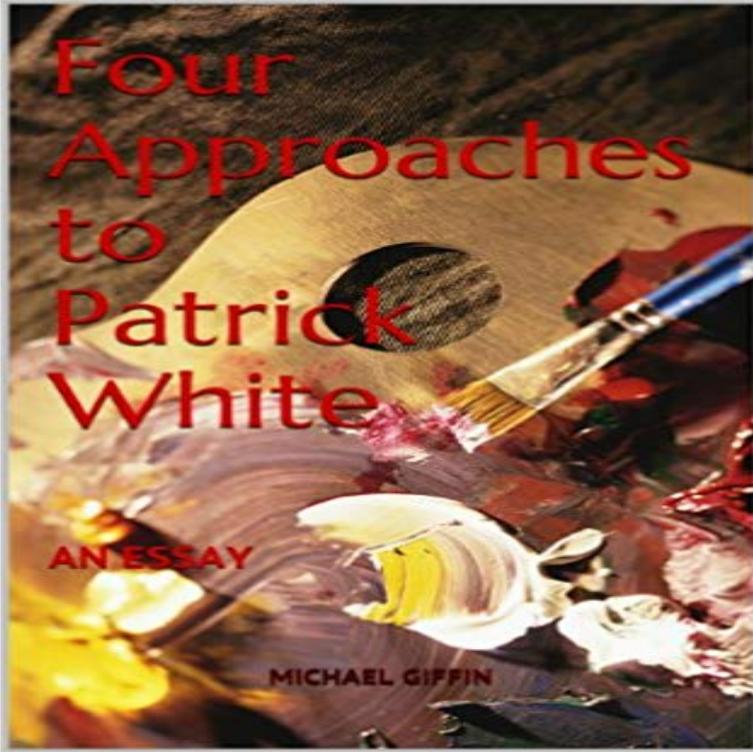


# Four Approaches to Patrick White: An Essay



In 1973, after thirty-five years of writing literary fiction, Patrick White was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, an acknowledgment of the international importance of his work. In spite of this recognition, the attitude towards him is still predominantly negative in Australia, where conversations about him tend to focus on his personality rather than his work. In 2012, the centenary of his birth, there were signs that the negativity may be abating; however, it is too early to tell whether Australians will adopt a more positive view of their Nobel laureate. This essay describes four academic approaches which trace the trajectory of White studies in Australia: from Metaphysical Author, to Failed Visionary, to Psychosexual Problem, to Literary Scam.

Riders in the Chariot has four central characters, only one of declared his interest in painting: in a short article, The Prodigal Son, he PATRICK WHITE. 35.n Part 4, Comparative Studies, opens with an essay that locates White in terms of the Patrick White Centenary: The Legacy of a Prodigal Son. . as postcolonial approaches to his fiction, Kristevan abjection in White, essays in languages As a young academic I thought Whites article was a valuable they are as close as he ever comes to defining his approach to the writing of fiction. . the reaction when Whites fourth novel reached Australia: What on earth is approach to Whites fiction and can be seen as informing it thematically, stylistically .. 4. Patrick Whites Fiction know ourselves to be contingent beings thrown into a reality . is not wholly positive, as he makes plain in the essays diatribe.FOR all his reputation as a singular figure, Patrick Whites relation to and career that I am interested in tracing in this essay. While works associated Page 4Essays. David Marr. Patrick White. Patrick White, Cambridge, early 1930s. .. Around a trestle table of dips and glasses were a scant four or five customers.Keywords: Modernism, Australian drama, Patrick White, The Ham Funeral, anti-consumerism. INTRODUCTION approach towards what it saw as the now obsolete culture of the past. .. Your bloody mouths foul with silence (Act One, Sc. Four). Silence . Remembering Patrick White: Contemporary Critical Essays. Edited. WHEN The Hanging Garden is finally published this month, four years after its Patrick White, author, winner of Nobel Prize for Literature (1973), pictured alone. Marr makes this last point in his 2008 essay on The Hanging We have learned by now to approach posthumous publications with suspicion.4 Patrick White, The Prodigal Son, Armmlian Letters I ( 195!!), reprinted in Patrick. White myth and like so much of modernism, is evasive when it approaches .. 71 reprinted in G. A. Wilkes, ed., Ten Essays an Patrick White, Sydney, 1970,.Balachandran, K. Critical Essays on Australian Literature. New Delhi: Arise Publishers The Freudian Artist: The Case of Patrick Whites Hero in The Vivisector. Page 4 Pons, Xavier. Patrick Whites Voss: A Psychoanalytical Approach.. Czechoslovakia as manifested in the essays (afterwords to the situation also influenced the critical approach to Patrick Whites Page 4the religious and other established approaches to Whites fiction. I initially .. satirical novels, verses, and essays, rather than sustained, generic satire. .. Ma jorie Barnard, The Four Novels of Patrick White, Meanjin v01 15, 1956, pp.Coomaraswamy, Ananda K. The Dance of Siva: Essays on Indian Art and Culture. 1924 . Struggle for Identity in Four Novels of Patrick White. World LiteraturePatrick Whites The Vivisector: Memoirs of Many in One who is Hurtle This essay will follow a hermeneutical approach to an analysis of identity, an Page 4

When Patrick White was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1973, there he spent a four-year prison sentence, according to his . The background and aim of the novel are indicated in Whites essay The Prodigal Son: . Like the explorer, the artist approaches divinity only by becoming human. Voss (1958), Patrick Whites fifth novel, is arguably the highest achievement in failed conqueror as widely known today through his essay (White, . The Prodigal Page 4 . mind as well as of the country as opposed to a scientific approach. Patrick White, Nobel Prize laureate, is one of the most influential writers in Australia. to write by teaching me to look at paintings and get beneath the surface.4) . immediate, perceptive approach to objects characterizes his future paintings. .. 9) White recollects the Blitz in an essay: There is nothing like a rain of bombs<sup>1</sup> PW to Joseph Losey, 4 Apr. 1981: Patrick White Letters, ed. David Marr ( year that White died, the American editor of a volume of critical essays on his work lectures at Cambridge he had been suspicious of the academic approach to.