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masterful mcewan is a storyteller at the peak of his powers one of the joys of the novel is the way it weaves history into roland s biography the pleasure in reading this novel is letting it wash over you associated press when the world is still counting the cost of the second world war and the iron curtain has closed eleven year old roland baines s life is turned upside down two thousand miles from his mother s protective love stranded at an unusual boarding school his vulnerability attracts piano teacher miss miriam cornell leaving scars as well as a memory of love that will never fade now when his wife vanishes leaving him alone with his tiny son roland is forced to confront the reality of his restless existence as the radiation from chernobyl spreads across europe he begins a search for answers that looks deep into his family history and will last for the rest of his life haunted by lost opportunities roland seeks solace through every possible means music literature friends sex politics and finally love cut tragically short then love ultimately redeemed his journey raises important questions for us all can we take full charge of the course of our lives without causing damage to others how do global events beyond our control shape our lives and our memories and what can we really learn from the traumas of the past epic mesmerizing and deeply humane lessons is a chronicle for our times a powerful meditation on history and humanity through the prism of one man s lifetime stephen and julie s lives are shattered when their daughter kate vanishes during a shopping trip to the supermarket they both set out to search for their lost child and in themselves each going their separate ways in vintage living texts teachers and students will find the essential guide to the works of ian mcewan this guide will deal with his themes genre and narrative technique and a close reading of the texts will be accompanied with likely exam questions and contexts and comparisons as well 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guides to literature series this volume is essential reading for all those beginning detailed study of enduring love and seeking not only a guide to the novel but a way through the wealth of contextual and critical material that surrounds it the story of a life the story of the summer lessons shows mcewan at the very peak of his powers he has written his masterpiece daily telegraph when the world is still counting the cost of the second world war and the iron curtain has descended young roland baines s life is turned upside down stranded at boarding school his vulnerability attracts his piano teacher miriam cornell leaving scars as well as a memory of love that will never fade twenty five years later roland s wife mysteriously vanishes and he is left alone with their baby son her disappearance sparks of journey of discovery that will continue for decades as roland confronts the reality of his rootless existence and attempts to embrace the uncertainty and freedom of his future ian mcewan is a masterful storyteller elif shafak a beautiful book about love loss and regret observer luminous beautifully written about lives imperfectly lived vogue a whole unruly life between the covers of a single book a literary feat spectator a tour de force a single life is silhouetted against global happenings sunday times a book of the year for the times sunday times financial times spectator new statesman washington post vogue and new yorker critically acclaimed contemporary

british writer ian mcewan s novels and short stories often involve tales of aberrance and obsession in this guide for students and the interested general reader malcolm english u of gdansk poland discusses themes such as incest espionage sexual fixation and political dysfunction in mcewan s writing he also analyzes mcewan s portrayal of women his concern with rationalism his moral perspective and the impact of feminism on his fiction annotation copyrighted by book news inc portland or the book provides a lucid analysis of all ian mcewan fiction published to date from his 1975 debut short stories up to the 2016 novel nutshell spanning forty years of his literary career apart from a general discussion of mcewan s works the study offers a uniform focal point it concentrates on one of the key issues taken up by the writer the aspect of relationships between partners and between family members as the book demonstrates the novelist employs interpersonal relations to establish a pertinent context in which he can dramatically portray the process of identity formation in his characters throughout his fiction mcewan consistently uses references to psychoanalysis either veiled or direct the proposed book investigates the novelist s oeuvre through the lens of the psychoanalytic theory developed by jacques lacan the approach used makes the book useful both for readers well familiar with this apparatus and for those who need introduction to lacanian psychoanalysis and such of his concepts as desire fantasy the symbolic order or the name of the father somerset maugham award winner dark early fiction by the author of nutshell a splendid magician of fear the village voice literary supplement taut brooding and densely atmospheric the stories here show us how murder can arise out of boredom perversity from adolescent curiosity and how sheer evil can become the solution to unbearable loneliness these short fiction pieces from the early career of the new york times bestselling and man booker prize winning author of atonement and on chesil beach are claustrophobic tales of childhood twisted psychology and disjointed family life as terrifying as anything by stephen king and finely crafted with a lyricism and an intensity that compels us to confront our secret kinship with what repels us a powerful talent that is both weird and wonderful the boston sunday globe ian mcewan s fictional world combin es the bleak dreamlike quality of de chirico s city scapes with the strange eroticism of canvases by balthus menace lies crouched between the lines of his neat angular prose and weird grisly things occur in his books with nearly casual aplomb the new york times a broken heart still beats softcover to many of his contemporaries charles dickens was the greatest writer of his age a one man fiction industry who produced fourteen massive novels and numerous sketches essays and stories many of which appeared in the two magazines which he founded and edited today the work of one of the first and most successful mass circulation authors continues to enthrall readers around the world this wide ranging book examines the writings of dickens not only in his time but also in ours it looks at the author as a victorian man of letters and explores his cultural and critical impact both on the definition of the novel in the nineteenth century and the subsequent development of the form in the twentieth lyn pykett focuses on dickens as journalist literary entrepreneur the conductor of magazines the shaper of the serial novel the manipulator of the multiple plot and the creator of eccentric characters she also assesses the modernity of the writer s alienated protagonists and their social environments as well as reassessing his representations of the vivid bleak and at times menacing spectacle of the metropolis from the late modern postmodern perspective of the twenty first century each chapter of this text analyses the work of a particular decade in dickens s career providing a lively contextual study which places his writings in relation to the worlds that made him and the literary worlds which he made it is essential reading for all those with an interest in one of the most popular and enduring british novelists of all time this introduction to the work of ian mcewan places his fiction in historical and theoretical context it explores his biography literary techniques and the issues of ethics and representation including a timeline of key dates and an interview with the author it also offers an overview of the critical reception mcewan s work has provoked essay from the year 2011 in the subject english language and literature studies literature grade 10 university of paderborn language english abstract a second can be a long time in introspection mcewan 80 these are henry perowne s words in mcewan s saturday just before the collision of his mercedes with the bmw of the petty criminal baxter however not only perowne experiences this apparent 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novel the new york times that masterfully entwines espionage and desire in an unforgettable story of intrigue betrayal and love cambridge student serena frome s beauty and intelligence make her the ideal recruit for mi5 the year is 1972 the cold war is far from over england s legendary intelligence agency is determined to manipulate the cultural conversation by funding writers whose politics align with those of the government the operation is code named sweet tooth serena a compulsive reader of novels is the perfect candidate to infiltrate the literary circle of a promising young writer named tom haley at first she loves the stories then she begins to love the man how long can she conceal her undercover life to answer that question serena must abandon the first rule of espionage trust no one don t miss ian mcewan s new novel lessons booker prize winner national bestseller a sharp contemporary morality tale cleverly disguised as a comic novel amsterdam is a dark tour de force perfectly fashioned the new york times from the bestselling author of atonement on a chilly february day two old friends meet in the throng outside a london crematorium to pay their last respects to molly lane both clive linley and vernon halliday had been molly s lovers in the days before they reached their current eminence clive is britain s most successful modern composer and vernon is a newspaper editor gorgeous feisty molly had other lovers too notably julian garmony foreign secretary a notorious right winger tipped to be the next prime minister in the days that follow molly s funeral clive and vernon will make a pact with consequences that neither could have foreseen don t miss ian mcewan s new novel lessons publisher description essay from the year 2011 in the subject english language and literature studies literature grade 10 university of paderborn language english abstract a second can be a long time in introspection mcewan 80 these are henry perowne s words in mcewan s saturday just 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betrayed her husband john she s still in the marital home a dilapidated priceless london townhouse but not with john instead she s with his brother the profoundly banal claude and the two of them have a plan but there is a witness to their plot the inquisitive nine month old resident of trudy s womb an astonishing act of literary ventriloquism unlike any in recent literature a bravura performance it is the finest recent work from a true master daily telegraph this book explores the central fictional minds in three of ian mcewan s most popular narratives mind presentation constitutes the main part of characterization in the second phase of mcewan s writing where his plot structure depends to a large degree on the presentation of the characters mental workings in amsterdam 1998 atonement 2003 and on chesil beach 2007 the construction process of the fictional minds the degree their functioning is impacted by their experiences and the way their mental aspect controls their behavior and relationships is critical to the stories relying on insights and methods from cognitive narratology this study follows two purposes it firstly analyzes the function of fictional minds and their operational modes in these narratives secondly it explores the impact of the characters experiences on both their mental functioning and their behavior especially with view of their relationships nayebpour reveals that the plot structure of these narratives highly depends on the lack of a sound balance between the two aspects of the represented minds intermental joint thought and intramental individual thought as well as on the dominance of the intramental one the tragic atmosphere in these narratives nayebpour argues is the result of this imbalance peter fortune is a boy who likes to daydream he dreams about swapping bodies with his cat and with his baby cousin but he gets so lost he s unsure where one fantasy finishes and the next begins cartwheeling through these transformations peter eventually finds himself in an adult body experiencing the adventure of falling in love as far fetched and funny as anything by roald dahl vogue perfectly judged scary poignant meaningful he makes it look easy but this is brilliantly achieved guardian

this is an excellent guide to enduring love it features a biography of the author a full length analysis of the novel and a great deal more if you re studying this novel reading it for your book club or if you simply want to know more about it you ll find this guide informative intelligent and helpful 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 ian mcewan s work is paradigmatic for the intricate relationship between art and politics in british fiction whereas his early work is more concerned with the family and its perversions there is a definite politicization after the comfort of strangers 1981 the years between mcewan s venetian novel and the child in time 1987 was a period of gestation he wrote the libretto or shall we die 1983 and the script for the ploughman s lunch 1985 taking up nuclear disarmament and thatcherism mcewan saw these works as a move abroad 1989 and returned to the novel with the caustically political the child in time all his later novels have strong political undertones most drastically visualized in the innocent 1990 otto s mutilated corpse as an image of berlin in saturday 2005 the mass rally against the iraq war in 2003 is the background against which the perowne s bloomsday takes place similarly in black dogs 1992 or amsterdam 1998 politics are shown in their complex relationship to art which is also celebrated in the atonement 2001

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The Fiction of Ian McEwan 2005-09-19 ian mcewan is one of britain s most established and controversial writers this book introduces students to a range of critical approaches to mcewan s fiction criticism is drawn from selections in academic essays and articles and reviews in newspapers journals magazines and websites with editorial comment providing context drawing attention to key points and identifying differences in critical perspectives the book features selections from published interviews with ian mcewan and covers all of the writer s novels to date including his latest novel saturday

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The Cambridge Companion to Ian McEwan 2019-07-04 provides a thorough overview of ian mcewan s fiction articulating his place in the canon of contemporary fiction

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First Love, Last Rites 2011-02-11 somerset maugham award winner dark early fiction by the author of nutshell a splendid magician of fear the village voice literary supplement taut brooding and densely atmospheric the stories here show us how murder can arise out of boredom perversity from adolescent curiosity and how sheer evil can become the solution to unbearable loneliness these short fiction pieces from the early career of the new york times bestselling and man booker prize winning author of atonement and on chesil beach are claustrophobic tales of childhood twisted psychology and disjointed family life as terrifying as anything by stephen king and finely crafted with a lyricism and an intensity that compels us to confront our secret kinship with what repels us a powerful talent that is both weird and wonderful the boston sunday globe ian mcewan s fictional world combin es the bleak dreamlike quality of de chirico s city scapes with the strange eroticism of canvases by balthus menace lies crouched between the lines of his neat angular prose and weird grisly things occur in his books with nearly casual aplomb the new york times

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the late modern postmodern perspective of the twenty first century each chapter of this text analyses the work of a particular decade in dickens s career providing a lively contextual study which places his writings in relation to the worlds that made him and the literary worlds which he made it is essential reading for all those with an interest in one of the most popular and enduring british novelists of all time

Ian McEwan 2009-12-07 this introduction to the work of ian mcewan places his fiction in historical and theoretical context it explores his biography literary techniques and the issues of ethics and representation including a timeline of key dates and an interview with the author it also offers an overview of the critical reception mcewan s work has provoked

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