

Contemporary British and Commonwealth Literature

Another name for this course is Contemporary British and Commonwealth Graphic Novels. We will study graphic novels by British, Canadian, Indian, Australian, and other Commonwealth countries' writers/artists. We will also study some works from countries that were under British control in the twentieth century. Most of these texts will be original fictional works, including one very innovative one, Tom Phillips's *A Humument*; and we will also look at some adaptations of Conrad's and Eliot's works by contemporary British creators. We will begin the course with a look at the elements that make up a graphic novel by studying Scott McCloud's *Understanding Comics: The Invisible Art*.

Texts:

Abzadzis, Nick. *Laika*. FirstSecond 978-1596431010

Mairowitz, David and Anyango, Catherine. *Heart of Darkness* SelfMadeHero 978-1906838096

Banerjee, Sarnath. *The Barn Owl's Wondrous Capers*. Penguin 978-0-144-00108-8

Briggs, Raymond. *Ethel and Ernest*. Pantheon 0-375-71447-2

Conrad, Joseph. *Heart of Darkness*. Norton 978-0393926361

Cunningham, Darryl. *Psychiatric Tales*. Bloomsbury 978-1-60819-278-6

Eliot, T.S. *The Waste Land*. Norton 978-0393974997

Gaiman, Neil. *The Sandman: Dream Country* DC Comics Vertigo 1-56389-016-X

Getz, Trevor. *Abina and the Important Men*. Oxford 978-0-19-984439-5

Horrocks, Dylan. *Hicksville*. Drawn and Quarterly 978-1770460027

McCloud, Scott. *Understanding Comics*. 1-56862-019-5

Modan, Rutu. *Exit Wounds*. Drawn and Quarterly 978-1897299838

Moore, Alan. *From Hell*. eddie campbell comics 095857834-6

Moore, Alan. *V for Vendetta*. Warner 0-446-39190-5

Phillips, Tom. *A Humhumment*. Thames and Hudson 978-0500289990

Rowson, Martin. *The Waste Land*. Perennial, Harper & Row 0-06-096476-6

Seth. *It's a Good Life, If You Don't Weaken*. Drawn and Quarterly 978-1896597706

Simmonds, Posy. *Tamara Drewe*. Mariner 978-0547154121

Tan, Shaun. *The Arrival*. Arthur A. Levine Books 978-0439895293

Tristram, Matilda. *Probably Nothing*. Viking 978-0241004159

Note that there may be some works added to this list.