

Le Notti Bianche

Through an analysis of the works of Italian filmmaker Luchino Visconti, García Düttmann explores the insight that it is never the real but always the possible that blocks the path to change.

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This Chronology of the Cinema, of which we propose here the first volume, aims to retrace the history of the seventh art in the different countries of the world by chronicling year by year its main events and developments, starting from the birthdates of the pioneers and inventors who preceded the Lumière brothers to reach until the year 2015, with the goal to offer the readers a global perspective on its birth, evolution and diffusion over time. This first volume covers the period going from 1830 to 1960. The information presented for each year is divided into thematic sections. The first one, titled "Personalities", reports the births and the deaths of the most important persons (directors, art directors, producers, actors, costume designers, cinematographers, theoreticians, critics, etc.) in the history of the cinema, together with the positions they covered in their careers. Across its three volumes, this Chronology offers information on more than 3000 persons. The second section, titled "Movies", lists the most relevant movies made during the year reporting for each of them the essential details like: director, English title and original title, genre, producing country, technology (film and sound), scriptwriter, editor, cinematographer, production designer/art director, producer, composer, costume designer, make-up artist, special effect artist and actors. Across its three volumes, this Chronology offers information on more than 3000 films. The third section, titled "Events",

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reports the main events in the history of cinema as: the first screenings and the first movies made in the different countries, the inventions and technologies that affected and innovated this art, the creation of production companies, movie archives and other institutions (cinema schools, censorship offices, festivals), and the publication of the most important theoretical essays, cinema magazines and artistic manifestos. The fourth section, titled "Film Awards", reports for each year the winners of various important awards, divided by categories, at national and international festivals and events in the different continents to offer a more articulated point of view on the seventh art across the world. Among the awards and festivals here considered are: Golden Globe, Academy Awards, Venice Film Festival, Cannes Festival, BAFTA, Berlin Film Festival, Moscow Film Festival, Ouagadougou International Film Festival, Tokyo International Film Festival and the Mar de la Plata Festival.

Cura e traduzione di Luisa De Nardis e Pierluigi Zoccatelli Edizioni integrali Eroe del romanzo breve *Le notti bianche*, opera del periodo cosiddetto «romantico» di Dostoevskij, è la figura del sognatore, nella cui piatta esistenza, chiusa in uno sterile mondo di fantasticherie, piomba per un breve attimo la giovane Nasten'ka. Simbolo del pulsare delle emozioni, Nasten'ka offrirà per la prima volta al sognatore scampoli di vita vera, finché una sua lettera, con l'annuncio delle proprie nozze, non lo "risveglierà" per riportarlo al suo illusorio destino di sogni. Sullo sfondo di una Pietroburgo deserta e quasi magica, si inserisce l'intenso dialogo tra i due protagonisti, pure voci, la cui identità è l'oggetto stesso delle loro riflessioni e della loro autocoscienza. Nella più matura espressione della sua vena creativa, Dostoevskij ci presenta ne *La mite* il racconto introspettivo e raggelante di un marito che veglia la giovane moglie morta suicida; Il sogno di un uomo ridicolo è il monologo di un uomo che, abbandonato da tutti

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e deciso a uccidersi, sprofonda in un sogno che lo trasporta in un mondo primordiale, dove gli uomini vivono in uno stato di felicità, privi della sofferenza e del peccato. L'idea dell'"età dell'oro", dello sdoppiamento della coscienza umana e la risposta al problema del male sono temi centrali della narrativa di Dostoevskij: per l'autore la vita sarebbe già un paradiso, se solo lo volessimo e il male stesso non esisterebbe, perdonato e vinto dall'amore. Fëdor M.

Dostoevskij Fëdor Michajlovic Dostoevskij nacque a Mosca nel 1821. Da ragazzo, alla notizia della morte del padre, subì il primo attacco di epilessia, malattia che lo tormentò per tutta la vita. Nel 1849 lo scrittore, a causa delle sue convinzioni socialiste, venne condannato a morte. La pena fu poi commutata in quattro anni di lavori forzati in Siberia e nell'esilio fino al 1859. Morì a San Pietroburgo nel 1881. È forse il più grande narratore russo e uno dei classici di tutti i tempi. Le sue opere e i suoi personaggi, intensi, drammatici, affascinanti, sono attuali e modernissimi. La Newton Compton ha pubblicato L'adolescente, Delitto e castigo, I demoni, I fratelli Karamazov, Il giocatore, L'idiota, Memorie dal sottosuolo, Le notti bianche - La mite - Il sogno di un uomo ridicolo anche in volumi singoli.

Styles of filmmaking have changed greatly from the classical Hollywood system, with its emphasis on narrative and character, to the current digital era of YouTube and installation art, where audiovisual spectacle takes command. The ways in which film critics and scholars have analysed these transformations in film style have also often changed. This book explores two central style concepts from the history of audiovisual criticism and theory, *mise en scène* and *dispositif*, to illuminate a wide range of film and new media examples. It argues that we need an open, inclusive and truly international approach to understand anew both old and current film and media works.

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'My God! A whole minute of bliss! Is that really so little for the whole of a man's life?' A poignant tale of love and loneliness from Russia's foremost writer. One of 46 new books in the bestselling Little Black Classics series, to celebrate the first ever Penguin Classic in 1946. Each book gives readers a taste of the Classics' huge range and diversity, with works from around the world and across the centuries - including fables, decadence, heartbreak, tall tales, satire, ghosts, battles and elephants.

Le Notti Bianche brings together twenty images of Opera Houses, created by Hiroshi Sugimoto in Italy since 2014. The title that the artist chose is also the title of the film being projected during the shoot at the Teatro di Villa Aldrovandi Mazzacorati in Bologna and directed by Luchino Visconti in 1957 and starred Marcello Mastroianni and Maria Schell. The story was originally set in St. Petersburg during the endless summer nights, when it never gets truly dark and night falls slowly, and was moved to Livorno for Visconti's version; with Sugimoto, Le Notti Bianche becomes a subtle metaphor with a range of meanings. The theatre screen with the vivid light emanating from it suggests the white of the photographic paper where the images come to life during the development process. Frame by frame on the screen in the darkness of the cinema, and detail after detail on the light sensitive sheet immersed in the chemical baths in the darkness of the darkroom, the story takes shape just as the picture slowly appears. The new collection of twenty works presented in the book was created entirely in Italy over the past three years, after a break of more than a decade in the production of Theaters. For the first time, in addition to the image of the front of the stage, the stalls and the gallery where the camera was set up are included. This is an additional step on the part of the Japanese photographer in his desire to let the audience participate in the work, beyond pure

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contemplation of it. The theatres photographed, chosen for their architectural characteristics as well as for their history, are the Teatro Carignano in Turin, the Teatro Farnese in Parma, the Teatro all'Antica in Sabbioneta, the Teatro Olimpico in Vicenza, the Teatro Comunale in Ferrara, the Teatro Scientifico in Mantua, the Teatro dei Rozzi in Siena, the Teatro Sociale in Bergamo, the Teatro Comunale Masini in Faenza, the Teatro Goldoni in Bagnacavallo, the Teatro dei Rinnovati in Siena and the Teatro di Villa Aldrovandi Mazzacorati in Bologna.

La storia di un giovane attratto irresistibilmente da una fanciulla incontrata casualmente per strada, fu definita da Dostojevskij stesso "un romanzo sentimentale". La trasformazione da simpatia in amore del solitario sognatore viene stroncata quando proprio in lui nasce l'illusione che l'amore sia ricambiato e che non sia pi per "l'altro" che invece riappare all'improvviso e accoglie tra le sue braccia la ragazza; non resta quindi che il ritorno alla solitudine, alla sofferenza, al non saper vivere come gli altri e a non districarsi dal labirinto che il vizio delle fantasie gli ha tessuto attorno. Ambientato nelle crepuscolari notti nordiche di Pietroburgo, il racconto usc nel 1848 su "Otcestvennie Zapski". Numerose le trasposizioni sceniche; da ricordare almeno la riduzione ceca per il teatro d'avanguardia di E. F. Burian, rappresentata a Praga nel 1946. Note anche le trasposizioni cinematografiche. Completano il volume due racconti. Le tappe della follia narra dell'amicizia tra due giovani, Vassia e Arcadio e il tentativo disperato e angosciante di Arcadio di allontanare Vassia dall'abisso del buio della mente. Memorabili alcune pagine che descrivono l'avanzare della psicosi di Vassia e l'impotente disperazione delle persone a lui vicine per affetto. Il primo amore narra invece con delicatezza i primi turbamenti sentimentali di un undicenne messo di fronte alle traversie d'amore di una giovane donna che a lui comunque si affeziona.

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A LUSHLY ROMANTIC NOVEL FROM THE AUTHOR OF CALL ME BY YOUR NAME Eight White Nights is an unforgettable journey through that enchanted terrain where passion and fear and the sheer craving to ask for love and to show love can forever alter who we are. A man in his late twenties goes to a large Christmas party in Manhattan where a woman introduces herself with three words: "I am Clara." Over the following seven days, they meet every evening at the same cinema. Overwhelmed yet cautious, he treads softly and won't hazard a move. The tension between them builds gradually, marked by ambivalence, hope, and distrust. As André Aciman explores their emotions with uncompromising accuracy and sensuous prose, they move both closer together and farther apart, culminating on New Year's Eve in a final scene charged with magic and the promise of renewal. Call Me by Your Name, Aciman's debut novel, established him as one of the finest writers of our time, an expert at the most sultry depictions of longing and desire. As The Washington Post Book World wrote, "The beauty of Aciman's writing and the purity of his passions should place this extraordinary first novel within the canon of great romantic love stories for everyone." Aciman's piercing and romantic new novel is a brilliant performance from a master prose stylist.

'A day without laughter is a day wasted.' It is Christmas Day when Charlie Chaplin receives a visit from Death. The great actor is 82 years old, but not yet ready to face the final curtain. Desperate to see his teenage son grow up, the actor strikes a deal: if he manages to make Death laugh, he will win an extra year of life. As he awaits his final, fatal encounter, Chaplin composes an impassioned letter to his son, in which he attempts to tell him about his past, from his impoverished childhood in England (with an alcoholic father and a mother who went mad) to the heights of success on the silver screen in America, via stints in the circus and

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vaudeville, and odd jobs as a newspaper hawker, printer, boxer and embalmer. As well as being the story of the evolution of a comic genius, this is the story of the evolution of cinema and how a beam of light on a white screen fired the imagination of an entire nation. As in his silent films, Charlie's adventures are simultaneously tragic and comic. The narrative flickers at a frenetic clip from false starts and early failures to eventual triumph in the magical moment when - before the eyes of a stupefied film crew - Charlie became the Tramp: with a little moustache, a shuffling slantwise walk, a cane and a dusty bowler hat, one of the most iconic figures of the golden age of cinema was born.

Il tema del 'sognatore romantico', dell'eroe solitario che - come l'"anima bella" schilleriana che vive nel regno dell'ideale e dell'utopia estetica più astratta - trascorre i suoi giorni immerso nella dimensione del sogno, in un paradiso di illusioni, malinconicamente sofferente e lontano dall'incolore e consueta realtà dell'esistenza quotidiana, percorre come un filo di Arianna questo racconto. In una notte bianca, crudelmente reale, passeggiando solitario l'eroe del racconto incontra sul lungofiume una ragazza che risveglia in lui il sentimento dell'amore - il simbolo della temuta vita reale -, e coraggiosamente egli decide di fuggire dal regno dei sogni, e delle fantasticherie in cui trascorre i suoi giorni, aprendosi alla vita. Ma quando la ragazza gli rivela di amare un altro, la sua speranza svanisce, annullata dalla crudele vendetta del destino, ricacciata nella dimensione del sogno, a un tempo capace di dare felicità e sofferenza. Un regno delle illusioni che è anche metaforicamente simbolo del male.

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In her 1985 CBC Massey Lectures Doris Lessing addresses the question of personal freedom and individual responsibility in a world increasingly prone to political rhetoric, mass emotions, and inherited structures of unquestioned belief. The Nobel Prize-winning author of more than thirty books, Doris Lessing is one of our most challenging and important writers.

Un giovane uomo, di cui non conosciamo il nome, vive isolato e non ha amicizie. Durante una passeggiata notturna sul lungofiume incontra Nesten'ka, una ragazza di diciassette anni. L'uomo è un sognatore, un solitario, distaccato dal mondo il cui vive, e questo incontro fa nascere in lui per la prima volta un sentimento reale. Le notti bianche di San Pietroburgo, in cui la luce non sembra mai tramontare, fanno da sfondo alla loro sofferta storia d'amore, un breve risveglio nel vuoto di un'esistenza non vissuta.

Examines the place of book-to-film adaptations by one of Italy's most famous postwar film directors. Since the beginning, much of Italian cinema has been sustained by transforming literature into moving images. This tradition of literary adaptation continues today, challenging artistic form and practice by pressuring the boundaries that traditionally separate film from its sister arts. In the twentieth century, director Luchino Visconti is a keystone figure in Italy's evolving art of adaptation. From the tumultuous years of Fascism and postwar Neorealism, through the blockbuster decade of the 1960s, into the arthouse masterpieces of the 1970s,

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Visconti's adaptations marked a distinct pathway of the Italian cinematic imagination. Luchino Visconti and the Alchemy of Adaptation examines these films together with their literary antecedents. Moving past strict book-to-film comparisons, it ponders how literary texts encounter and interact with a history of cultural and cinematic forms, genres, and traditions. Matching the major critical concerns of the postwar period (realism, political filmmaking, cinematic modernism) with more recent notions of adaptation and intermediality, this book reviews how one of Italy's greatest directors mined literary ore for cinematic inspiration.

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The internationally acclaimed author of *The Dream Life of Sukhanov* now returns to gift us with *Forty Rooms*, which outshines even that prizewinning novel. Totally original in conception and magnificently executed, *Forty Rooms* is mysterious, withholding, and ultimately emotionally devastating. Olga Grushin is dealing with issues of women's identity, of women's choices, that no modern novel has explored so deeply. "Forty rooms" is a conceit: it proposes that a modern woman will inhabit forty rooms in her lifetime. They form her biography, from childhood to death. For our protagonist, the much-loved child of a late marriage, the first rooms she is aware of as she nears the age of five are those that make up her family's Moscow apartment. We follow this child as she reaches adolescence, leaves home to study in America, and slowly discovers sexual happiness and love. But her hunger for adventure and her longing to be a great poet conspire to kill the affair. She seems to have made her choice. But one day she runs into a college classmate. He is sure of his path through life, and he is protective of her. (He is also a great cook.) They drift into an affair and marriage. What follows are the decades

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of births and deaths, the celebrations, material accumulations, and home comforts—until one day, her children grown and gone, her husband absent, she finds herself alone except for the ghosts of her youth, who have come back to haunt and even taunt her. Compelling and complex, *Forty Rooms* is also profoundly affecting, its ending shattering but true. We know that Mrs. Caldwell (for that is the only name by which we know her) has died. Was it a life well lived? Quite likely. Was it a life complete? Does such a life ever really exist? Life is, after all, full of trade-offs and choices. Who is to say her path was not well taken? It is this ambiguity that is at the heart of this provocative novel.

Un incontro può ribaltarti la vita. Quando a quarant'anni suonati Henry Green entra al Black Rose per bersi una birra, e possibilmente rimorchiare qualcuno per passare la serata, non si aspetta che la sua conquista poco più che ventenne diventerà molto più che una botta e via. David Addison si lascia alle spalle abbastanza in fretta l'incontro con il sexy metallaro avuto sei mesi prima. Non è preparato a scoprire però che Henry è quell'Henry. Non solo è il suo padrone di casa, ma è anche il suo professore all'università in cui si è appena iscritto. Solo che Henry nega fino allo stremo di aver mai incontrato David prima di quel momento... Chi l'avrà vinta? Il testardo David, deciso a sedurre di nuovo il suo sexy professore o Henry, terrorizzato dall'idea di una relazione con un suo studente, ma molto tentato da esso?

White Nights is the story of a young man fighting his inner restlessness. His unnamed protagonist is a sensitive, poetic resident of the very Westernized St. Petersburg of the mid-nineteenth century. A light and tender narrative, it delves into the torment and guilt of unrequited love. Both protagonists suffer from a deep sense of alienation that initially brings them together. A blend of romanticism and realism, the story appeals gently to the senses and

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feelings.

Each time a border is crossed there are cultural, political, and social issues to be considered. Applying the metaphor of the 'border crossing' from one temporal or spatial territory into another, *Border Crossing: Russian Literature into Film* examines the way classic Russian texts have been altered to suit new cinematic environments. In these essays, international scholars examine how political and economic circumstances, from a shifting Soviet political landscape to the perceived demands of American and European markets, have played a crucial role in dictating how filmmakers transpose their cinematic hypertext into a new environment. Rather than focus on the degree of accuracy or fidelity with which these films address their originating texts, this innovative collection explores the role of ideological, political, and other cultural pressures that can affect the transformation of literary narratives into cinematic offerings. This lavish book is the only complete collection of the renowned *Theaters* series, in which Hiroshi Sugimoto opens his shutter as a film begins and closes it as it concludes. "Different movies give different brightnesses. If it's an optimistic story, I usually end up with a bright screen; if it's a sad story, it's a dark screen. Occult movie? Very dark."

"Un intero minuto di beatitudine": così il Sognatore -protagonista e narratore di questo racconto- riassume la fulminea, inaspettata esperienza del suo incontro con Nàstenka. Prima e dopo, per questo "buffo signore" è un abisso di solitudine; infatti il sognatore, che "non è un uomo, ma piuttosto un essere di genere neutro" , appartiene a una categoria che vive separata dal mondo abitando di preferenza i più squallidi tuguri. Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoyevsky (1821 – 1881), sometimes transliterated Dostoevsky,

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was a Russian novelist, short story writer, and essayist. Dostoyevsky's literary works explore human psychology in the troubled political, social and spiritual context of 19th-century Russia. This translation by Constance Garnett from the original Russian is widely regarded as a reference. Garnett translated seventy volumes of Russian prose for publication, including all of Dostoyevsky's novels. Dostoyevsky's works of fiction include 17 short stories, in this edition we present 7 stories, including two of his 2 most famous works "White Nights" and "Notes From the Underground": WHITE NIGHTS, NOTES FROM UNDERGROUND, A FAINT HEART, A CHRISTMAS TREE AND A WEDDING, POLZUNKOV, A LITTLE HERO and MR. PROHARTCHIN.

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