

## **Stirrings Still Illustrated By Louis Le Brocquy**

Beckett and Badiou offers a provocative new reading of Samuel Beckett's work on the basis of a full, critical account of the thought of Alain Badiou. Badiou is the most eminent of contemporary French philosophers. His devotion to Beckett's work has been lifelong. Yet for Badiou philosophy must be integrally affirmative, whilst Beckett apparently commits his art to a work of negation. Beckett and Badiou explores the coherences, contradictions, and extreme complexities of the intellectual relationship between the two oeuvres. It examines Badiou's philosophy of being, the event, truth, and the subject and the importance of mathematics within his system. It considers the major features of his politics, ethics, and aesthetics and provides an explanation, interpretation, critique, and radical revision of his work on Beckett. It argues that, once revised, Badiou's version of Beckett offers an extraordinarily powerful tool for understanding his work. Badiou and Beckett are instances of a vestigial or melancholic modernism; that is, in the teeth of a contemporary culture that dreams ever more ambitiously of plenitude, they commit themselves to a rigorous concept of limit and intermittency. Truth and value are occasional and rare. It is seldom that the chance event arrives to disturb the inertia of the world. For Badiou, however, it is the event and its consequences alone that matter. Beckett rather insists on the common experience of intermittency as destitution. His art is a series of limit-figures, exquisitely subtle and

nuanced forms for a world whose state of seemingly rigid paralysis is also always volatile, delicately balanced.

A journal of Irish studies.

Surreal Beckett situates Beckett's writings within the context of James Joyce and Surrealism, distinguishing ways in which Beckett forged his own unique path, sometimes in accord with, sometimes at odds with, these two powerful predecessors. Beckett was so deeply enmeshed in Joyce's circle during his early Paris days (1928 - late 1930s) that James Knowlson dubbed them his "Joyce years." But Surrealism and Surrealists rivaled Joyce for Beckett's early and continuing attention, if not affection, so that Raymond Federman called 1929-45 Beckett's "surrealist period." Considering both claims, this volume delves deeper into each argument by obscuring the boundaries between these differentiating studies. These received wisdoms largely maintain that Beckett's Joycean connection and influence developed a negative impact in his early works, and that Beckett only found his voice when he broke the connection after Joyce's death. Beckett came to accept his own inner darkness as his subject matter, writing in French and using a first-person narrative voice in his fiction and competing personal voices in his plays. Critics have mainly viewed Beckett's Surrealist connections as roughly co-terminus with Joycean ones, and ultimately of little enduring consequence. Surreal Beckett argues that both early influences went much deeper for Beckett as he made his own unique way forward, transforming them, particularly

Surrealist ones, into resources that he drew upon his entire career. Ultimately, Beckett endowed his characters with resources sufficient to transcend limitations their surreal circumstances imposed upon them.

A Celebration

Stirrings Still

Routledge Library Editions: Beckett

Beckett's Late Fiction

The Samuel Beckett File Correspondence, Interviews, Photos

Dear Mr. Beckett - Letters from the Publisher

Provides a comprehensive exploration of Beckett's historical, cultural and philosophical contexts, offering new critical insights for scholars and general readers.

This collection of five previously out-of-print titles examines Samuel Beckett's works and their impact on the theatre, and on people who came into creative contact with his ideas. His plays are assessed, as are his works for film and television. A titan of original thinking, these books by leading Beckett scholars analyse how his creative vision was expressed and how it revolutionised not just the world of theatre but also of the wider world of the arts.

The Nobel Prize winning author Samuel Beckett is a literary treasure, and this work represents the only comprehensive reference to the concepts, characters, and biographical details mentioned by, or related to, Beckett. Painstakingly and lovingly

compiled by acclaimed Beckett scholars C.J. Ackerley and S.E. Gontarski, it is alphabetical, cross-referenced, and laid out in a very user-friendly format. The Grove Companion to Samuel Beckett provides an organized trove of information for students and scholars alike, and is a must for any serious reader of Beckett. As most Beckettians know, "reading [him] for the first time is an experience like no other in modern literature." (Paul Auster)

Journal of Beckett Studies

The Book as Artefact, Text and Border

Samuel Beckett in Context

Samuel Beckett's Dialogue with Art

Odd Jobs

Fine Print

Gathers the Nobel Prize winning poet and dramatist's short prose into one volume that affords the reader a view of Beckett's development as an artist

"On Beckett: Essays and Criticism" is the first collection of writings about the Nobel Prize-winning author that covers the entire spectrum of his work, and also affords a rare glimpse of the private Beckett. More has been written about Samuel Beckett than about any other writer of this century — countless books and articles dealing with him are in print, and the progression continues geometrically. "On Beckett" brings together some of the most perceptive writings from the vast amount of scrutiny that has been lavished on the man; in addition to widely read

essays there are contributions from more obscure sources, viewpoints not frequently seen. Together they allow the reader to enter the world of a writer whose work has left an impact on the consciousness of our time perhaps unmatched by that of any other recent creative imagination.

It was as a poet that Samuel Beckett launched himself in the little reviews of 1930s Paris, and as a poet that he ended his career. This new selection, from *Whoroscope* (1930) to "what is the word" (1988), describes a lifetime's arc of writing. It was as a poet moreover that Beckett made his first breakthrough into writing in French, and the *Selected Poems* represents work in both languages, including the sequence of brief but highly crafted mirlitonnades, which did so much to usher in the style of his late prose, and come as close as anything he wrote to honouring the ambition to "bore one hole after another in language, until what lurks behind it — be it something or nothing — begins to seep through." Also included are several of Beckett's translations from contemporaries — Apollinaire, Eluard, Michaux, Montale — in versions which count among his own poetic achievements. my way is in the sand flowing between the shingle and the dunethe summer rain rains on my lifeon me my life harrying fleeingto its beginning to its end"The best of it speaks, or rather whispers, to the inner ear . . . Like the prose, with which they have so much else in common, the poems are instantly striking and mysteriously persistent in the mind and even the nerves. Graphic and vivid, they are also intensely musical: theatrical, too, and continuous with the work for stage, radio and other media . . . Not inexpressive, as their author might have wished, but expressive of a rare vision." — Derek Mahon

The Writer

Beckett and Buddhism

Testing Word and Image Relationships

Beckett Remembering/Remembering Beckett

ILLUSTRATED BOOKS AND ORIGINAL ART

Harvard Book Review

**Samuel Beckett's long-standing friend, James Knowlson, recreates Beckett's youth in Ireland, his studies at Trinity College, Dublin in the early 1920s and from there to the Continent, where he plunged into the multicultural literary society of late-1920s Paris. The biography throws new light on Beckett's stormy relationship with his mother, the psychotherapy he received after the death of his father and his crucial relationship with James Joyce. There is also material on Beckett's six-month visit to Germany as the Nazi's tightened their grip.;The book includes unpublished material on Beckett's personal life after he chose to live in France, including his own account of his work for a Resistance cell during the war, his escape from the Gestapo and his retreat into hiding.;Obsessively private, Beckett was wholly committed to the work which eventually brought his public fame, beginning with the controversial success of "Waiting for Godot" in 1953, and culminating in the award of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1969.;James Knowlson is the general editor of "The Theatrical Notebooks of Samuel Beckett".**

**Nobel Prize winner Samuel Beckett was one of the most profoundly original writers of the 20th century. He gave expression to the anguish and isolation of the individual consciousness with a purity and minimalism that have altered the shape of world literature. A tremendously influential**

poet and dramatist, Beckett spoke of his prose fiction as the "important writing," the medium in which he distilled his ideas most powerfully. Here, for the first time, his short prose is gathered in a definitive, complete volume by leading Beckett scholar S. E. Gontarski.

By the winner of the 1969 Nobel Prize for Literature A dense inner monologue, *Stirrings Still* was written by Beckett in 1987 and 1988, when he had become increasingly reflective about his life. It portrays, in Beckett's spare style, a "consciousness" exploring a "self," faced with uncertainties about its own existence. *Stirrings Still* is a spellbinding work, full of a sense of farewell. It is dedicated to Beckett's longtime friend and publisher Barney Rosset. Samuel Beckett (1906-1989) was a playwright, poet and novelist whose work has had a formative influence on 20th century culture. Born in Foxrock, Ireland, he moved to Paris after an abortive attempt at being an academic. Years of penury and obscurity followed, during which time he consorted with artists such as James Joyce, Alberto Giacometti, and Marcel Duchamp. During World War II, he was an active member of the French Resistance, and after the war he was honored with the Croix de Guerre and the Médaille de la Résistance. In 1954, Beckett's play "Waiting for Godot" was introduced to an unsuspecting America by Barney Rosset at Grove Press; Beckett became a signature author of the fledgling company. Although he was highly regarded by a small circle of literary aficionados, it was not until Beckett won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1969 (he famously gave away the prize money that accompanied it) that his work began to reach a wider audience. His writing is characterized by meticulousness and a ceaseless fascination with the puzzle of fitting words to actions, and with the simultaneous impossibility and necessity of doing so that marks the human condition.

The Drama in the Text

## **Essays and Criticism**

### **Irish University Review**

#### **Damned to Fame: the Life of Samuel Beckett**

##### **A Beckett Canon**

This volume is part of the Beckett Digital Manuscript Project (BDMP), a collaboration between the Centre for Manuscript Genetics (University of Antwerp), the Beckett International Foundation (University of Reading) and the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center (University of Texas at Austin), with the support of the Estate of Samuel Beckett. The BDMP ([www.beckettarchive.org](http://www.beckettarchive.org)) digitally reunites the dispersed manuscripts of Samuel Beckett's works and facilitates their examination. The project consists of two parts: a digital archive of Beckett's manuscripts, with facsimiles and transcriptions, organized in modules; and a series of print volumes, analyzing the genesis of Beckett's works. This first volume of the BDMP studies Beckett's last works: "Stirrings still / Soubresauts and



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Comment dire/what is the word". It examines the notes, manuscripts, typescripts and other writing traces and reconstructs the dynamics of the composition process on the basis of this material.

To complement his work as a fiction writer, John Updike accepted any number of odd jobs—book reviews and introductions, speeches and tributes, a “few paragraphs” on baseball or beauty or Borges—and saw each as “an opportunity to learn something, or to extract from within some unsuspected wisdom.” In this, his largest collection of assorted prose, he brings generosity and insight to the works and lives of William Dean Howells, George Bernard Shaw, Philip Roth, Muriel Spark, and dozens more. Novels from outposts of postmodernism like Turkey, Albania, Israel, and Nigeria are reviewed, as are biographies of Cleopatra and Dorothy Parker. The more than a hundred considerations of books are flanked, on one side, by short stories, a playlet, and personal essays, and, on the other, by essays on his own oeuvre. Updike's odd jobs would be any other

writer's chief work.

Stirrings StillOR Books

Text

An Interdisciplinary Annual of Textual Studies

The New Yorker

Samuel Beckett

The Beckett Circle

Selected Poems 1930–1989

*This volume presents the impressive range of scholarly affinities, approaches, and subjects that characterize today's word and image studies. The essays, a selection of papers first presented in 2005 at the seventh international conference of the International Association of Word and Image Studies/Association Internationale pour l'Étude des Rapports entre Texte et Image that took place in Philadelphia, are case studies of the diverse configurations of the textual and the iconic. "Elective affinities" — a notion originally borrowed by Goethe for his 1809 novel of the same title from eighteenth-century chemistry — here refers to the active role of the two partners in the relationship of the pictorial and the verbal. Following the experimental modalities opened up by Goethe, the present volume is divided into three sections, which explore, respectively, how words and images can merge in harmony, engage in conflicts and contestations, and, finally, interact in an experimental way that self-*

*consciously tests the boundaries and relations among verbal and visual arts. New perspectives on word and image relationships emerge, in periods, national traditions, works, and materials as different as (among many others) an installation by Marcel Duchamp and the manual accompanying it; the impact of artificial light sources on literature and art; nineteenth-century British illustrations of Native Americans; the contemporary comic book; a seventeenth-century Italian devotional manuscript uniting text, image, and music; Chinese body and performance art..*

*Exploring Beckett's relationship with the visual arts and its influence on his creative expression*

*An indispensable guide to the oeuvre of Samuel Beckett, spanning sixty years*

*The Yale University Library Gazette*

*The Grove Companion to Samuel Beckett*

*Samuel Beckett 1970-1989*

*Beckett and Badiou*

*The Complete Short Prose of Samuel Beckett, 1929-1989*

*Annual Report of the Lilly Librarian*

*A biographical-bibliographical guide to the writers who have received the Nobel Prize in Literature. Provides entries for each Nobel Prize laureate. Entries also include the Nobel Prize in Literature presentation speech for the*

*corresponding year and the banquet speech given by the Nobel Prize laureate.*

*(Book). Preface by Paul Auster \* Foreword by Edward Beckett Edited by Lois Oppenheim \* Curated by Astrid Myers Rosset "You know, Barney, I think my writing days are over," Beckett writes in 1954 when most of his output was still ahead of him. And later, "Sick of all this old vomit and despair more and more of ever being able to puke again. In a world where writers switch publishers at the first shake of a martini pitcher, our trans-Atlantic communications seemed to float on a sea of tranquility and trust." from Dear Mr. Beckett Through letters, contracts, photos, interviews, speeches, reviews and memorabilia most of which has never before been made public a rare personal and professional friendship unfolds between these two oddly shy daredevils; through their embrace, they shifted and turned the tide of literature in America. Among the many never before published entries: \* Beckett's discussion about acting with his long time director, Alan Schneider, as they huddled with Barney*

*Rosset in his East Hampton quonset hut about their upcoming rehearsal with Buster Keaton. \* Susan Sontag correspondence on her Godot production in Sarajevo. \* The comprehensive Endgame file about the controversial production in Cambridge Mass which proceeded against Beckett's wishes. \* Interviews with Eugene Ionesco and Alain Robbe-Grillet about Beckett and Rosset and the Absurdists. \* Estelle Parsons correspondence with Beckett about the actress's proposal to perform Godot with Shelley Winters on Broadway. \* Comprehensive file on the genesis and development of Beckett's Rockaby with Billie Whitelaw. \* Comprehensive file on Rosset's termination from Grove, the press he founded and championed.*

*Books do not just contain texts: books themselves are cultural artefacts, which convey many meanings in their own right, meanings which interact with the texts they contain. Awareness of the many significances of books as cultural and textual objects reshapes the traditional disciplines of textual theory, analytic bibliography, codicology and*

*palaeography, while the advent of electronic books, and digital methods for representing print books, is introducing a new dimension to our understanding. Seven essays in this volume, ranging over medieval Portuguese and Swedish manuscripts, eighteenth-century Icelandic editions, Australian playtexts, Thackeray and Anita Brookner, and Stefan George, consider these questions from the broad perspective of textual scholarship. Texts may exist on the borderland of word and not-word; or they may spring from borderlands of nation or culture; or they may be considered from the margins of neighbouring disciplines. So readers must set the texts within contexts, to see the play of text against border. Essays in this volume explore different texts against varying backgrounds – Pound's Cantos, Joyce's Ulysses, Trollope's An Eye for an Eye, Woolf's The Waves – while essays by McGann and Lernout argue the dimensionality of text on the intersection of print and digital media. Implicit in all these essays is the contention, that textual scholarship must influence literary interpretation.*

*Two final essays focus directly on this, in the cases of Melville's Moby-Dick and Emily Dickinson's late fragments. An extensive reviews section completes this volume.*

*Literary Manifestations of a Multilingual History*

*Poems by Robert Louis Stevenson*

*The Complete Short Prose, 1929-1989*

*On Beckett*

*A Monthly Magazine for Literary Workers*

*Samuel Beckett, James Joyce, and Surrealism*

*Multiliterate Ireland explores the literature of a selection of Irish writers through the prism of multiliteracy. Through this wide-ranging analysis of literature, history, strategic influence, and culture, this book examines the decisions of Irish writers who crossed linguistic boundaries between English and Irish, and other languages, and why these multiliterate choices were made.*

*Beckett and Buddhism undertakes a twenty-first-century reassessment of the Buddhist resonances in Samuel Beckett's writing. These reverberations, as Angela Moorjani demonstrates, originated in his early reading of Schopenhauer. Drawing on letters and archives along with*

***recent studies of Buddhist thought and Schopenhauer's knowledge of it, the book charts the Buddhist concepts circling through Beckett's visions of the 'human predicament' in a blend of tears and laughter. Moorjani offers an in-depth elucidation of texts that are shown to intersect with the negative and paradoxical path of the Buddha, which she sets in dialogue with Western thinking. She brings further perspectives from cognitive philosophy and science to bear on creative emptiness, the illusory 'I', and Beckett's probing of the writing process. Readers will benefit from this far-reaching study of one of the most acclaimed writers of the twentieth century who explored uncharted topologies in his fiction, theatre, and poetry.***

***Volume 15 continues to offer international perspectives on textual scholarship, including contributions by Adrian Armstrong, Ronald Broude, Danielle Clarke, A.S.G. Edwards, Neil Fraistat and Steven E. Jones, David Leon Higdon, Chris Jones, John Jowett, Barbara Oberg, Daniel E. O'Sullivan, Manuel Portela, Damian Judge Rollison, Helen Smith, Dirk van Hulle, Andrew van der Vlies, and H.T.M. van Vliet, on topics ranging from the textuality of Thomas Jefferson to the gendering of the Early Modern British book trades. Items under review include The Piers Plowman***



***Electronic Archive, Vol. 1, edited by Robert Adams, Hoyt N. Huggan, Eric Eliason, Ralph Hanna III, John Price-Wilkin, and Thorlac Turnville-Petre; Material Modernism, by George Bornstein; Textual Transgressions and Theories of the Text, by David Greetham; Electronic Texts in the Humanities, by Susan Hockey; Problems of Editing, edited by Christa Jansohn; From Author to Text, edited by Caroline Levine and Mark W. Turner; Text und Edition, edited by Rüdiger Nutt-Koforth, Bodo Plachta, H.T.M. van Vliet and Heermann Zwerschina; Thomas Hardy: A Textual Study of the Short Stories, by Martin Ray; The Piers Plowman Electronic Archive, Vol. 2, edited by Thorlac Turnville-Petre and Hoyt Duggan; and editions of Georg Büchner, Theodore Dreiser, Edmund Spenser, and Oscar Wilde. W. Speed Hill is Professor of English, Lehman College and The Graduate Center, City University of New York.***

***The Painted Word***

***Elective Affinities***

***The Pathos of Intermittency***

***Surreal Beckett***

***Multiliterate Ireland***

***A Reader's Guide to His Works, Life, and Thought***

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Dans L'Elaboration du mythe de soi, Solveig Hudhomme d é montre comment les oeuvres de Samuel Beckett construisent leur propre int é riorit é , lieu d'images et de mythes cr é ateurs. In L'Elaboration du mythe de soi Solveig Hudhomme highlights how Samuel Beckett's works build their own inner space, their own image and mythology.

In life, Beckett was notoriously reticent, preferring to let his work speak for itself. In the first half of this collection, he reveals many of his inner thoughts and honest opinions about his life, writing, friends, and colleagues in candid interviews published for the first time in this book. He discusses his friendship with James Joyce and his role in the Resistance during the Nazi occupation of France. Also included are newly discovered photographs of Beckett?as a young boy, as a teacher, as best man at a friend ' s wedding, and with painter Henri Hayden. In the second half, friends and colleagues share their memories of Beckett as a schoolboy, a teacher, a struggling young writer, and a sudden success in 1953 with the appearance of *Waiting for Godot*. Readers will be enchanted by the poignant remembrances by those who knew him best, worked with him most closely, or admired him for his enduring influence: including actors Hume Cronyn, Jean Martin, Jessica Tandy, and Billie Whitelaw and fellow playwrights and authors Edward Albee, Paul Auster, E. M. Cioran, J. M. Coetzee, Eug è ne Ionesco, Edna O ' Brien, and Tom Stoppard.

In this rich and perceptive study of some of the most haunting fiction written in the late twentieth century, Beckett critic Enoch Brater continues his investigation of the tension between text and script, silence and associational sound. Brater argues with great learning that Beckett's fiction, like his radio plays, demands to be read aloud, since much of the emotional meaning lodges in its tonality. Here the rhythm of Beckett's "labouring heart" finds its performative voice as the reader, now turned listener, collaborates in the creation of a musical composition that must elucidate the stillness of the universe. The

Drama in the Text is a book about reciting and recounting, about how we know and what we know when we read a lyrical "text" crafted in prose but sounding like something else instead. Brater ranges across all of Beckett's work, quoting from it liberally, and makes connections mainly with other writers, but also with details drawn from the whole Western cultural heritage. The only book that deals thoroughly with Beckett's complete late fiction, Brater's study opens to a wide literary audience the difficult and elliptical nature of Beckett's mature prose style. For those readers who find Beckett's late fiction "impossible to follow let alone describe", this book will be an authoritative and persuasive guide, providing recognition, insight, and accessibility.

The Making of Samuel Beckett's *Stirrings Still* / *Soubresauts* and *Comment Dire* / What Is the Word  
Nobel Prize Laureates in Literature

L' é laboration du mythe de soi dans l'oeuvre de Samuel Beckett

***This is a concise and informative account of the development of Samuel Beckett's prose and drama, from the early experiements in fiction through the major work to the minimal late writing of the 1970 and 1980s.***

***Writer Samuel Beckett (1906-89) is known for depicting a world of abject misery, failure, and absurdity in his many plays, novels, short stories, and poetry. Yet the despair in his work is never absolute, instead it is intertwined with black humor and an indomitable will to endure--characteristics best embodied by his most famous characters, Vladimir and Estragon, in the play *Waiting for Godot*. Beckett himself was a supremely modern, minimalist writer who deeply distrusted biographies***

***and resisted letting himself be pigeonholed by easy interpretation or single definition. Andrew Gibson's accessible critical biography overcomes Beckett's reticence and carefully considers the writer's work in relation to the historical circumstances of his life. In Samuel Beckett, Gibson tracks Beckett from Ireland after independence to Paris in the late 1920s, from London in the '30s to Nazi Germany and Vichy France, and finally through the cold war to the fall of communism in the late '80s. Gibson narrates the progression of Beckett's life as a writer—from a student in Ireland to the 1969 Nobel Prize winner for literature—through chapters that examine individual historical events and the works that grew out of those experiences. A notoriously private figure, Beckett sought refuge from life in his work, where he expressed his disdain for the suffering and unnecessary absurdity of much that he witnessed. This concise and engaging biography provides an essential understanding of Beckett's work in response to many of the most significant events of the past century.***