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Hosein says

This book has gathered literary terms of English language in one place successfully. Those students who want to give English literature exam should get prepared with the help of this book. I can't say this is great since this was the only reference I had in my hand recommended by my fellow friend who had got his Master degree in the mentioned field.

David says

The "read" status I've given this book is purely for convenience: it is one that anyone who enjoys the nuts and bolts of literature as much as the actual product should always have on hand, whether to help answer a specific question, satisfy a vague curiosity, or use lucky dip style to discover something new about literature, and, by extension, the world.

This book represents a body of knowledge approached and collated by the same scholar, making for a compact, easily accessible, and, best of all, integrated, resource - and in that respect is better than trying to pick through the internet for the same definitions.

If you want quick but accurate descriptions of literary terms, nevertheless with some depth, and pointers on where else to go, this volume, while certainly not cheap, is definitely worth it.

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Indispensable. While I usually refer to Harmon & Holman first (A Handbook to Literature), I come back to this volume for more depth. Collectively, they make a great pair.

Annie says

A good review of everything I did in my undergrad Honors English Literature program.

Nikoleta says

Εξαιρετικ?. ?χει τους λογοτεχνικο?ς ?ρους σε αλφαβητικ? σειρ?, και δεν εξηγε? απλ?ς τον κ?θε ?ναν απ? αυτο?ς, αλλ? παρουσι?ζει την γ?ννηση του κ?θε ?ρου στην ιστορικ? του εποχ?, την εξ?λιξη ? μεταβολ? του στο π?ρασμα του χρ?νου (?ταν αυτ? υπ?ρχει) και αναλ?ει την σημασ?α του με παραδε?γματα. ?μαθα χωρ?ς να δυσκολευτ?, και χωρ?ς να χ?σω στιγμ? το ενδιαφ?ρον μου, αντιθ?τως αυτ? μεγ?λωνε με την κ?θε σελ?δα.

Amy says

I can't live without this reference.

Shreya Pandey says

A must read for any student of literature. I wish I'd listened to my professor who told me in my first semester as an English grad to buy a copy of this book. It's an essential read.

Traveller says

I had to buy this book for some class many many moons ago, and I thought it would be old hat by now, what with it sitting gathering dust on the shelf over the years.

Surprisingly, though, after thinking I was just going to refresh my memory on little morsels like adynaton, hypozeugma, and all the many convoluted methods of scansion, I actually ended up spending more time with it than I had intended, led on by its interesting background commentary.

What makes it nice, is that it is more than just a dictionary of literary terms - it's actually quite interesting to read in addition, like a mini-mini encyclopedia.

Perhaps it deserves to be properly dusted off and to join the books on my right-hand side.

Sadia Mansoor says

A useful & handy guide for every lit student ^_^

<http://www.ohio.edu/people/hartleyg/r...>

Ruby says

Over-elaborate where it should be more concise, too concise where more explanation would be appreciated.

Md Sahil says

Wonderful
