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Landmark Essays on Rhetoric and Literature Craig Kallendorf 2017-10-03 The studies of rhetoric and literature have been closely connected on the theoretical level ever since

antiquity, and many great works of literature were written by men and women who were well versed in rhetoric. It is therefore well worth investigating exactly what these writers knew about rhetoric and how the practice of literary criticism has been enriched through rhetorical knowledge. The essays reprinted here have been arranged chronologically, with two essays selected for each of six major periods: Antiquity, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance (including Shakespeare), the 17th century, the 18th century, and the 19th and 20th centuries. Some are more theoretically oriented, whereas others become exercises in practical criticism. Some cover well-trod ground, whereas others turn to parts of the rhetorical tradition that are often overlooked. Scholars in the field should benefit from having this material collected together and reprinted in one volume, but the essays included here will also be useful to graduate students and advanced undergraduates for course work and general reading. Students of rhetoric seeking to understand how the principles of their field extend into other forms of communication will find this volume of interest, as will students of literature seeking to refine their understanding of the various modes of literary criticism.

Historical and Literary Dimensions of Rhetoric in Milton's Paradise Lost 2000

Historical and Literary Dimensions of Rhetoric in Milton's 'Paradise Lost'. William Pallister
2000

Paradise Lost John Milton 1891

The Cambridge Introduction to Milton Stephen B. Dobranski 2012-01-26 John Milton is one of the most important and influential writers in English literary history. The goal of this book is to make Milton's works more accessible and enjoyable by providing a comprehensive

overview of the author's life, times and writings. It describes essential details from Milton's biography, explains some of the cultural and historical contexts in which he wrote, offers fresh analyses of his major pamphlets and poems - including *Lycidas*, *Areopagitica* and *Paradise Lost* - and describes in depth traditional and recent responses to his reputation and writings. Separate sections focus on important concepts or key passages from his major works to illustrate how readers can interpret - and get excited about - Milton's writings. This detailed and engaging introduction to Milton will help readers not only better understand the author's life and works but also better appreciate why Milton matters.

Literature and the Philosophy of Intention Patrick Swinden 1999-04-12 This book attempts to reinstate the importance of authorial intention by examining arguments against it from a variety of sources - American New Criticism, European Structuralism and various kinds of postmodernist theory. It enlists the aid of Kantian aesthetics and contemporary philosophy of language and action, as well as studying the play on intention in the manipulation of character and action in the work of Shakespeare and other English writers from 1600 to the present day.

Early Modern English Literature and the Poetics of Cartographic Anxiety Chris Barrett 2018-03-29 The Cartographic Revolution in the Renaissance made maps newly precise, newly affordable, and newly ubiquitous. In sixteenth-century Britain, cartographic materials went from rarity to household decor within a single lifetime, and they delighted, inspired, and fascinated people across the socioeconomic spectrum. At the same time, they also unsettled, upset, disturbed, and sometimes angered their early modern readers. Early

Modern English Literature and the Poetics of Cartographic Anxiety is the first monograph dedicated to recovering the shadow history of the many anxieties provoked by early modern maps and mapping in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. A product of a military arms race, often deployed for security and surveillance purposes, and fundamentally distortive of their subjects, maps provoked suspicion, unease, and even hostility in early modern Britain (in ways not dissimilar from the anxieties provoked by global positioning-enabled digital mapping in the twenty-first century). At the same time, writers saw in the resistance to cartographic logics and strategies the opportunity to rethink the way literature represents space and everything else. This volume explores three major poems of the period: Edmund Spenser's *The Faerie Queene* (1590, 1596), Michael Drayton's *Poly-Olbion* (1612, 1622), and John Milton's *Paradise Lost* (1667, 1674) in terms of their vexed and vexing relationships with cartographic materials, and shows how the productive protest staged by these texts redefined concepts of allegory, description, personification, bibliographic materiality, narrative, temporality, analogy, and other elemental components of literary representations.

Science, Literature and Rhetoric in Early Modern England David Burchell 2017-03-02 These essays throw new light on the complex relations between science, literature and rhetoric as avenues to discovery in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Scholars from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds examine the agency of early modern poets, playwrights, essayists, philosophers, natural philosophers and artists in remaking their culture and reforming ideas about human understanding. Analyzing the ways in which the works of such diverse writers as Shakespeare, Bacon, Hobbes, Milton, Cavendish, Boyle, Pope and Behn related to

contemporary epistemological debates, these essays move us toward a better understanding of interactions between the sciences and the humanities during a seminal phase in the emergence of modern Western thought.

Theatrical Milton Brendan Prawdzik 2017-04-18 Theatrical Milton brings coherence to the presence of theatre in John Milton through the concept of theatricality. In this book, 'theatricality' identifies a discursive field entailing the rhetorical strategies and effects of framing a given human action, including speech and writing, as an act of theatre. Political and theological cultures in seventeenth-century England developed a treasury of representational resources in order to stage-to satirize and, above all, to de-legitimize-rhetors of politics, religion, and print. At the core of Milton's works is a contradictory relation to theatre that has neither been explained nor properly explored. This book changes the terms of scholarly discussion and discovers how the social structures of theatre afforded Milton resources for poetic and polemical representation and uncovers the precise contours of Milton's interest in theatre and drama.

Milton: Paradise Lost David Loewenstein 2004 An introduction to the great English epic examines Milton's poem in its historical, theological, and literary context.

The Oxford History of Classical Reception in English Literature Patrick Cheney 2015-10-29 The Oxford History of Classical Reception (OHCREL) is designed to offer a comprehensive investigation of the numerous and diverse ways in which literary texts of the classical world have stimulated responses and refashioning by English writers. Covering the full range of English literature from the early Middle Ages to the present day, OHCREL both synthesizes

existing scholarship and presents cutting-edge new research, employing an international team of expert contributors for each of the five volumes. OHCREL endeavours to interrogate, rather than inertly reiterate, conventional assumptions about literary 'periods', the processes of canon-formation, and the relations between literary and non-literary discourse. It conceives of 'reception' as a complex process of dialogic exchange and, rather than offering large cultural generalizations, it engages in close critical analysis of literary texts. It explores in detail the ways in which English writers' engagement with classical literature casts as much light on the classical originals as it does on the English writers' own cultural context. This second volume, and third to appear in the series, covers the years 1558-1660, and explores the reception of the ancient genres and authors in English Renaissance literature, engaging with the major, and many of the minor, writers of the period, including Shakespeare, Marlowe, Spenser, and Jonson. Separate chapters examine the Renaissance institutions and contexts which shape the reception of antiquity, and an annotated bibliography provides substantial material for further reading.

Spenser, Milton, and the Redemption of the Epic Hero Christopher Bond 2011-04-29 This book studies the interplay of theology and poetics in the three great epics of early-modern England: the *Faerie Queene*, *Paradise Lost*, and *Paradise Regained*. Bond examines the relationship between the poems' primary heroes, Arthur and the Son, who are godlike, virtuous, and powerful, and the secondary heroes, Redcrosse and Adam, who are human, fallible, and weak. He looks back at the development of this pattern of dual heroism in classical, Medieval, and Italian Renaissance literature, investigates the ways in which

Spenser and Milton adapted the model, and demonstrates how the Jesus of Paradise Regained can be seen as the culmination of this tradition. Challenging the opposition between “Calvinist,” “allegorical” Spenser and “Arminian,” “dramatic” Milton, this book offers a new account of their doctrinal and literary affinities within the European epic tradition. Arguing that Spenser influenced Milton in fundamental ways, Bond establishes a firmer structural and thematic link between the two authors, and shows how they transformed a strongly antifeminist genre by the addition of a crucial, although at times ambivalent, heroine. He also proposes solutions to some of the most difficult and controversial theological cruxes posed by these poems, in particular Spenser’s attitude to free will and Milton’s to the Trinity. By providing a deeper understanding of the religious agendas of these epics, this book encourages a rapprochement between scholarly approaches that are too narrowly concerned with either theology or poetics.

Paradise Lost and the Rhetoric of Literary Forms Barbara Kiefer Lewalski 2014-07-14 This comprehensive study interprets Paradise Lost as a rhetoric of literary forms, by attending to the broad spectrum of literary genres, modes, and exemplary works Milton incorporates within that poem. Originally published in 1985. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press

since its founding in 1905.

Digressive Voices in Early Modern English Literature Anne Cotterill 2004-02-19 Digressive Voices in Early Modern English Literature looks afresh at major nondramatic texts by Donne, Marvell, Browne, Milton, and Dryden, whose digressive speakers are haunted by personal and public uncertainty. To digress in seventeenth-century England carried a range of meaning associated with deviation or departure from a course, subject, or standard. This book demonstrates that early modern writers trained in verbal contest developed richly labyrinthine voices that captured the ambiguities of political occasion and aristocratic patronage while anatomizing enemies and mourning personal loss. Anne Cotterill turns current sensitivity toward the silenced voice to argue that rhetorical amplitude might suggest anxieties about speech and attack for men forced to be competitive yet circumspect as they made their voices heard.

Paradise Lost Francis C. Blessington 1988 Describes the background of Paradise Lost, discusses its themes, and looks at its critical reception

The Imperfect Friend Wendy Olmsted 2008-01-01 Many writers in early modern England drew on the rhetorical tradition to explore affective experience. In The Imperfect Friend, Wendy Olmsted examines a broad range of Renaissance and Reformation sources, all of which aim to cultivate 'emotional intelligence' through rhetorical means, with a view to understanding how emotion functions in these texts. In the works of Sir Philip Sidney (1554-1586), John Milton (1608-1674), and many others, characters are depicted conversing with one another about their emotions. While counselors appeal to objective reasons for feeling a

certain way, their efforts to shape emotion often encounter resistance. This volume demonstrates how, in Renaissance and Reformation literature, failures of persuasion arise from conflicts among competing rhetorical frameworks among characters. Multiple frameworks, Olmsted argues, produce tensions and, consequently, an interiorized conflicted self. By situating emotional discourse within distinct historical and socio-cultural perspectives, *The Imperfect Friend* sheds new light on how the writings of Sidney, Milton, and others grappled with problems of personal identity. From their innovations, the study concludes, friendship emerges as a favourite site of counseling the afflicted and perturbed.

Writing Women in Jacobean England Barbara Kiefer Lewalski 1993 When was feminism born - in the 1960s, or in the 1660s? For England, one might answer: the early decades of the seventeenth century. James I was King of England, and women were expected to be chaste, obedient, subordinate, and silent. Some, however, were not, and these are the women who interest Barbara Lewalski - those who, as queens and petitioners, patrons and historians and poets, took up the pen to challenge and subvert the repressive patriarchal ideology of Jacobean England. Setting out to show how these women wrote themselves into their culture, Lewalski rewrites Renaissance history to include some of its most compelling - and neglected - voices. As a culture dominated by a powerful Queen gave way to the rule of a patriarchal ideologue, a woman's subjection to father and husband came to symbolize the subjection of all English people to their monarch, and all Christians to God. Remarkably enough, it is in this repressive Jacobean milieu that we first hear Englishwomen's own voices in some number. Elizabeth Cary, Aemilia Lanyer, Rachel Speght, and Mary Wroth published

original poems, dramas, and prose of considerable scope and merit; others inscribed their thoughts and experiences in letters and memoirs. Queen Anne used the court masque to assert her place in palace politics, while Princess Elizabeth herself stood as a symbol of resistance to Jacobean patriarchy. By looking at these women through their works, Lewalski documents the flourishing of a sense of feminine identity and expression in spite of - or perhaps because of - the constraints of the time. The result is a fascinating sampling of Jacobean women's lives and works, restored to their rightful place in literary history and cultural politics. In these women's voices and perspectives, Lewalski identifies an early challenge to the dominant culture - and an ongoing challenge to our understanding of the Renaissance world.

Milton's Paradise Lost John Milton 1896

A Companion to British Literature, Volume 2 Robert DeMaria, Jr. 2013-12-13

Politics of Discourse Kevin Sharpe 2018-08-14 The outstanding essays in this volume explore the interdependency of literature and history in seventeenth-century England. The relation of text to society is examined both as theory and as practice. The theoretical essays explore writing, reading, and the emergence of the aesthetic as historical phenomena of the seventeenth century. Other contributions examine cultural and political practices that fashioned the century: patronage, representations of authority, the socialization of party politics, and fables of power. What is often separated as a distinct sphere of "literature" is returned to the contexts of other cultural and discursive practices. Using the shaping force of history on the imagination and the status of literature as historical evidence, the authors also

claim the power of imaginative texts to mold as well as reflect history. *Politics of Discourse* not only increases our understanding of seventeenth-century England but also advances the study of subjects of interest to cultural critics of all historical periods: genre and canon, the interplay of institution and imagination, and the symbols of power. Contributors: Barbara K. Lewalski Michael McKeon Earl Miner David Norbrook Annabel Patterson J. G. A. Pocock Pocock Mary Ann Radzinowicz Kevin Sharpe Blair Worden Steven N. Zwicker This title is part of UC Press's *Voices Revived* program, which commemorates University of California Press's mission to seek out and cultivate the brightest minds and give them voice, reach, and impact. Drawing on a backlist dating to 1893, *Voices Revived* makes high-quality, peer-reviewed scholarship accessible once again using print-on-demand technology. This title was originally published in 1987.

Paradise Lost: A Student's Companion to the Poem Francis C. Blessington 2004-11 "A serious reading of Milton's Epic--basic enough to help novice readers and original enough in places to interest seasoned readers." --*Seventeenth-Century News*

Angles of Contingency Ingo Berensmeyer 2007-01-01 Ingo Berensmeyer analyzes the functional and material conditions of literary culture in England between 1630 and 1700. In a series of case studies he demonstrates how experiences of contingency lead to a fundamental realignment of literary effects. In the process, a new cultural configuration emerges, affecting a wide array of social practices and institutions from poetry to politics and from epistemology to civility. The book thus offers a timely reassessment of English

neoclassicism, the much neglected period between Shakespeare and the novel.

John Milton's *Paradise Lost* Margaret Kean 2005 Designed for students new to Milton's work, this sourcebook outlines the seventeenth-century contexts, examines a range of responses to the poem, reprints frequently studied passages of the poem and suggests further reading.

Rhetoric, Literature, and Interpretation Harry Raphael Garvin 1983 In what sense does the literary critic exist in his own right, and in what way does his role go beyond that of the teacher, mystic, philologist, historian, philosopher, rhetorician, and literary artist? This issue of the *Bucknell Review* focuses on the opposition of rhetoric and interpretation, presenting essays which explore the problems and possibilities critics confront when they adopt either interpretation or rhetoric as a critical starting point. Illustrated.

Milton and the Resources of the Line John Creaser 2022-06-30 This book will change how readers read not only Milton but any poetry. Whereas prose is written in sentences, poetry is written in lines, lines that may or may not coincide with the syntax of the sentence. Lines add an aural and visual mode of punctuation, with some degree of pause and weight at the line-turn. So lineation, the division of poetry into lines, opens a repertoire of possibilities to the poet. Notably, it encourages an enhanced concentration on meaning, rhythm, and sound. It makes metrical patterns possible, with interactions between regularity and deviation; or it makes possible the presence or absence of structural rhyme; or the multiple variations of the line-turn, whether in harmony with syntax or overflowing, in ways that may be either more or less conspicuous. Starting from theories of Derek Attridge, this book develops new methods

for exploring the expressive resources of the verse line as exploited by the greatest of English poets, John Milton. Topics examined include: the interaction of strictness and freedom in the rhythms of Milton's line and paragraph; the interfusion of diverse prosodies in a single poem; approaches to free verse; rhyme in the earlier lyric verse and modes of near-rhyme in the later blank verse; the diverse modes of onomatopoeia; and the complex interweavings of prosody and ideology in this very political poet. The great themes and issues and characters of Milton's innovative and always controversial poetry are perceived afresh, being approached intimately through the rich possibilities of the line, and the insights of the approach illuminate the reading of any poetry.

Tintenfass und Teleskop Andrea Albrecht 2014-10-10 Die Figur Galileo Galilei ist für die europäische Wissenschaftsgeschichte, für die Kulturwissenschaften und für eine wissenschaftsgeschichtlich orientierte Literatur- und Kunstwissenschaft von großem Interesse. In diesem Band werden die Überschneidungen, Wechselwirkungen und Transferprozesse zwischen den wissenschaftlichen und kulturellen Dimensionen untersucht, die für Galileis Profilierung als frühneuzeitlicher Wissenschaftler ebenso wichtig sind wie für die im weiteren Sinn kulturelle Wahrnehmung seiner Entdeckungen und seiner Schriften – vor allem in Literatur und Kunst. Der Band ist interdisziplinär konzipiert, um die fachlichen Einzelperspektiven von Literatur-, Kunst- und Kulturwissenschaftlern sowie Wissenschaftshistorikern zusammenzuführen. Analysiert werden Formen und Funktionen der Produktion, Konzeptualisierung und Repräsentation von Wissen sowie Aspekte der Diskussion und Diffusion von Galileis Wissensansprüchen im Kontext der Frühen Neuzeit.

Mit dieser Fokussierung auf die im Schnittbereich verschiedener kultureller Formationen angesiedelte Etablierung Galileis liefert der Band somit einen Beitrag zur interdisziplinären Erforschung von Galileis Rolle und Rezeption in der europäischen Kultur- und Wissensgeschichte des 17. Jahrhunderts.

Milton's Paradise Lost John Milton 1896

Inside Paradise Lost David Quint 2014-02-02 Inside "Paradise Lost" opens up new readings and ways of reading Milton's epic poem by mapping out the intricacies of its narrative and symbolic designs and by revealing and exploring the deeply allusive texture of its verse. David Quint's comprehensive study demonstrates how systematic patterns of allusion and keywords give structure and coherence both to individual books of Paradise Lost and to the overarching relationship among its books and episodes. Looking at poems within the poem, Quint provides new interpretations as he takes readers through the major subjects of Paradise Lost—its relationship to epic tradition and the Bible, its cosmology and politics, and its dramas of human choice. Quint shows how Milton radically revises the epic tradition and the Genesis story itself by arguing that it is better to create than destroy, by telling the reader to make love, not war, and by appearing to ratify Adam's decision to fall and die with his wife. The Milton of this Paradise Lost is a Christian humanist who believes in the power and freedom of human moral agency. As this indispensable guide and reference takes us inside the poetry of Milton's masterpiece, Paradise Lost reveals itself in new formal configurations and unsuspected levels of meaning and design.

Reader's Guide to Literature in English Mark Hawkins-Dady 1996 First Published in 1996.

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Form and Reform in Renaissance England Barbara Kiefer Lewalski 2000 Written by scholars on both sides of the Atlantic, they reexamine the categories which have shaped recent studies of early modern culture and literature, such as what constitutes the category of author or reader, what demarcates a particular literary form, and how its discursive shape might influence, and in turn be influenced by, contemporary political practices."--BOOK JACKET.

The Routledge Companion to Literature and Religion Mark Knight 2016-04-28 This unique and comprehensive volume looks at the study of literature and religion from a contemporary critical perspective. Including discussion of global literature and world religions, this Companion looks at: Key moments in the story of religion and literary studies from Matthew Arnold through to the impact of 9/11 A variety of theoretical approaches to the study of religion and literature Different ways that religion and literature are connected from overtly religious writing, to subtle religious readings Analysis of key sacred texts and the way they have been studied, re-written, and questioned by literature Political implications of work on religion and literature Thoroughly introduced and contextualised, this volume is an engaging introduction to this huge and complex field.

The Oxford History of Classical Reception in English Literature David Hopkins 2012 The Oxford History of Classical Reception (OHCREL) is designed to offer a comprehensive investigation of the numerous and diverse ways in which literary texts of the classical world have stimulated responses and refashioning by English writers. Covering the full range of

English literature from the early Middle Ages to the present day, OHCREL both synthesizes existing scholarship and presents cutting-edge new research, employing an international team of expert contributors for each of the five volumes. OHCREL endeavours to interrogate, rather than inertly reiterate, conventional assumptions about literary 'periods', the processes of canon-formation, and the relations between literary and non-literary discourse. It conceives of 'reception' as a complex process of dialogic exchange and, rather than offering large cultural generalizations, it engages in close critical analysis of literary texts. It explores in detail the ways in which English writers' engagement with classical literature casts as much light on the classical originals as it does on the English writers' own cultural context. This second volume, and third to appear in the series, covers the years 1558-1660, and explores the reception of the ancient genres and authors in English Renaissance literature, engaging with the major, and many of the minor, writers of the period, including Shakespeare, Marlowe, Spenser, and Jonson. Separate chapters examine the Renaissance institutions and contexts which shape the reception of antiquity, and an annotated bibliography provides substantial material for further reading.

Why Vergil? Stephanie Quinn 2000 Offers forty-three classic essays and poems on the Roman poet.

Milton's Places of Hope Mary C. Fenton 2017-03-02 In early modern culture and in Milton's poetry and prose, this book argues, the concept of hope is intrinsically connected with place and land. Mary Fenton analyzes how Milton sees hope as bound both to the spiritual and the material, the internal self and the external world. Hope, as Fenton demonstrates, comes from

commitment to literal places such as the land, ideological places such as the "nation," and sacred, interior places such as the human soul. Drawing on an array of materials from the seventeenth century, including emblems, legal treatises, political pamphlets, and prayer manuals, Fenton sheds light on Milton's ideas about personal and national identity and where people should place their sense of power and responsibility; Milton's politics and where he thought the English nation was and where it should be heading; and finally, Milton's theology and how individuals relate to God.

John Milton's *Paradise Lost* Margaret Kean 2013-12-02 John Milton's epic poem *Paradise Lost* (1667) is a literary landmark. His reworking of Biblical tales of the loss of Eden constitutes not only a gripping literary work, but a significant musing on fundamental human concerns ranging from freedom and fate to conscience and consciousness. Designed for students new to Milton's complex, lengthy work, this sourcebook: * outlines the often unfamiliar contexts of seventeenth-century England which are so crucial to *Paradise Lost* * completes the contextual study with a chronology and reprinted documents from the period * examines and reprints a broad range of responses to the poem, from early reactions to recent criticism * reprints the most frequently studied passages of the poem, along with extensive commentary and annotation of unfamiliar or significant terms used in Milton's work * provides cross-references between the textual, contextual and critical sections of the sourcebook, to show how all the materials can be called upon in an individual reader's encounter with the text * suggests further reading for those facing the huge array of critical work on the poem. With an emphasis on enjoying as well as understanding what can be a

somewhat daunting work, this sourcebook will be a welcome resource for anyone new to Paradise Lost.

Milton's Uncertain Eden Andrew Mattison 2013-09-13 This study describes a variety of ways of thinking about place in the Renaissance and in Paradise Lost. Despite coming from different perspectives, they have in common the idea that the difficulty of the relationship of reciprocity that poetic subjects often expect from their environment destabilizes those subjects' understanding, not only of environment, but of themselves. The study explores destabilization as it affects aspects of the poem from Adam's sense of the landscape of Eden and the meaning of the Fall itself, to the relationship the ambiguous landscapes of Paradise Lost create between Adam and Eve, the poet and the reader; all of whom are struggling to make sense of the same problematically described places. To a surprisingly large extent, the description of prelapsarian Eden and the events that go on within it have in common a failed attempt to understand the nature of the surroundings. In observing the centrality and difficulty of this poetic discourse of place, the problem of place is found at the very heart of the Fall.

Surprised by Sin Stanley Eugene Fish 1998 In 1967 Milton studies was divided into two camps: one claiming (per Blake and Shelley) that Milton was of the devil's party, the other claiming (per Addison and C. S. Lewis) that the poet's sympathies were obviously with God and his loyal angels. Fish has reconciled the two camps by subsuming their claims in a single overarching thesis.

Surprised by Sin Stanley Eugene Fish 1967-06-18 Stanley Fish's Surprised by Sin argues

here that *Paradise Lost* is a poem about how its readers came to be the way they are and therefore the fact of their divided responses makes perfect sense.

The Romantic Legacy of Paradise Lost Jonathon Shears 2009 *The Romantic Legacy of Paradise Lost* offers a new critical insight into the relationship between Milton and the Romantic poets. Shears devotes a chapter to each of the six major Romantics, contextualizing their 'misreadings' of Milton's *Paradise Lost* within a range of historical, aesthetic, and theoretical contexts. Shears argues that the Romantic inclination towards fragmentation and a polysemous aesthetic leads to disrupted readings of *Paradise Lost* that obscure the theme, or warp the 'grain', of the poem.

The Life of John Milton Barbara K. Lewalski 2000 Providing a close examination of Milton's wide-ranging prose and poetry at each stage of his life, Barbara Lewalski reveals a rather different Milton from that in earlier accounts. Provides a close analysis of each of Milton's prose and poetry works. Reveals how Milton was the first writer to self consciously construct himself as an 'author'. Focuses on the development of Milton's ideas and his art.