

La Cognizione Del Dolore

Carlo Emilio Gadda

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La casa della Cognizione - Maria Antonietta Terzoli 2005
Con gusto un po' ottocentesco si possono anche guardare queste vecchie fotografie come riscontro oggettivo, riprova di referenti precisi, descritti nel romanzo e ora scomparsi o mutati negli anni. La tentazione documentaria è forte, in presenza di uno

scrittore di ossessiva fedeltà ai dati del reale. Ancora: in questi materiali si può trovare anche un insperato ausilio all'immaginazione, quasi fossero le illustrazioni di un libro autorizzate dall'autore. Il caso più evidente è quello della villa di Longone al Segrino, venduta da Gadda subito dopo la morte della madre e mai più

frequentata. Se ne danno nel romanzo insistite e meticolose descrizioni, da collegare idealmente ad alcune delle immagini qui presentate. Un altro gruppo di fotografie documenta momenti significativi nella vita di Gadda: i soggiorni nella casa di villeggiatura in Brianza, durante l'infanzia e la giovinezza; l'esperienza della guerra e la prigionia in Germania; il viaggio e il soggiorno in Argentina; il matrimonio della sorella; le amicizie con intellettuali, critici e scrittori a Firenze e a Roma; i premi letterari; i riconoscimenti ufficiali e il successo degli ultimi anni. Chiudono la serie alcune fotografie-documento di Giovanni Giovannetti, scattate a Longone nel luglio 1993.

[Twentieth-century Italian Literature in English Translation](#) - Robin Healey
1998-01-01
This bibliography lists English-language translations of twentieth-century Italian literature published chiefly in book form between 1929 and

1997, encompassing fiction, poetry, plays, screenplays, librettos, journals and diaries, and correspondence.

[Italian Literature in North America](#) - Canadian Society for Italian Studies 1990

The Italia Judaica Jubilee Conference - Shlomo Simonsohn 2012-12-03

This volume contains the proceedings of the Italia Judaica Jubilee Conference, held at Tel Aviv University 3-5 January, 2010, on the occasion of the jubilee celebration of outstanding scholarship on the history of Italian Jewry.

Creative Entanglements - Robert S. Dombroski
1999-01-01

This groundbreaking study of Gadda's narrative form identifies Gadda's complex 'baroque' style as not merely an aesthetic conceit, but an expression of modern alienation and of loss, grief, and the need for solitude in the face of a fragmented reality.

[La lingua riflessa](#) - Floriana Di Ruzza 2012

**Carlo Emilio Gadda e La
cognizione del dolore -**

Franca Mariani 1990

Carlo Emilio Gadda - 1995

The Comic and the Sublime -
Albert John Sbragia 1988

1996 - Massimo Mastrogregori
2014-02-21

Annually published since 1930, the International bibliography of Historical Sciences (IBOHS) is an international bibliography of the most important historical monographs and periodical articles published throughout the world, which deal with history from the earliest to the most recent times. The works are arranged systematically according to period, region or historical discipline, and within this classificationalphabetically.

The bibliography contains a geographical index and indexes of persons and authors.

Challenging the Norm -
Laurie Jane Anderson 1977

La cognizione del dolore -
Carlo Emilio Gadda 2019

Methods of Murder - Elena
Past 2012-01-01

Past traces the roots of the twentieth-century literature and cinema of crime to two much earlier, diverging interpretations of the criminal: the bodiless figure of Cesare Beccaria's Enlightenment-era On Crimes and Punishments, and the biological offender of Cesare Lombroso's positivist Criminal Man

**That Awful Mess on the Via
Merulana -** Carlo Emilio
Gadda 2007-02-27

In a large apartment house in central Rome, two crimes are committed within a matter of days: a burglary, in which a good deal of money and precious jewels are taken, and a murder, as a young woman whose husband is out of town is found with her throat cut. Called in to investigate, melancholy Detective Ciccio, a secret admirer of the murdered woman and a friend of her husband's, discovers that almost everyone in the apartment building is somehow involved in the case, and with each new development the

mystery only deepens and broadens. Gadda's sublimely different detective story presents a scathing picture of fascist Italy while tracking the elusiveness of the truth, the impossibility of proof, and the infinite complexity of the workings of fate, showing how they come into conflict with the demands of justice and love.

Italo Calvino, Pier Paolo Pasolini, and Alberto Moravia all considered *That Awful Mess on the Via Merulana* to be the great modern Italian novel.

Unquestionably, it is a work of universal significance and protean genius: a rich social novel, a comic opera, an act of political resistance, a blazing feat of baroque wordplay, and a haunting story of life and death.

Loss and the Other in the Visionary Work of Anna

Maria Ortese - Vilma De Gasperin 2014-03-27

This book examines the work of Anna Maria Ortese (1914-1998) from her first literary writings in the Thirties to her great novels in the Nineties. The analysis focusses on two

interweaving core themes, loss and the Other. It begins with the shaping of personal loss of an Other following death, separation, abandonment, coupled with melancholy for life's transience as depicted in autobiographical works and in her masterpiece *Il porto di Toledo*. The book then addresses Ortese's literary engagement with social themes in realist stories set in post-war Naples in her collection *Il mare non bagna Napoli* and then explores her continuing preoccupation with socio-ethical issues, imbued with autobiographical elements, in non-realist texts, including her masterful novels *L'Iguana*, *Il cardillo addolorato* and *Alonso e i visionari*. The book combines theme and genre analysis, highlighting Ortese's adoption and hybridization of diverse literary forms such as poetry, the novel, the short story, the essay, autobiography, realism, fairy tales, fantasy, allegory. In her work Ortese weaves an ongoing dialogue with literary and non-literary works, through direct quotations,

allusions, echoes, adoption of motifs and topoi. The book thus highlights the intertextual relationship with her sources: Leopardi, Dante, Petrarch, Manzoni, Collodi, Montale, Serao; Shakespeare, Milton, Keats, Blake, Joyce, Conrad, Melville, Poe, Hawthorne, Hardy; Manrique, Gongora, de Quevedo, Villalón, Bello, Cantar del mio Cid; Heine, Valery, Puccini's Madam Butterfly, folklore, popular songs, and the Bible. Ortese thus shapes her literary themes in the background of social, political and economic upheavals over six decades of Italian history, culminating in an allegorical critique of modernity and a call for a renewed bond between humans and the Other.

The Philosophers' Madonna

- Carlo Emilio Gadda 2008

This short novel weaves together the lives of Maria Ripamonti, daughter of impoverished aristocrats shivering in a castle, and Engineer Baronfo, a dyspeptic salesman stressed out by years of getting on and off trains,

who has turned to collecting antiquarian tomes of philosophy.

Epifanie entomologiche nella cultura italiana, numero monografico di "Filoloski pregled", XLVI

2019 1 - Ellen Patat

2019-01-01

In questo numero monografico di Filoloski pregled ci si propone di indagare la presenza e la metaforologia dell'insetto nella cultura e letteratura italiana anche in prospettiva comparatistica, prendendo in considerazione le seguenti linee di ricerca : rappresentazioni di insetti nella tradizione letteraria italiana: tematizzazioni didascaliche e allegorie entomologiche; trasformazioni diacroniche del motivo entomologico attraverso i secoli e i contesti ; intersezioni fra generi e discorsi letterari/artistici; simboli e stigmi legati all'immagine dell'insetto; riscritture del tema. Sporchi, brulicanti, orribili, ma anche aerei, armonici, 'sapienti', gli insetti sono presenze costanti, spesso problematiche e

inquietanti, nel panorama letterario italiano. Agli antipodi dell'umano, gli insetti incarnano un grado zero dell'essere - l'esistenza irriflessa e senza pensiero, puro istinto di sopravvivenza -, pre-umano e pre-individuale. Il loro affollarsi nella pagina scritta individua, talvolta descrive in chiave allegorica le paure dell'uomo: la catastrofe improvvisa, il Male in sé, l'angoscia dell'omologazione, in senso biologico e politico. Le minime dimensioni suggeriscono la marginalità dell'insetto, che diventa figura delle zone più nascoste dell'io o di un soprannaturale perturbante sotto la liscia superficie del reale, la cui forza ermeneutica squarcia il velo di una realtà solo apparentemente pacifica. Su un altro versante troviamo la laboriosità e le mirabili architetture delle api, la leggerezza per definizione effimera della farfalla, la petulante saggezza del grillo, voce della coscienza nel Pinocchio di Collodi; a partire dai classici antichi fino agli

scrittori contemporanei, passando per l'età dell'Umanesimo e del Rinascimento, nelle diverse declinazioni volta a volta didascaliche, eroicomiche e variamente allegoriche del tema entomologico, e per il Settecento dei Lumi l'uomo si rispecchia, a livello simbolico e morale, negli insetti 'buoni', respinge da sé il diverso, il mostruoso, il disgustoso che gli insetti 'cattivi' rappresentano. Infine lo stesso lavoro dello scrittore, minuzioso, pedante, ormai privo di 'aura' e di prestigio, finisce per somigliare a un'attività entomologica, sotterranea, che erode e smonta la sostanza del reale, pur rimanendone sempre ai margini. Il volume, a cura di Daniela Bombara, Ellen Patat, Stefania La Vaccara, ospita sedici contributi sul tema, preceduti da un'introduzione di Dusica Todorovic, e dalla prefazione di Eric. C. Brown *Carlo Emilio Gadda & La cognizione del dolore* - Gabriella Giorgi 1983

Giraffes in the Garden of

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Italian Literature - Deborah Amberson 2017-12-02

"Writing in 1926, Carlo Emilio Gadda (1893-1973) acknowledges his peculiarity within the Italian literary field by describing himself as a giraffe or a kangaroo in Italy's beautiful garden of literature. Gadda's self-characterization as exotic and even ungainly animal applies in equal measure to Italo Svevo (1861-1928) and Federigo Tozzi (1883-1920), authors who, like Gadda, thwarted efforts at critical classification. Yet the ostensible strangeness of these three Italian authors is diminished when their writing is considered within the framework of modernism, a label traditionally avoided by the Italian critical establishment. Indeed, within a modernism preoccupied with human embodiment, these Italian literary giraffes find their kin. Here, the central nexus of body, subjectivity and style that informs and binds the writing of Svevo, Tozzi and Gadda resonates with a modernist renegotiation and

revalorization of a human body whose dignity and epistemological authority have been contested by social and technological modernity." *The Cambridge Companion to the Italian Novel* - Peter Bondanella 2003-07-31 The Cambridge Companion to the Italian Novel provides a broad ranging introduction to the major trends in the development of the Italian novel from its early modern origin to the contemporary era. Contributions cover a wide range of topics including the theory of the novel in Italy, the historical novel, realism, modernism, postmodernism, neorealism, and film and the novel. The contributors are distinguished scholars from the United Kingdom, the United States, Italy, and Australia. Novelists examined include some of the most influential and important of the twentieth century inside and outside Italy: Luigi Pirandello, Primo Levi, Umberto Eco and Italo Calvino. This is a unique examination of the Italian Novel, and will prove

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invaluable to students and specialists alike. Readers will gain a keen sense of the vitality of the Italian novel throughout its history and a clear picture of the debates and criticism that have surrounded its development.

What is Authorial Philology? -

Paola Italia 2021-03-01

A stark departure from traditional philology, *What is Authorial Philology?* is the first comprehensive treatment of authorial philology as a discipline in its own right. It provides readers with an excellent introduction to the theory and practice of editing 'authorial texts' alongside an exploration of authorial philology in its cultural and conceptual architecture. The originality and distinction of this work lies in its clear systematization of a discipline whose autonomous status has only recently been recognised (at least in Italy), though its roots may extend back as far as Giorgio Pasquali. This pioneering volume offers both a methodical set of instructions on how to read critical editions,

and a wide range of practical examples, expanding upon the conceptual and methodological apparatus laid out in the first two chapters. By presenting a thorough account of the historical and theoretical framework through which authorial philology developed, Paola Italia and Giulia Raboni successfully reconceptualize the authorial text as an ever-changing organism, subject to alteration and modification.

What is Authorial Philology? will be of great didactic value to students and researchers alike, providing readers with a fuller understanding of the rationale behind different editing practices, and addressing both traditional and newer methods such as the use of the digital medium and its implications. Spanning the whole Italian tradition from Petrarch to Carlo Emilio Gadda, this ground-breaking volume provokes us to consider important questions concerning a text's dynamism, the extent to which an author is 'agentive', and, most crucially, about the very nature

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of what we read.

Encyclopedia of Italian Literary Studies: A-J -

Gaetana Marrone 2007

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I sette capitoli di questo libro sono altrettante prospettive attraverso cui guardare l'opera di Carlo Emilio Gadda. Frutto di un seminario permanente inaugurato nel 2021, questo volume si articola in tre sezioni: Discorsività, retorica; Limiti, aperture; Referenti, voci, tempi. L'ambizione non è quella di offrire una guida introduttiva alla lettura, né di proporre un'opera critica dedicata a un solo libro o a una specifica questione, ma di aprire un fronte critico, nuovo e diversificato, su Gadda, sulla sua scrittura, sui suoi mondi, sulla sua posizione nella letteratura italiana ed europea. Così le voci di questo libro si armonizzano per affrontare, attraverso prospettive ermeneutiche e metodologiche diverse e complementari, nodi e problemi che l'opera gaddiana continua a porre ai

suoi nuovi lettori: il linguaggio stratificato, figurale e letterario; le soglie liminari e il problema della forma narrativa; il rapporto tra temporalità, prospettive, realtà e rappresentazione. Un libro frastagliato e coeso assieme, percorso dall'obiettivo di riflettere sulla prosa di Gadda, sulla sua forza critica, sulla sua ricezione. Un libro seminariale, la cui costitutiva varietà è la chiave per accedere all'opera di un autore che non smette di dimostrarsi un interlocutore vivo e attuale.

Prison Terms - Ellen Victoria Nerenberg 2001-01-01

An analysis of the confinement experience in Italian narrative between 1930 and 1960, covering the last years of Fascism. Not limiting herself to prisons, Nerenberg also explores military barracks, convents, and brothels as carceral homologues.

[The Power of Disturbance](#) -

Sara Fortuna 2017-07-05

Aracoeli (1982) was the last novel written by Elsa Morante (1912-85), one of the most significant Italian writers of the

twentieth century. The journey, both geographical and memorial, of a homosexual son in search of his dead mother is a first-person narrative that has puzzled many critics for its darkness and despair. By combining scholars from different disciplines and cultural traditions, this volume re-evaluates the esthetical and theoretical complexity of Morante's novel and argues that it engages with crucial philosophical and epistemological questions in an original and profound way. Contributors explore the manifold tensions staged by the novel in connection with contemporary philosophical discourse (from feminist/queer to political theory to psychoanalysis) and authors (such as Emilio Gadda, Pier Paolo Pasolini and Pedro Almodovar). *The Power of Disturbance* shows that by creating a 'hallucinatory' representation of the relationship between mother and child, Aracoeli questions the classical distinction between subject and object, and proposes an

altogether new and subversive kind of writing. Manuele Gragnolati teaches Italian literature at Oxford University, where he is a Fellow of Somerville College. Sara Fortuna teaches philosophy of language at the Università Guglielmo Marconi in Rome. [Carlo Emilio Gadda](#) - Elio Gioanola 2004

Gadda and Beckett: Storytelling, Subjectivity and Fracture - Katrin Wehling-Giorgi 2017-12-02

"While the writing of Carlo Emilio Gadda (1893-1973) is renowned for its linguistic and narrative proliferation, the best-known works of Samuel Beckett (1906-89) are minimalist, with a clear fondness for subtraction and abstraction. Despite these face-value differences, a close reading of the two authors' early prose writings reveals some surprisingly affinitive concerns, rooted in their profoundly troubled relationship with the literary medium and an unceasing struggle for expression of an

incoherent reality and a similarly unfathomable self. Situating Gadda and Beckett at the heart of the debate of late European modernism, this study not only contests the position of 'insularity' frequently ascribed to both authors by critical consensus, but it also rethinks some of Gadda's plurilingual and macaronic features by situating them in the context of the turn-of-the-century Sprachkrise, or crisis of language. In a close analysis of the primary texts which engages with the latest findings in empirical research, Wehling-Giorgi casts fresh light on the central notions of textual and linguistic fragmentation and provides a new post-Lacanian analysis of the fractured self in Gadda's and Beckett's narrative."

Romanzi e racconti - Carlo Emilio Gadda 2007

La cognizione della guerra - Fiammetta Crivelli 2007

Digression - Olivia Santovetti 2007

This volume examines the

workings of digression in the novels of five major Italian authors - Manzoni, Dossi, Pirandello, Gadda and Calvino - from the birth of the modern novel in the early 19th century to the era of postmodernist experimentation.

The Flavors of Modernity - Gian-Paolo Biasin 2017-03-14

From Rabelais's celebration of wine to Proust's madeleine and Virginia Woolf's boeuf en daube in *To the Lighthouse*, food has figured prominently in world literature. But perhaps nowhere has it played such a vital role as in the Italian novel. In a book flowing with descriptions of recipes, ingredients, fragrances, country gardens, kitchens, dinner etiquette, and even hunger, Gian-Paolo Biasin examines food images in the modern Italian novel so as to unravel their function and meaning. As a sign for cultural values and social and economic relationships, food becomes a key to appreciating the textual richness of works such as Lampedusa's *The Leopard*, Manzoni's *The Betrothed*,

Primo Levi's *Survival in Auschwitz*, and Calvino's *Under the Jaguar Sun*. The importance of the culinary sign in fiction, argues Biasin, is that it embodies the oral relationship between food and language while creating a sense of materiality. Food contributes powerfully to the reality of a text by making a fictional setting seem credible and coherent: a Lombard peasant eats polenta in *The Betrothed*, whereas a Sicilian prince offers a monumental macaroni timbale at a dinner in *The Leopard*. Similarly, Biasin shows how food is used by writers to connote the psychological traits of a character, to construct a story by making the protagonists meet during a meal, and even to call attention to the fictionality of the story with a metanarrative description. Drawing from anthropology, psychoanalysis, sociology, science, and philosophy, the author gives special attention to the metaphoric and symbolic meanings of food. Throughout he blends material culture with

observations on thematic and narrativity to enlighten the reader who enjoys the pleasures of the text as much as those of the palate. Originally published in 1993. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.

Literary Diseases - Gian-Paolo Biasin 2014-09-12

Disease—real or imagined, physical or mental—is a common theme in Western literature and is often a symbol of modern alienation. In *Literary Diseases*, a

comprehensive analysis of the metaphorical and symbolic force of disease in modern Italian literature, Gian-Paolo Biasin expands the geography of the discussion of this important theme. Using as a backdrop the perspective of European experiences of the previous hundred years, Biasin analyzes the theme of disease as a reflection of certain sociological and historical phenomena in modern European novels, as a metaphor for the world visions of selected Italian novelists, and especially as a vehicle for understanding the nature and function of fiction itself. The core of Biasin's study is found in his discussion of the works of four major Italian writers. In his criticism of the novels of Giovanni Verga, who stood at the center of many complex developments in the nineteenth century, he examines the antecedents of modern Italian prose. He then scrutinizes the works of Italo Svevo and Luigi Pirandello, who together inaugurated the modern novel in Italy. Of particular interest is

his exploration of their critical use of psychoanalysis and madness climaxed by apocalyptic visions. He then discusses the prose of Carlo Emilio Gadda, which epitomizes the problems of the avant-garde in its experimentalism and expressionism. Biasin utilizes a broad spectrum of critical approaches—from sociology, psychoanalysis, and different trends in modern French, American, and Italian literary criticism—in shaping his own methodology, which is a thematic and structural symbolism. He concludes that disease in literature should be considered as a metaphor for writing (*écriture*) and as a cognitive instrument that calls into question the anthropocentric values of Western culture. The book, with its textual comparisons and unusual supporting examples, constitutes a significant methodological contribution as well as a major survey of modern Italian prose, and will allow the reader to see traditional landmarks in

European fiction in a new light.
Carlo Emilio Gadda - Alba
Andreini 1996

Italian Literature since 1900 in English Translation - Robin Healey 2019-03-14
Providing the most complete record possible of texts by Italian writers active after 1900, this annotated bibliography covers over 4,800 distinct editions of writings by some 1,700 Italian authors. Many entries are accompanied by useful notes that provide information on the authors, works, translators, and the reception of the translations. This book includes the works of Pirandello, Calvino, Eco, and more recently, Andrea Camilleri and Valerio Manfredi. Together with Robin Healey's Italian Literature before 1900 in English Translation, also published by University of Toronto Press in 2011, this volume makes comprehensive information on translations from Italian accessible for schools, libraries, and those interested in comparative literature.

Carlo Emilio Gadda - Fabio Pierangeli 1999

Carlo Emilio Gadda - Manuela Bertone 1997
Written by leading Gadda scholars, the essays capture the complexities that characterize Gadda's narrative. His plurilingualism, pastiches, and narrative entanglements are revealed both as a revolt against conventional literary style and as the expression of a chaotic, painful, and labyrinthine world inhabited by a fragmented subject. Gadda emerges as a transgressive novelist, a humorist, and a mannerist who continuously deforms language through parodic and comic modes.

L'Adalgisa - Carlo Emilio Gadda
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Fra il 1932 e il 1936 Gadda, allora noto solo a una ristretta cerchia di iniziati, si cimenta in un'ambiziosa impresa: il romanzo di ambiente milanese "Un fulmine sul 220", destinato a mettere in scena - attraverso l'amore eslege di Elsa, moglie del ricco e valetudinario Gian

Maria Cavigioli, per Bruno, ex garzone di macellaio di caravaggesca prestanza - la tragica sorte delle «anime sbagliate», segnate dalla più dolorosa estraneità alla tribù. Alla fine, insoddisfatto, butta tutto all'aria e abbandona il progetto. Ma è solo in apparenza un fallimento: nell'eccentrica officina gaddiana può infatti persino accadere che un affresco si muti in un «album di straordinari disegni sciolti» (Isella): che un romanzo, insomma, generi dei racconti, autonomi ma al tempo stesso accomunati da un'inconfondibile aria di famiglia - quelli apparsi nel 1944, insieme ad altri di diversa origine, sotto il titolo "L'Adalgisa". Dove campeggia colei che, trasformandosi da comparsa in dilagante protagonista e imprimendo al romanzo d'amore di Elsa e Bruno una irresistibile svolta satirico-grottesca, lo ha dinamitato: l'imperiosa Adalgisa vedova Biandronni, cognata di Elsa. Ex stiratrice, Violetta di quint'ordine al

Fossati e al Carcano, ma soprattutto sana donna lombarda, Adalgisa ha saputo sì coronare il suo sogno - sposare il «povero Carlo» e diventare una signora «al cento per cento», con ottavino di palco alla Scala e luccicante breloque sul «ragionativo» petto -, ma non impedire alle parenti acquisite, alle «cagne» che l'hanno sempre considerata «una disgrazia», di avvelenarle la vita: «... E che ero una qui, e che ero una là; e che cantavo nei teatri di strapazzo, per i militari; che avevo già avuto una cinquantina d'amanti!... ma sì!... cento.... mille.... un milione!». Perché nella città industrie votata al lavoro indefesso e alla famiglia la tribù - con la sua coorte di domestiche, fattorini, lucidatori di parquets, medici di famiglia, ville ai laghi o in Brianza e tombe di famiglia fra Cazzago e Usmate - si muove compatta, polarizzata a un fine, come se una sola anima la sospingesse. E, nessuno meglio di Gadda poteva saperlo, non c'è speranza per chi ne sfida le leggi.

La cognizione della pluralità -
Caterina Verbaro 2005

*Encyclopedia of Italian Literary
Studies* - Gaetana Marrone
2006-12-26

The Encyclopedia of Italian Literary Studies is a two-volume reference book containing some 600 entries on all aspects of Italian literary culture. It includes analytical essays on authors and works, from the most important figures of Italian literature to little known authors and works that are influential to the field. The Encyclopedia is distinguished by substantial articles on critics, themes, genres, schools, historical surveys, and other topics related to the overall subject of Italian literary studies. The Encyclopedia also includes writers and subjects of contemporary interest, such as those relating to journalism, film, media, children's literature, food and vernacular literatures. Entries consist of an essay on the topic and a bibliographic portion listing works for further reading, and,

in the case of entries on individuals, a brief biographical paragraph and list of works by the person. It will be useful to people without specialized knowledge of Italian literature as well as to scholars.

The Experience of Pain - Carlo Emilio Gadda 2017-10-26

'The seething cauldron of life, the infinite stratification of reality, the inextricable tangle of knowledge are what Gadda wants to depict' Italo Calvino
At the height of Fascist rule in Italy and following the death of his mother, Carlo Emilio Gadda began work on his first novel, *The Experience of Pain*. This portrait of a highly educated young man whose anger and frustration frequently erupt in ferocious outbursts directed towards his ageing mother is a powerful critique of the society of his time and the deep wounds inflicted on his generation. Set in a fictional South American country, *The Experience of Pain* is at once richly imaginative and intensely personal: the perfect introduction to Gadda's innovative style and literary

virtuosity. Translated by

Richard Dixon