intellect." —Jonathan Lethem, New York Times Book Review Violent rebellion comes to London's middle classes in this "fascinating" (San Francisco Chronicle) novel from the same author of Crash and Empire of the Sun. Never more timely, Millennium People "seeks to illuminate our hearts of darkness while undermining our assumptions about what literature is meant to do" (Los Angeles Times).

The Kindness of Women Jun 10 2021 In The Kindness of Women, a sequel to his award-winning Empire of the Sun, young James returns

to England at the end of World War II. He stumbles through medical study at Cambridge, trains briefly as an RAF pilot in Canada, and marries. When his wife dies suddenly, Jim is thrust into the violence and sexual promiscuity of the sixties. Penetrating and wise, J. G. Ballard's biting social commentary and pushing of boundaries make this semi-autobiographical novel a small classic.

Grave New World Dec 25 2019

A User's Guide to the Millennium Jul 24 2022

J.G.Ballard is the author of the novels *Crash*, *Empire of the Sun* and *Rushing to Paradise*.

Throughout his career he has also been a regular contributor to magazines and newspapers. This book collects together pieces of his journalism, grouped under themes including science and film.

Crash Dec 29 2022 The definitive cult, post-modern novel - a shocking blend of violence, transgression and eroticism.

Out of the Night and Into the Dream Sep 13 2021 The author of *Empire of the Sun* and other acclaimed novels and stories, British science fiction writer J. G. Ballard is here given a penetrating analysis, his work being explored in terms of its internal coherence, its continuity and

development, and its mythic and metaphysical aspects. Ballard's fiction is widely considered to be a critique of our secular, rational, technological culture, but this study departs from earlier ones that label him a fatalistic or nihilistic writer obsessed with entropy, devolution, and dissolution in showing him, instead, to be most deeply concerned with the redemption and regeneration of the human psyche. With Ballard's focus so much on visionary perception and mystical transcendence, Gregory Stephenson argues for his placement in the Romantic visionary tradition. A comprehensive examination of Ballard's work, this study traces his output and accomplishments over four decades, exploring their thematic development. Ballard is considered in relation to a number of British and American writers of the post-World War II era--within and beyond the often too-rigidly applied categorization of science fiction, as well as to poets and novelists of the past.

The Drowned World Jan 30 2023 This fast-paced narrative by the author of 'Crash' and 'Empire of the Sun' is a stunning evocation of a flooded, tropical London of the near future and a foray into the workings of the unconscious mind.

Concrete Island Jan 06 2021 On a day in April, just after three o'clock in the afternoon, Robert Maitland's car crashes over the concrete parapet of a high-speed highway onto the island below, where he is injured and, finally, trapped. What begins as an almost ludicrous predicament soon turns into horror as Maitland—a wickedly modern Robinson Crusoe—realizes that, despite evidence of other inhabitants, this doomed terrain has become a mirror of his own mind. Seeking the dark outer rim of the everyday, Ballard weaves private catastrophe into an intensely specular allegory in *Concrete Island*.

J. G. Ballard Feb 04 2021 Prophetic short stories and apocalyptic novels like *The Crystal World* made J. G. Ballard a foundational figure in the British New Wave. Rejecting the science fiction of rockets and aliens, he explored an inner space of humanity informed by psychiatry and biology and shaped by Surrealism. Later in his career, Ballard's combustible plots and violent imagery spurred controversy—even legal action—while his autobiographical 1984 war novel *Empire of the Sun* brought him fame. D. Harlan Wilson offers the first career-spanning analysis of an author who helped steer SF in new, if startling, directions. Here was a writer committed to moral

ambiguity, one who drowned the world and erected a London high-rise doomed to descend into savagery--and coolly picked apart the characters trapped within each story. Wilson also examines Ballard's methods, his influence on cyberpunk, and the ways his fiction operates within the sphere of our larger culture and within SF itself.

High-Rise: A Novel May 02 2023 Class war erupts in a luxurious high-rise apartment building.

The Atrocity Exhibition Jun 22 2022 First published in 1970 and widely regarded as a prophetic masterpiece, this is a groundbreaking experimental novel by the acclaimed author of 'Crash' and 'Super-Cannes'.

Low-flying Aircraft, and Other Stories Jul 12 2021

The Day of Creation May 29 2020 This new novel, by the author of Empire Of The Sun, centers around Dr. Mallory, who dreams of discovering a third Nile that will make the Sahara bloom.

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