

## 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  
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  
Delisle, Guy. *Pyongyang: A Journey in North Korea*. Drawn and Quarterly 978-1897299210  
Doucet, Julie. *My New York Diary*. Drawn and Quarterly 978-1896-597836  
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  
Mairowitz, David. *Heart of Darkness*. SelfMadeHero 978-1906-838096  
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  
Mutard, Bruce. *The Silence*. Allen and Unwin, 978-1741751161  
Phillips, Tom. *A Humument*. Thames and Hudson 978-0500289990  
Rabagliati, Michel. *Paul has a summer job*. Drawn and Quarterly 978-1896-597546  
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