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[French VII Bibliography](#) Neofelis Verlag

In this book Ralph Schoolcraft explores the extraordinary career of the modern French author, film director, and diplomat—a romantic and tragic figure whose fictions extended well beyond his books. Born Roman Kacew, he overcame an impoverished boyhood to become a French Resistance hero and win the coveted Goncourt Prize under the pseudonym—and largely invented persona—Romain Gary. Although he published such acclaimed works as *The Roots of Heaven* and *Promise at Dawn*, the Gaullist traditions that he defended in the world of French letters fell from favor, and his critical fortunes suffered at the hands of a hostile press. Schoolcraft details Gary's frustrated struggle to evolve as a writer in the eye of a public that now considered him a known quantity. Identifying the daring strategies used by this mysterious character as he undertook an elaborate scheme to reach a new readership, Schoolcraft offers new insight into the dynamics of authorship and fame within the French literary institutions. In the early 1970s Gary made his departure from the conservative literary establishment, publishing works that boasted a quirky, elliptical style under a variety of pseudonymous personae, the most successful of which was that of an Algerian immigrant by the name of Emile Ajar. Moving behind the mask of his new creation, Gary was able to win critical and popular acclaim and a second Goncourt in 1975. But as Schoolcraft suggests, Gary may have "sold his shadow"—that is, lost his authorial persona—by marketing himself too effectively. Going so far as to recruit a cousin to stand in as the public face of

this phantom author, Gary kept the secret of his true authorship until his violent death in 1980 from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The press reacted with resentment over the scheme, and he was shunned into the ranks of literary oddities. Schoolcraft draws from archives of the several thousand documents related to Gary housed at the French publishing firms of Gallimard and Mercure de France, as well as the Butler Library at Columbia University. Exploring the depths of a story that has long remained shrouded in mystery, *Romain Gary: The Man Who Sold His Shadow* is as much a fascinating biographical sketch as it is a thought-provoking reflection on the assumptions made about identities in the public sphere.

**Romain Gary** BRILL

Now available in paperback for the first time, *Jewish Writers of the Twentieth Century* is both a comprehensive reference resource and a springboard for further study. This volume: examines canonical Jewish writers, less well-known authors of Yiddish and Hebrew, and emerging Israeli writers includes entries on figures as diverse as Marcel Proust, Franz Kafka, Tristan Tzara, Eugene Ionesco, Harold Pinter, Tom Stoppard, Arthur Miller, Saul Bellow, Nadine Gordimer, and Woody Allen contains introductory essays on Jewish-American writing, Holocaust literature and memoirs, Yiddish writing, and Anglo-Jewish literature provides a chronology of twentieth-century Jewish writers. Compiled by expert contributors, this book contains over 330 entries on individual authors, each consisting of a biography, a list of selected publications, a scholarly essay on their work and suggestions for further reading.

*Framing Literary Humour* Duke University Press

Essays that range chronologically from the Renaissance to the 1990s, geographically from the Danube to the Andes, and historically from the

Inquisition to the Holocaust, examine the complexities and tensions of exile, focusing particularly on whether exile tends to block, or to enhance, artistic creativity. 16 photos.

*La danse de Gengis Cohn. The dance of Genghis Cohn. Translated by Romain Gary with the assistance of Camilla Sykes* Bloomsbury Publishing USA  
"Examines the performances of a Parisian youth group, Gustave Cohen's Théophiliens, and the process of making medieval culture a part of the modern world. Explores the work of actor Moussa Abadi, and his clandestine resistance under the Vichy regime in France during World War II"--  
Provided by publisher.

[Auschwitz and After](#) Walter de Gruyter

In this powerful and wide-ranging study, Sander Gilman explores the idea of 'the multicultural' in the contemporary world, a question he frames as the question of the relationship between Jews and Muslims. How do Jews define themselves, and how are they in turn defined, within the global struggles of the moment, struggles that turn in large part around a secularized Christian perspective? Gilman uses his subject to unpack a sequence of important issues: what does it mean to be multicultural? Can the experience of diaspora Judaism serve as a useful model for Islam in today's multicultural Europe? What is a multicultural ethnic? Other chapters look at specific figures in Jewish cultural history – Albert Einstein, Franz Kafka, Israel Zangwill, Philip Roth, the hermaphrodite N.O. Body (aka Karl Baer, raised as Martha Baer) – to explore issues within Jewish identity. Throughout, Gilman pays keen attention to the ways in which contemporary literature – Chabon, Ozick, Zadie Smith, Jonathan Safran Foer, Gary Shteyngart – taking the idea of Jewishness and multiculturalism into new arenas.

[Multiculturalism and the Jews](#) Saint James Press

This annual French XX Bibliography provides the most complete listing available of books, articles, and book reviews concerned with French literature since 1885. Unique in its scope, thoroughness, and reliability of information, it has become an essential reference source in the study of modern French literature and culture. The bibliography is divided into three major divisions: general studies, author subjects (arranged alphabetically), and cinema. Number 59 in the series contains 12,703 entries. William J. Thompson is Associate Professor of French and Undergraduate and Interdisciplinary Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Memphis.

*The Stranger in Early Modern and Modern Jewish Tradition* Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG

Les identités sociales et individuelles ne sont jamais fixées une fois pour toutes. Elles se transforment au gré de la mémoire et de la perception qu'on a de soi et de l'autre à travers les images et les traces mnésiques qui sous-tendent le discours social et les pratiques esthétiques, constitutives d'un état toujours transitoire d'une culture donnée. Tout énoncé identitaire s'inscrit dans le récit verbal ou visuel qu'on fait de son expérience perceptive, de nature polysensorielle, et de son expérience mnésique, consciente ou inconsciente, de sorte qu'on ne peut parler d'identité sociale ou individuelle sans faire appel à la notion d'« identité narrative », qui montre comment le sujet se situe par rapport aux autres et à lui-même dans le temps et dans l'espace réels ou imaginaires à travers ses perceptions et ses remémorations ou ses oublis et ses aveuglements. Qu'il s'agisse d'œuvres littéraires aussi diverses que celles de Naipaul, Gary, Michaux, Mallarmé, Volodine, Gracq, Rushdie, Aquin ou Sebbar, de textes testimoniaux essentiels comme ceux de Levi, Lanzmann, Zweig et Rivers ou de témoignages d'analysants anonymes, d'expériences singulières du temps et de la perception abordées d'un point de vue philosophique, d'œuvres d'art aussi variées que celles de Georges Rousse, Sophie Calle, Pipilotti Rist, Sylvie Blocher ou Massimo Gerra, d'espaces réels ou imaginaires comme ceux de New York, d'Istanbul ou de l'île aux Basques, intriqués dans des récits, des mémoires et des perceptions toujours hétérogènes, les pratiques historiques et esthétiques de notre modernité tardive exposent avec force la fragilité de nos identités individuelles et collectives, dont les textes rassemblés ici tentent de dresser le portrait en esquissant du même coup ce que devient le sujet contemporain, à l'heure où les grands récits de fondation sont en train de s'effondrer.

**Frère Océan** Merriam-Webster

This book provides a wide-ranging analysis of French Jewish authors born after the Shoah and traces the development of the rich agenda of jeune littérature juive (young Jewish writing) from its beginnings in the late 1970s, into the 1980s and 1990s, when it gained intense momentum. Thomas Nolden uses a wealth of biographical information to expound on his central thesis: the abrupt interruption of transmission of the Jewish heritage by assimilation, migration, and near-extermination required these writers to reinvent themselves, their past, and their memories as Jews. Nolden provides concise readings of the fiction of more than two dozen writers of both Sephardic and Ashkenazi background living in present-day France. He demonstrates how contemporary Jewish writing has responded historically, culturally, politically, and aesthetically to developments in French society and in Jewish culture. His critical analysis of the major themes, concerns, and stylistic features of the authors' work connects Jewish writing in France to the traditions of Jewish writing both during the Diaspora and in Israel.

[Le narrateur-canular](#) Routledge

Die Studie untersucht anhand literarischer und filmischer Werke der Shoah Zeit- und Raumkonstruktionen in ihrer spezifischen Inszenierung mit Fokus auf den französischsprachigen Raum. Durch die systematische Analyse wird anhand der Gegenüberstellung von narrativ-literarischen und narrativ-kinematographischen Erzählverfahren eine Differenzierung und Definition der Raumarten und Erinnerungsebenen vorgenommen. Daraus resultiert eine komprimierte Darstellung der verschiedenen zusammenspielenden Faktoren innerhalb des Erinnerungsprozesses in Literatur und Film.

Untersucht werden die unterschiedlichen Erzähl- und Darstellungstechniken des Erinnerns in Raum und Zeit, (Schreib-)Ort und -Zeitpunkt des Erzählenden, die Motivation des sich Erinnernden und die Thematisierung und Interpretation von unterschiedlichen Orten. Das Werkcorpus konzentriert sich vornehmlich auf folgende Werke: Charlotte Delbos Trilogie *Auschwitz et après* (1970/71), Soazig Aarons fiktive Tagebucherzählung *Le non de Klara* (2002), Romain Garys Roman *La Danse de Gengis Cohn* (1967), Alain Resnais' Dokumentation *Nuit et Brouillard* (1956) und Liliana Cavanis Spielfilm *Il portiere di notte* (1973).

**La Danse de Gengis Cohn** Librairie Droz

As the world of Jewish studies continues to expand, Studia Rosenthaliana enters a new phase with this 36th volume, the first in a series of yearbooks. In this edition, an international panel of authors takes an innovative look at the theme of Jewish multilingualism from various, multidisciplinary perspectives. Several research projects on various aspects of Dutch Jewish history and culture are currently under way at academic institutions in

Amsterdam and elsewhere, while Dutch academics are regularly involved in extensive international research projects. The research that resulted in the articles presented in this volume of Studia Rosenthaliana was carried out by the Menasseh ben Israel Institute and the University of Amsterdam in collaboration with the Solomon Ludwig Steinheim Institute in Duisburg and forms part of a larger programme on Yiddish in the Netherlands currently being conducted together with the Abteilung für Jiddische Sprache, Kultur und Literatur at Heinrich Heine Universität, Düsseldorf.

**The Modern Jewish Canon** Berghahn Books

Ein Gespenst geht um – etwas kehrt wieder, tritt in Erscheinung, obgleich es bereits für tot erklärt wurde, sucht Körper, Orte und Objekte heim, obwohl ihm kein Platz in der Gegenwart der Lebenden eingeräumt wird. Neuzeit und Moderne widmeten sich der Bekämpfung des Geisterglaubens und erzeugten doch zugleich ganze Heerscharen von Gespenstern – so sorgte gerade das gespensterskeptische Zeitalter der Aufklärung für eine diskursive Verstärkung des Gespensterglaubens, und die Massenmedien erweisen sich als Brutstätten medialer Phantasmagorien. Auch im beginnenden 21. Jahrhundert sind die Geister noch wach: Sie bevölkern in vielfältigen Figurationen weite Teile der Populärkultur, sie treten als (Denk-)Figuren in theoretischen und künstlerischen Diskursen auf und fungieren als Chiffren des soziopolitisch Imaginären. "Lernen, mit den Gespenstern zu leben"; der vorliegende Band geht aus der gleichnamigen Tagung hervor, die im Herbst 2013 im Frankfurter Mousonturm stattfand. Tagung und Buch stellen sich den Herausforderungen von Jacques Derridas Hantologie, der Lehre der Heimsuchung, die den interdisziplinären Diskurs immer wieder mit der zentralen Frage konfrontiert: Was bedeutet es, mit den Gespenstern zu leben? In der Folge werden politische, ethische und ästhetische Potentiale, die dieser 'umgangslose Umgang' mit Gespenstern birgt, untersucht. Die Darstellungs- und Wahrnehmungsmodalitäten des Gespenstigen kommen dabei auf vielen Ebenen zur Sprache, ebenso wie seine Funktion und Bedeutung für verschiedene Kunstformen. Das Gespenstige als Denk- und Erfahrungsmodell zur Auseinandersetzung mit offenen Fragen zu Politik und Historie, Körperlichkeit und Medialität, sowie als Darstellungsdispositiv in Theater, Film, Medien, Literatur und Bildender Kunst ist daher Untersuchungsgegenstand der Beiträge des Buches. Der Band ordnet sie fünf Themenkreisen der Heimsuchung zu, die jeweils mit einer eigenen Einleitung versehen sind: Philosophie, Geschichte, Orte, Theater und Medien.

**La Danse de Gengis Cohn** Infobase Holdings, Inc

It has often been assumed that Europeans invented and had the exclusive monopoly over courtly and romantic love, commonly considered to be the highest form of relations between men and women. This view was particularly prevalent between 1770 and the mid-twentieth century, but was challenged in the 1960s when romantic love came to be seen as a universal sentiment that can be found in all cultures in the world. However, there remains the historical problem that the Europeans used this concept of love as a fundamental part of their self-image over a long period (traces of it still remain) and it became very much caught up in the concept of marriage. This book challenges the underlying Eurocentrism of this notion while exploring in a more general sense the connection between identity and emotions.

*The Routledge Encyclopedia of Jewish Writers of the Twentieth Century* Paris, Gallimard [1967]

This series of bibliographical references is one of the most important tools for research in modern and contemporary French literature. No other bibliography represents the scholarly activities and publications of these fields as completely.

*Holocaust Novelists* Associated University Presse

The thirteen chapters in this book are derived from the First International Conference on Jewish Humor held at Tel-Aviv University. The authors are scientists from the areas of literature, linguistics, sociology, psychology, history, communications, the theater, and Jewish studies. They all try to understand different aspects of Jewish humor, and they evoke associations, of a local-logical nature, with Jewish tradition. This compilation reflects the first interdisciplinary approach to Jewish humor. The chapters are arranged in four parts. The first section relates to humor as a way of coping with Jewish identity. Joseph Dorinson's chapter underscores the dilemma facing Jewish comedians in the United States. These comics try to assimilate into American culture, but without giving up their Jewish identity. The second section of the book deals with a central function of humor--aggression. Christie Davies makes a clear distinction between jokes that present the Jew as a victim of anti-Semitic attacks and those in which the approach is not aggressive. The third part focuses on humor in the Jewish tradition. Lawrence E. Mintz writes about jokes involving Jewish and Christian clergymen. The last part of the book deals with humor in Israel. David Alexander talks about the development of satire in Israel. Other chapters and contributors include: -Psycho-Social Aspects of Jewish Humor in Israel and in the Diaspora- by Avner Ziv; -Humor and Sexism: The Case of the Jewish Joke- by Esther Fuchs; -Halachic Issues as Satirical Elements in Nineteenth Century Hebrew Literature- by Yehuda Friedlander; -Do Jews in Israel still laugh at themselves?- by O. Nevo; and -Political Caricature as a Reflection of Israel's Development- by Kariel Gardosh. Each chapter in this volume paves the way for understanding the many facets of Jewish humor. This book will be immensely enjoyable and informative for sociologists, psychologists, and scholars of Judaic studies.

[Reference Guide to Holocaust Literature](#) Susquehanna University Press

The traumatic experiences of persecution and genocide have changed traditional views of literature. The discussion of historical truth versus aesthetic autonomy takes an unexpected turn when confronted with the experiences of the victims of the Holocaust, the Gulag Archipelago, the Cultural Revolution, Apartheid and other crimes against humanity. The question is whether - and, if so, to what extent - literary imagination may depart from historical truth. In general, the first reactions to traumatic historical experiences are autobiographical statements, written by witnesses of the events. However, the second and third generations, the sons and daughters of the victims as well as of the victimizers, tend to free themselves from this generic restriction and claim their own way of remembering the history of their parents and grandparents. They explore their own limits of representation, and feel free to use a variety of genres; they turn to either realist or postmodernist, ironic or grotesque modes of writing.

[Exile and Creativity](#) Presses Univ. du Mirail

"Early in the twentieth century, Yiddish, previously stigmatized as a corrupt jargon, came to be recognized as a language in its own right, and one moreover that was already the vehicle for a rich literature. Many writers in other European languages steadily became aware of the status and richness of the Yiddish language, sometimes by encountering Yiddish-speaking communities in Eastern Europe, and they responded to Yiddish language and culture in their own works, while Yiddish writers adopted, and sometimes anticipated, modern trends in other European literatures known to them. The collection of papers in this volume examines some of these fruitful interactions between Yiddish and the European literary

tradition, ranging from the early nineteenth century to the present, from France to Lithuania, and from classic modernist writers such as Kafka to Imre Kertesz (Nobel Prize for Literature, 2002). With the contributions: Gilles Rozier- 'When Purim-shpiler meets Columbine': Characters of Commedia dell'arte and Purimshpil in the Works of Moyshe Broderzon David Bellos- In the Worst Possible Taste: Romain Gary's Dance of Genghis Cohn Florian Krobb- 'Muthwillige Faschingstracht': The Presence of Yiddish in Nineteenth-Century German Literature Ritchie Robertson- Kafka's Encounter with the Yiddish Theatre David Groiser- Translating Yiddish: Martin Buber and David Pinski Mikhail Krutikov- Yiddish Author as Cultural Mediator: Meir Wiener's Unpublished Novel David Midgley- The Romance of the East: Encounters of German-Jewish Writers with Yiddish-Speaking Communities, 1916-27 PoLO Dochartaigh - Intimacy and Alienation: Yiddish in the Works of Jurek Becker Peter Sherwood- 'Living through Something': Notes on the Work of Imre Kertesz Joseph Sherman- Bergelson and Chekhov: Convergences and Departures Gennady Estraikh- Shmuel Gordon: A Yiddish Writer in 'the Ocean of Russian Literature'"

[European Literary Immigration Into the French Language](#) Routledge

"This thoughtful study should interest anyone concerned with social and political life at the periphery of today's Russian Federation."—Choice  
[Identities narratives: mémoire et perception](#) Odile Jacob

Contrary to what their oppressive design would lead us to believe, might structures of imprisonment actually incite humour? Starting from the most obvious areas of imprisonment (war camps, prison cells) and moving to the less obvious (masks, bodies), Framing Literary Humour demonstrates how 20th-century humour in theory and in fiction cannot be fully understood without a careful look at its connection with the notion of imprisonment. Understanding imprisonment as a concrete spatial setting or a metaphorical image, Jeanne Mathieu-Lessard analyses selected works of Romain Gary,

Giovannino Guareschi, Wyndham Lewis, Vladimir Nabokov and Luigi Pirandello to reconfigure confinement as an essential structural condition for the emergence of humour.

[Women and Men in Love](#) University of Pennsylvania Press

The critical, emotional and intellectual change which every immigrant is obliged to endure and confront is experienced with singular intensity by immigrant writers who have also adopted another language for their literary expression. Concentrating on European authors of the second half of the twentieth century who have chosen French as a language for their literary expression, and in particular the novels by Romain Gary, Agota Kristof, Milan Kundera and Jorge Semprun, with reference to many others, European Literary Immigration into the French Language explores some of the common elements in these works of fiction, which despite the varied personal circumstances and literary aesthetics of the authors, follow a similar path in the building of a literary identity and legitimacy in the new language. The choice of the French language is inextricably linked with the subsequent literary choices of these writers. This study charts a new territory within Francophone and European literary studies in treating the European immigrants as a separate group, and in applying linguistic, sociological and psychoanalytical ideas in the analysis of the works of fiction, and thus represents a relevant contribution to the understanding of European cultural identity. This volume is relevant to French and European literature scholars, and anyone with interest in immigration, European identity or second language adoption.

[La Danse de Gengis Cohn](#) Routledge

Contains entries on 51 writers of Holocaust fiction (each entry by a different author), including a list of the published works of each writer, biographical information, and a brief analysis of the writings.

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