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E.E. Cummings

The American poet records his struggles with the creative process against the events of his early life.

EIMI: A Journey Through Soviet Russia

"A look into the life and poetry of E.E. Cummings."--From source other than the Library of Congress

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Includes works in French language with parallel English text.

Etcetera: The Unpublished Poems of E. E. Cummings

The complete collection of E. E. Cummings's writing for the stage, from the most inventive poet of the twentieth century. The Theatre of E. E. Cummings collects in their entirety Cummings's long out-of-print theatrical works: the plays HIM (1927), Anthropos (1930), and Santa Claus (1946), and the ballet treatment Tom (1935). In HIM, a creatively blocked artist and his lover, Me, struggle to bridge the impasse in their relationship and in his art. In Anthropos, a Platonic parable, three "infrahumans" brainstorm slogans while a man sketches on a cave wall; and in Santa Claus, Death and Saint Nick exchange identities. Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin is reimagined as dance, transforming the novel into a symbolic attack against Evil itself. Cummings's prodigious creativity is on display in each of these works, which are ultimately about the place of the artist outside of society. "DON'T TRY TO UNDERSTAND IT, LET IT TRY TO UNDERSTAND YOU," Cummings famously wrote about his intentions for the stage. Thoughtful and witty, Cummings's dramas are an integral part of his canon.

Complete Poems, 1904-1962

XAIPE

I CARRY YOUR HEART WITH ME, rereleased as a board book, is a children's adaptation of the beloved E. E. Cummings poem, beautifully illustrated by Mati Rose McDonough. Showing the strong bond of love between mother and child, within nature and throughout life, Cummings' heartfelt words expressed through McDonough's lovely illustrations combine to create a fresh, yet classic, portrayal of love.

E. E. Cummings' Modernism and the Classics

The Lyric Self offers a precise and thorough examination of Zen, based on classical and contemporary scholarly works as well as the author's personal experience. Eight themes that are common to the practice of Zen Buddhism and the poetry of E.E. Cummings are compared and explored, with an emphasis on their respective value to contemporary psychology and education. It is the premise of The Lyric Self that both Zen and Cummings' poetry are profoundly concerned with individual awareness, and that they both employ an unorthodox use of words to break through the static structures of conventional language and thought.

The Enormous Room

Selected Poems, 1923-1958

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Focusing on selected works, the author analyzes the technical devices used by the American poet

I Carry Your Heart with Me

"Cummings at his most unfoolish and poetic best."—Nation

Tulips and Chimneys

Presents the life of E.E. Cummings, his childhood in Cambridge, Massachusetts, his early attempts to establish himself as a poet, his marriages, his travels, and his eventual great success and world recognition.

The Theatre of E. E. Cummings

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this knowledge alive and relevant.

Fairy Tales

This book may well be the standard work on e. e. cummings in our time. Mr. Friedman, the outstanding authority on the poet, has provided us with a comprehensive view and a handbook-survey to guide the reader toward a fuller appreciation of cummings's work. The book traces the poet's development as a writer: where and when Cummings found his major themes, their significance, and where and when he mastered his characteristic way of embodying these themes.

100 Selected Poems

Among many poems can be found "dying is fine)but Death," "so many selves(so many friends and gods," "when serpents bargain for the right to squirm," "no time ago," "I thank You God for most this amazing," and "now all the fingers of this tree(darling)have."

A Miscellany (Revised)

A Miscellany, confined to a private edition for decades, sheds further light on the prodigious vision and imagination of the most inventive poet of the twentieth century: E.E. Cummings. Formally fractured and yet gleefully alive and whole, E. E. Cummings's groundbreaking modernist poetry expanded the boundaries of language. In A Miscellany, originally released in a limited run in 1958, Cummings lent his

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delightfully original voice to “a cluster of epigrams,” a poem, three speeches from an unfinished play, and forty-nine essays—most of them previously written for or published in magazines, anthologies, or art gallery catalogues. Seven years later, George J.

Firmage—editor of much of Cummings’s work, including *Complete Poems*—broadened the scope of this delightfully eclectic collection, adding seven more poems and essays, and many of Cummings’s unpublished line drawings. Together, these pieces paint a distinctive portrait of Cummings’s eccentric, yet precise, genius. Like his poetry, Cummings’s prose is lively; often witty, biting, and offbeat, he is an intelligent observer and critic of the modern. His essays explore everything from Cubism to the circus, equally quick to analyze his poetic contemporaries and satirize New York society. As Cummings wrote in his original foreword, *A Miscellany* contains “a great deal of liveliness and nothing dead.” This remains true today, more than fifty years after its original publication.

Tulips & Chimneys

A reissue of the third book of Cummings's poetry celebrates individuality and love, and stresses the need to protest the dehumanizing force of organizations

E. E. Cummings; the Growth of a Writer

Fresh and candid, by turns earthy, tender, defiant, and romantic, Cummings's poems celebrate the

uniqueness of each individual, the need to protest the dehumanizing force of organizations, and the exuberant power of love.

The Lyric Self in Zen and E.E. Cummings

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E. E. Cummings

Edward Estlin Cummings (1894–1962), a native of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and a Harvard University graduate, is best known for his rejection of traditional poetic forms. As e. e. cummings, he conducted radical experiments with spelling, syntax, and punctuation that inspired a revolution in twentieth-century literary expression and excited the admiration and affection of poetry lovers of all ages. With his 1923 debut, *Tulips & Chimneys*, the 25-year-old poet rattled the conservative literary scene, directing his avant-garde approach to the traditional subjects of love, life, time, and beauty. His playful treatment of punctuation and language adds enduring zest to such popular and oft-anthologized poems as "All in green went my love riding," "in Just-," "Tumbling-hair," "O sweet spontaneous," "Buffalo Bill's," and "the Cambridge ladies who live in furnished souls." This edition presents complete and textually accurate editions of Cummings's work, in keeping with the original

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manuscripts and the poet's intentions.

73 Poems

Four tales include "The Old Man Who Said 'Why'", "The Elephant and The Butterfly", "The House That Ate Mosquito Pie", and "The Little Girl Named I".

No Thanks

Fresh and candid, by turns earthy, tender, defiant, and romantic, Cummings's poems celebrate the uniqueness of each individual, the need to protest the dehumanizing force of organizations, and the exuberant power of love.

Erotic Poems

One hundred and fifty-six poems, grouped by theme, are accompanied by drawings, oils, and watercolors by the poet

Tulips and Chimneys

This volume is a major, ground-breaking study of the modernist E. E. Cummings' engagement with the classics. With his experimental form and syntax, his irreverence, and his rejection of the highbrow, there are probably few current readers who would name Cummings if asked to identify 20th-century Anglophone poets in the Classical tradition. But for most of his life, and even for ten or twenty years after his death, this is how many readers and critics did see

Cummings. He specialised in the study of classical literature as an undergraduate at Harvard, and his contemporaries saw him as a 'pagan' poet or a 'Juvenalian' satirist, with an Aristophanic sense of humour. In E.E. Cummings' *Modernism and the Classics*, Alison Rosenblitt aims to recover for the contemporary reader this lost understanding of Cummings as a classicizing poet. The book also includes an edition of previously unpublished work by Cummings himself, unearthed from archival research. For the first time, the reader has access to the full scope of Cummings' translations from Horace, Homer, and Greek drama, as well as two short pieces of classically-related prose, a short 'Alcaics' and a previously unknown and classicizing parody of T. S. Eliot's *The Waste Land*. This new work is exciting in its own right and essential to understanding Cummings' development as a poet.

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A Miscellany

Now children can claim for their very own the puddle-wonderful (mudluscious) world where buds know better than books don't grow, where little itchy mousies with scuttling eyes rustle and run and hidehidehide, and the ree ray rye roh rowster shouts rawrOO. Cummings's poetry more than that of any other major American poet keeps faith with childhood. These twenty poems were selected by him and published privately in 1962. Hist Whist combines the

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original twenty poems enfantins with the first appearance of the beautiful and evocative line drawings of the young California artist David Calsada. His sensitive pen has captured the spirit of Cummings's poems in its detailed rendering of a world that only poets and children can see.

Tulips and Chimneys

A reassessment of the life and work of the preeminent 20th-century poet examines the idiosyncratic expressions that led to critical disagreements about his achievements, providing coverage of such topics as his Cambridge youth, Harvard education and relationships with fellow writers.

Tulips & Chimneys

XAIPE (Greek for "rejoice"), which first appeared in 1950, contains some of E. E. Cummings's finest work. Among many poems can be found "dying is fine)but Death," "so many selves(so many friends and gods," "when serpents bargain for the right to squirm," "no time ago," "I thank You God for most this amazing," and "now all the fingers of this tree(darling)have."

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From the author of *American Bloomsbury*, *Louisa May Alcott*, and *Home Before Dark*, a major reassessment of the life and work of the novelist, painter, and playwright considered to be one of America's preeminent twentieth-century poets. At the time of his death in 1962, at age sixty-eight, he was, after Robert Frost, the most widely read poet in the United States. E. E. Cummings was and remains controversial. He has been called "a master" (Malcolm Cowley); "hideous" (Edmund Wilson). James Dickey called him a "daringly original poet with more vitality and more sheer uncompromising talent than any other living American writer." In Susan Cheever's rich, illuminating biography we see Cummings's idyllic childhood years in Cambridge, Massachusetts; his Calvinist father—distinguished Harvard professor and sternly religious minister of the Cambridge Congregational Church; his mother—loving, attentive, a source of encouragement, the aristocrat of the family, from Unitarian writers, judges, and adventurers. We see Cummings—slight, agile, playful, a product of a nineteenth-century New England childhood, bred to be flinty and determined; his love of nature; his sense of fun, laughter, mimicry; his

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desire from the get-go to stand conventional wisdom on its head, which he himself would often do, literally, to amuse. At Harvard, he roomed with John Dos Passos; befriended Lincoln Kirstein; read Latin, Greek, and French; earned two degrees; discovered alcohol, fast cars, and burlesque at the Old Howard Theater; and raged against the school's conservative, exclusionary upper-class rule by A. Lawrence Lowell. In Cheever's book we see that beneath Cummings's blissful, golden childhood the strains of sadness and rage were already at play. He grew into a dark young man and set out on a lifelong course of rebellion against conventional authority and the critical establishment, devouring the poetry of Ezra Pound, whose radical verses pushed Cummings away from the politeness of the traditional nature poem toward a more adventurous, sexually conscious form. We see that Cummings's self-imposed exile from Cambridge—a town he'd come to hate for its intellectualism, Puritan uptightness, racism, and self-righteous xenophobia—seemed necessary for him as a man and a poet. Headstrong and cavalier, he volunteered as an ambulance driver in World War I, working alongside Hemingway, Joyce, and Ford Madox Ford . . . his ongoing stand against the imprisonment of his soul taking a literal turn when he was held in a makeshift prison for “undesirables and spies,” an experience that became the basis for his novel, *The Enormous Room*. We follow Cummings as he permanently flees to Greenwich Village to be among other modernist poets of the day—Marianne Moore, Hart Crane, Dylan Thomas—and we see the development of both the poet and his work against the backdrop of modernism and through the

influences of his contemporaries: Stein, Amy Lowell, Joyce, and Pound. Cheever's fascinating book gives us the evolution of an artist whose writing was at the forefront of what was new and daring and bold in an America in transition. (With 28 pages of black-and-white images.)

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Selected Poems

Fresh and candid, by turns earthy, tender, defiant, and romantic, Cummings's poems celebrate the uniqueness of each individual, the need to protest the dehumanizing force of organizations, and the exuberant power of love.

E. E. Cummings

Reissued in an edition newly offset from the authoritative Complete Poems 1904-1962, edited by George James Firmage. E. E. Cummings, along with Pound, Eliot, and Williams, helped bring about the twentieth-century revolution in literary expression. He is recognized as the author of some of the most beautiful lyric poems written in the English language and also as one of the most inventive American poets of his time. Fresh and candid, by turns earthy, tender, defiant, and romantic, Cummings's poems celebrate

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the uniqueness of each individual, the need to protest the dehumanizing force of organizations, and the exuberant power of love. *No Thanks* was first published in 1935; although Cummings was by then in mid-career, he had still not achieved recognition, and the title refers ironically to publishers' rejections. *No Thanks* contains some of Cummings's most daring literary experiments, and it represents most fully his view of life—romantic individualism. The poems celebrate an openly felt response to the beauties of the natural world, and they give first place to love, especially sexual love, in all its manifestations. The volume includes such favorites as "sonnet entitled how to run the world)," "may I feel said he," "Jehovah buried. Satan dead," "be of love (a little)," and the now-famous grasshopper poem.

E. E. Cummings

Four tales include "The Old Man Who Said 'Why'," "The Elephant & The Butterfly," "The House That Ate Mosquito Pie," and "The Little Girl Named I."

E.E. Cummings

With a new introduction by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Stephen Dunn, this redesigned and fully reset edition of *Complete Poems* collects and presents all the poems published or designated for publication by E. E. Cummings in his lifetime. It spans his earliest creations, his vivacious linguistic acrobatics, and through his last valedictory sonnets. Combining Thoreau's controlled belligerence with the brash

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abandon of an uninhibited Bohemian, Cummings, together with Pound, Eliot, and William Carlos Williams, helped bring about the twentieth-century revolution in literary expression. Today Cummings is recognized as the author of some of the most sensuous lyric poems in the English language as well as one of the most inventive American poets of his time—in the words of Richard Kostelanetz, “the major American poet of the middle-twentieth century.” Formally fractured and yet gleefully alive and whole, at once cubistic and figurative, Cummings's work expanded the boundaries of what language is and can do.

Fairy Tales

A comprehensive research and study guide to five of the poems of E.E. Cummings.

E. E. Cummings

A reissue of E. E. Cummings's long-unavailable, yet pointed and moving story of a journey through Soviet Russia. Unavailable for more than fifty years, EIMI finally returns. While sometimes termed a “novel,” it is better described as a novelistic travelogue, the diary of a trip to Russia in the 1930s during the rise of the Stalinist government. Despite some contempt for what he witnesses, Cummings's narrator has an effective, occasionally hilarious way of evoking feelings of accord and understanding. As Ezra Pound wrote, Cummings's Soviet Union is laid “out there pellucidly on the page in all its Slavic unfinishedness,

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in all of its Dostoievskian slobberyness. Does any man wish to know about Russia? 'EIMI!'" A stylistic tour de force, EIMI is a mélange of styles and tones, the prose containing many abbreviations, grammatical and syntactical shifts, typographical devices, compounds, and word coinages. This is Cummings's invigorating and unique voice at its finest, and EIMI is without question one of his most substantial accomplishments.

Eight Harvard Poets

E. E. Cummings's erotic poems and drawings gathered in a single volume. Many years ago the prodigious and famously prolific E. E. Cummings sat in his study writing and thinking about sex. His private brooding gave way to poems and drawings of sexual and romantic love that delight and provoke. Here, collected for this first time in a single volume, are those erotic poems and sketches, culled from Cummings's original manuscripts by the distinguished editor George James Firmage. from "16" may i feel said he (i'll squeal said she just once said he) it's fun said she (may i touch said he how much said she a lot said he) why not said she

AnOther E.E. Cummings

A new volume in the Liveright series of Cummings reissues, offset from the authoritative Complete Poems 1904-1962. The poems in Etcetera were discovered in three Cummings manuscript collections and selected from more than 350 unpublished pieces.

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Many of the poems are from his early years and all convey his freshness and youthful spirit, exhibiting his celebration of love and delight in common natural phenomena. Etcetera was first published by Liveright in 1983. This newly reissued edition is published in a uniform format with *Is 5*, *Tulips & Chimneys*, *ViVa*, *XAIPE*, and *No Thanks*.

E. E. Cummings, the Critical Reception

Collects the poet's most avant-garde poetry and prose, including deviant traditional verse, erotic poetry, visual poetry, texts set to music, condensed prose, and elliptical narratives

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