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a writer of virtuostic talents who can seemingly do anything new york times wallace is a superb comedian of culture his exuberance and intellectual impishness are a delight james wood guardian he induces the kind of laughter which when read in bed with a sleeping partner wakes said sleeping partner up he s damn good nicholas lezard guardian one of the best books about addiction and recovery to appear in recent memory sunday times somewhere in the not so distant future the residents of ennet house a boston halfway house for recovering addicts and students at the nearby enfield tennis academy are ensnared in the search for the master copy of infinite jest a movie said to be so dangerously

entertaining its viewers become entranced and expire in a state of catatonic bliss

infinite jest has been hailed as one the great modern american novels and its author david foster wallace who committed suicide in 2008 as one of the most influential and innovative authors of the past 20 years don delillo called infinite jest a three stage rocket to the future a work equal to the huge babbling spin out sweep of contemporary life while time magazine included infinite jest on its list of 100 greatest novels published between 1923 2006 david foster wallace s infinite jest a reader s guide was the first book to be published on the novel and is a key reference for those who wish to explore further infinite jest has become an exemplar for difficulty in contemporary fiction its 1 079 pages full of verbal invention oblique narration and a scattered nonlinear chronology in this comprehensively revised second edition burn maps wallace s influence on contemporary american fiction outlines wallace s poetics and provides a full length study of the novel drawing out the most important themes and ideas before surveying wallace s post infinite jest output including the pale king

elegant complexity is the first critical work to provide detailed and thorough commentary on each of the 192 sections of david foster wallace s masterful infinite jest no other commentary on infinite jest recognizes that wallace clearly divided the book into 28 chapters that are thematically unified a chronology at the end of the study reorders each section of the novel into a sequential timeline that orients the reader and that could be used to support a chronological reading of the novel other helpful reference materials include a thematic outline more chronologies a map of one the novel s settings lists of characters grouped by association and an indexed list of references elegant complexity orients the reader at the beginning of each section and keeps commentary separate for those readers who only want orientation the researcher looking for specific characters or themes is provided a key at the beginning of each commentary carlisle explains the novel s complex plot threads and discrepancies with expert insight and clear commentary the book is 99 spoiler free for first time readers of infinite jest publisher s website

this is part of a new series of guides to contemporary novels the aim of the series is to give readers accessible and informative introductions to some of the most popular most acclaimed and most influential novels of recent years from the remains of the day to white teeth a team of contemporary fiction scholars from both sides of the atlantic has been assembled to provide a thorough and readable analysis of each of the novels in question

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bachelor thesis from the year 2010 in the subject american studies literature grade 1 0 tu dortmund institut fur anglistik und amerikanistik language english abstract in 1996 david foster wallace published his second major novel infinite jest that changed not only our understanding of what literature can do but also the way we read literature with its hundreds of characters thousands of pages hundreds of endnotes and myriads of different perspectives sub plots and narrative digressions infinite jest was and still is a extraordinary challenge for its readers an interesting question related to wallaces work is to what extent readers are able to establish and defend their own rules and boundaries that are challenged by their discourse with the book the whole reading process can thus be seen as a work of play that is established between the poles of infinity and jest this opens up a new narratological dimension which has an immediate impact on the autonomy of the reader i want to find out in how far the readers of infinite jest have to get involved in this work of play how it affects the way they read the book and how the idiosyncratic reading experience finally becomes an integral part of the whole book itself

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a compelling comprehensive and substantive introduction to the work of david foster wallace

mary shapiro explores the use of regional and ethnic dialects in the works of david foster wallace not just as a device used to add realism to dialogue but as a vehicle for important social commentary about the role language plays in our daily lives how we express personal identity and how we navigate social relationships wallace s dialects straddles the fields of linguistic criticism and folk linguistics considering which linguistic variables of jewish american english african american english midwestern southern and boston regional dialects were salient enough for wallace to represent and how he showed the intersectionality of these with gender and social class wallace s own use of language is examined with respect to how it encodes his identity as a white male economically privileged midwesterner while also foregrounding characteristic and distinctive idiolect features that allowed him to connect to readers across implied social boundaries

in this elegant volume literary critics scrutinize the existing wallace scholarship and at the same time pioneer new ways of understanding wallace s fiction and journalism in critical essays exploring a variety of topics including wallace s relationship to american literary history his place in literary journalism his complicated relationship to his postmodernist predecessors the formal difficulties of his 1996 magnum opus infinite jest his environmental imagination and the social life of his fiction and nonfiction contributors plumb sources as diverse as amazon com reader recommendations professional book reviews the 2009 infinite summer project and the david foster wallace archive at the university of texas s harry ransom center

david foster wallace is invariably seen as an emphatically american figure lucas thompson challenges this consensus arguing that wallace s investments in various international literary traditions are central to both his artistic practice and his critique of us culture thompson shows how time and again wallace s fiction draws on a diverse range of global texts appropriating various forms of world literature in the attempt to craft fiction that critiques us culture from oblique and unexpected vantage points using a wide range of comparative case studies and drawing on extensive archival research global wallace reveals david foster wallace s substantial debts to such unexpected figures as jamaica kincaid

julio cortázar jean rhys octavio paz leo tolstoy zbigniew herbert and albert camus among many others it also offers a more comprehensive account of the key influences that wallace scholars have already perceived such as fyodor dostoevsky franz kafka and manuel puig by reassessing wallace s body of work in relation to five broadly construed geographic territories latin america russia eastern europe france and africa the book reveals the mechanisms with which wallace played particular literary traditions off one another showing how he appropriated vastly different global texts within his own fiction by expanding the geographic coordinates of wallace s work in this way global wallace reconceptualizes contemporary american fiction as being embedded within a global exchange of texts and ideas

in the years since his suicide scholars have explored david foster wallace s writing in transdisciplinary ways this is the first book of its kind to discuss how wallace understood and wrote about religion at present the scholarly community is sharply divided on how best to read wallace on religious questions some interpret him to be a nietzschean nihilist while others see in him a profoundly spiritual even mystical thinker some read wallace as a buddhist thinker and others as a christian existentialist involved at every level of this discussion are wallace s experiences in twelve step recovery programs according to which only a higher power can help one remove unwanted defects of character the multifarious essays in this volume by literature religion and philosophy scholars in the wallace community delve into wallace s life and writings to advance the conversation about wallace and religion while they may disagree with one another in substantial ways the contributors argue that wallace was not only deliberate in his writings on religious themes but also displayed an impressive level of theological nuance

from the concert stage to the dressing room from the recording studio to the digital realm spin surveys the modern musical landscape and the culture around it with authoritative reporting provocative interviews and a discerning critical ear with dynamic photography bold graphic design and informed irreverence the pages of spin pulsate with the energy of today s most innovative sounds whether covering what s new or what s next spin is your monthly vip pass to all that rocks

a 2017 choice outstanding academic title what is the strange appeal of big books the mega novel a genre of erudite tomes with encyclopedic scope has attracted wildly varied responses from fanatical devotion to trenchant criticism looking at intimidating mega novel masterpieces from the making of americans to 2666 david letzler explores reader responses to all the seemingly random irrelevant pointless and derailing elements that comprise these mega novels elements that he labels cruft after the computer science term for junk code in the cruft of fiction letzler suggests that these books are useful tools to help us understand the relationship between reading and attention while mega novel text is often intricately meaningful or experimental sometimes it is just excessive and pointless on the other hand mega novels also contain text that though appearing to be cruft turns out to be quite important letzler posits that this cruft requires readers to develop a sophisticated method of

attentional modulation allowing one to subtly distinguish between text requiring focused attention and text that must be skimmed or even skipped to avoid processing failures the craft of fiction shows how the attentional maturation prompted by reading mega novels can help manage the information overload that increasingly characterizes contemporary life

while paratexts among them headnotes footnotes or endnotes have never been absent from american literature the last two decades have seen an explosion of the phenomenon including mock scholarly footnotes to an extent that they seem to take over the text itself in this special focus we shall attempt to find the reasons for this astonishing development in our first diachronic section we shall explore such texts as might have fostered the present boom from fictions by edgar allan poe to vladimir nabokov to mark z danielewski the second synchronic section will concentrate on paratexts by david foster wallace perhaps the father of the post postmodern footnote as well as those to be found in novels by bennett sims jennifer egan and junot diaz among others it appears that while paratexts definitely point to a high degree of self reflexivity in the author they equally draw attention to the textual and authorial functions of the works in which they exist they can thus cause a reflection on the boundaries between genres like fiction faction and autobiography as well as serving to highlight a host of pedagogical and social concerns that exist in the interstices between fiction and reality

this book begins a new and foundational discussion of maximalism by investigating how the treatment of detail in contemporary literature impels readers to navigate tolerate and enrich the cultural landscape of postindustrial america it studies the maximalist novels of david foster wallace nicholson baker thomas pynchon and others considering how overly detailed writing serves the institutional emotional and intellectual needs of contemporary readers and writers the book argues that maximalist novels not only exceed perceived limits of style subject matter and scope but strive to remake the usefulness of books in contemporary culture refreshing the act of reading levey shows that while these novels are preoccupied with detail and description they are relatively unconcerned with the traditional goals of representation instead they use detail to communicate particular values and fantasies of intelligence enthusiasm and ability attached to the management of complex and excessive information whether reinvigorating the banal and trivial in mainstream culture or soothing anxieties of human insufficiency in the age of automation and the internet these texts model significant abilities rather than just objects of significance and encourage readers to develop habits of reading that complement the demands of an increasingly detailed culture drawing upon a diverse range of theoretical schools and cultural texts including thing theory marxism new formalism playlists blogs and archival manuscripts the book proposes a new understanding of maximalist writing and a new way of approaching the usefulness of literary objects in contemporary culture

of the twelve books david foster wallace published both during his lifetime and posthumously only three were novels nevertheless wallace

always thought of himself primarily as a novelist from his college years at amherst when he wrote his first novel as part of a creative honors thesis to his final days wallace was buried in a novel project which he often referred to as the long thing meanwhile the short stories and journalistic assignments he worked on during those years he characterized as playing hooky from a certain larger thing wallace was also a specific kind of novelist devoted to producing a specific kind of novel namely the omnivorous culture consuming encyclopedic novel as described in 1976 by edward mendelson in a ground breaking essay on thomas pynchon s gravity s rainbow david foster wallace and the long thing is a state of the art guide through wallace s three major works including the generation defining infinite jest these essays provide fresh new readings of each of wallace s novels as well as thematic essays that trace out patterns and connections across the three works most importantly the collection includes six chapters on wallace s unfinished novel the pale king which will prove to be foundational for future scholars of this important text

this book serves as a critical examination of contemporary american literature by examining david foster wallace s incorporation of corporeal narrative techniques in his novels with a particular focus on the broom of the system infinite jest and the pale king by employing corporeal narratology as a conceptual framework it sheds light on wallace s profound exploration of the human body and its societal implications through detailed analysis the book reveals how wallace s narratives serve as a critique of contemporary issues such as self alienation consumerism and the dehumanizing effects of modern society designed for scholars and students of literature cultural studies and narrative theory this book provides a comprehensive understanding of wallace s literary legacy and his keen observations on the complexities of human existence in the modern world

the relationship between critical disability studies and the hearing sciences is a dynamic one and it s changing still both as clinicians come to terms with the evolving health of deaf and hearing communities and as the social and medical understandings of disability continue to gain traction among different groups what might a cultural approach to these overlapping areas of study involve and what could narrative prose in particular have to tell us that other sources haven t sensed at a time when visual media otherwise seem to have captured the imagination modern fiction disability and the hearing sciences makes the case for a wide range of literature in doing so through serials short stories circadian fiction narrative history morality tales whodunits bildungsromane life writing the great american novel the book reveals the diverse ways in which writers have plotted and voiced experiences of hearing from the nineteenth century to the present day

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