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Homosexuality in the Work of Gore Vidal Aug 04 2020 Since his first novel with a homosexual topic, *The City and the Pillar*, appeared in 1948, Gore Vidal has been seen as an enfant terrible of American letters. Through his ongoing writing career, he has examined (homo)sexuality in the context of cultural, religious and socio-political developments, so that it is fascinating to revisit his critical, sometimes cynical and always wittily presented ideas which were formed at a time when Gay Liberation, Gay Literature and Gay Identity were still unheard of and to discover the meaning these ideas still hold for us today.

Gore Vidal's America Oct 30 2022 Gore Vidal is one of the most significant American writers of the second half of the twentieth century, having produced a large number of best selling novels, essays, plays and pamphlets which have impacted on major political and social debates for fifty years. He is both a serious writer and a television and movie celebrity, whose increasingly acerbic picture of the United States guarantees he is both revered and reviled. *Gore Vidal's America* examines the ways in which Vidal's writings on history, politics, sex and religion throw into focus our understandings of the United States, but also recognizes his versatility and inventiveness as a creative writer, some of whose novels - *Julian*; *Myra Breckinridge*; *Lincoln*; *Duluth* - are among the important literary works of their time. Ranging from Vidal's early defence of homosexuality in *The City and the Pillar* (1948) to his most recent writings on the war in Iraq, this book provides a unique perspective on the evolution of post-World War II American society, politics and literature. As Altman writes: "Difficult not to see in the results of the 2004 elections, where the Republican right gained in both the White House and the Senate, proof of Vidal's worse fears, namely that the impact of imperial adventure, big money and religious moralism would increasingly imperil the American Republic."

The Judgment of Paris Mar 30 2020 Set in post-war Europe, fresh-out-of-law-school Philip Warren takes a year to discover his future. In this classic coming-of-age story, Philip journeys through various affairs, misadventures, and cities full of unforgettable characters that prompt his self-discovery and lessons on taking pleasure in both love and life.

Gore Vidal Dec 20 2021 The first popular book-length study of Gore Vidal's novels.

[Gore Vidal](#) Nov 26 2019 A critical survey of Vidal's work, treating all of the novels, the short stories and plays as well. Vidal's greatness, says the author, lies in his talent for the small-scale: for the anecdote, the scene, the sentence, all created to the counterpoint of the risqué and the elegant. A revealing biographical sketch is followed by an analysis of the Vidalian style, and then by an overall reassessment of the early successes and the later works.

The City and the Pillar Sep 04 2020 Jim Willard, a homosexual, is haunted by the memory of a childhood friendship, and is unable to find happiness in casual affairs.

The Smithsonian Institution Aug 23 2019 In a novel combining the author's interest in American history with satire, science fiction, and social commentary, a teenaged scientist is recruited by the Smithsonian Institution to change history

The Last Empire Jan 21 2022 Like his National Book Award-winning *United States*, Gore Vidal's scintillating ninth collection, *The Last Empire*, affirms his reputation as our most provocative critic and observer of the modern American scene. In the essays collected here, Vidal brings his keen intellect, experience, and razor-edged wit to bear on an astonishing range of subjects. From his celebrated profiles of Clare Boothe Luce and Charles Lindbergh and his controversial essay about the Bill of Rights—which sparked an extended correspondence with convicted Oklahoma City Bomber Timothy McVeigh—to his provocative analyses of literary icons such as John Updike and Mark Twain and his trenchant observations about terrorism, civil liberties, the CIA, Al Gore, Tony Blair, and the Clintons, Vidal weaves a rich tapestry of personal anecdote, critical insight, and historical detail. Written between the first presidential campaign of Bill Clinton and the electoral crisis of 2000, *The Last Empire* is a sweeping coda to the last century's conflicted vision of the American dream.

[Gore Vidal and Antiquity](#) Oct 06 2020 This book examines Gore Vidal's lifelong engagement with the ancient world. Incorporating material from his novels, essays, screenplays and plays, it argues that his interaction with antiquity was central to the way in which he viewed himself, his writing, and his world. Divided between the three primary subjects of his writing - sex, politics, and religion - this book traces the lengthy dialogue between Vidal and antiquity over the course of his sixty-year career. Broughall analyses Vidal's portrayals of the ancient past in novels such as *Julian* (1964), *Creation* (1981) and *Live from Golgotha* (1992). He also shows how classical literature inspired Vidal's other fiction, such as *The City and the Pillar* (1948), *Myra Breckinridge* (1968), and his *Narratives of Empire* (1967-2000) novels. Beyond his fiction, Broughall examines the ways in which antiquity influenced Vidal's careers as a playwright, an essayist and a satirist, and evaluates the influence of classical authors and their works upon him. Of interest to students and scholars in classical studies, reception studies, American politics and literature, and the work of Gore Vidal, this volume presents an original perspective on one of the most provocative writers and intellectuals in post-war American letters. It offers new insights into Vidal's attitudes, influences, and beliefs, and throws fresh light upon his patrician self-fashioning and his mercurial output.

Creation Aug 28 2022 Cyrus Spitama, aged Persian ambassador to Athens, recounts his journeys throughout the world of the fifth century B.C. and his encounters with the Buddha, Confucius, Socrates, and other great men of an extraordinary century.

[Political Animal](#) Nov 06 2020 The late Gore Vidal occupied a unique position within American letters. Born into a political family, he ran for office several times, but was consistently critical of his nation's political system and its leaders. A prolific writer in several genres, he was also widely known - particularly in the United States - on the basis of his frequent appearances in the various electronic media. In this groundbreaking work examining the central theme of power throughout Vidal's writings, Heather Neilson focuses primarily on Vidal's historical fiction. In his novels depicting American history and those set in ancient times, Vidal evokes a world in which deliberately propagated falsehood - 'disinformation' - becomes established as truth. Neilson engages with Vidal's representations of political and religious leaders, and with his deeply ambivalent fascination with the increasingly inescapable influence of the media. She asserts that Vidal's oeuvre has a Shakespearean resonance in its persistent obsession with the question of what constitutes legitimate power and authority.

Gore Vidal Nov 30 2022 Gore Vidal, known for such best-sellers as *The City and the Pillar*, *Burr*, *Lincoln*, and *Myra Breckinridge*, is a household name. The controversial Vidal ran for Congress in 1960, and set sparks flying with his public debates challenging William F. Buckley and Norman Mailer. Although one of America's most admired and prolific writers, Vidal has been steadfastly ignored or impugned by many critics. This is partly owing to the vast scope of his writings, which include more than twenty novels, half a dozen plays, dozens of screenplays, countless essays and book reviews, political commentary, and short stories; how do the critics approach such a writer? There has also been backlash against Vidal, whose radical polemics and undisguised contempt for those whom he has called "the hacks and hicks of academe" have hardly endeared him to the critical establishment. *Gore Vidal: Writer Against the Grain* is the first collection of critical essays to approach this important American writer in an attempt to rectify the unwarranted underestimation of his work. Jay Parini has drawn from the best of previously published criticism and commissioned fresh articles by leading contemporary critics to construct a comprehensive portrait of Vidal's multifaceted and memorable career. Writers as diverse as Harold Bloom, Stephen Spender, Catharine R. Stimpson, Richard Poirier, and Italo Calvino examine Vidal's work in their own highly individual ways, and each finds a different Vidal to celebrate, chide, recollect, or view close up. Also included is a recent interview with Parini in which Vidal discusses his career and his troubled relationship with the reviewers. The Vidal that finally emerges from these essays is a writer of undeniable weight and importance. As readers will agree, *Gore Vidal: Writer Against the Grain* establishes his rightful role as one

of the premier novelists and leading critical observers of this century.

Washington, D.C. Mar 11 2021 With a New Introduction Washington, D.C., is the final installment in Gore Vidal's Narratives of Empire, his acclaimed six-volume series of historical novels about the American past. It offers an illuminating portrait of our republic from the time of the New Deal to the McCarthy era. Widely regarded as Vidal's ultimate comment on how the American political system degrades those who participate in it, *Washington, D.C.* is a stunning tale of corruption and diseased ambitions. It traces the fortunes of James Burden Day, a powerful conservative senator who is eyeing the presidency; Clay Overbury, a pragmatic young congressional aide with political aspirations of his own; and Blaise Sanford, a ruthless newspaper tycoon who understands the importance of money and image in modern politics. With characteristic wit and insight, Vidal chronicles life in the nation's capital at a time when these men and others transformed America into "possibly the last empire on earth." "Washington, D.C. may well be the finest of contemporary novels about the capital," said *The New Yorker*, and the *Times Literary Supplement* deemed it "a prodigiously skilled and clever performance."

Gore Vidal Jun 13 2021 This comprehensive bibliography of Gore Vidal charts his career and covers the span of his sixty years of writing—from his first novel, *Williwaw*, to his 2006 memoir *Point to Point Navigation*.

1876 Nov 18 2021 Returning to America after his long European sojourn, Charlie Schuyler, Aaron Burr's unacknowledged son, and Charlie's widowed daughter seek financial and political advancement in the centennial power centers, as republican idealism is giving way to imperial expediency. Reprint.

Julian Dec 08 2020 The remarkable bestseller about the Roman emperor who famously tried to halt the spread of Christianity, "Julian" is widely regarded as one of Gore Vidal's finest historical novels.

Weekend Jan 09 2021 THE STORY: Says the *New York Post*: ... [WEEKEND] tells of a Republican Senator who is about to announce his candidacy for his party's nomination for the Presidency when his son returns from a long stay in Europe bringing with him a Negro girl who is

The Golden Age Dec 28 2019 A fictional narrative of American history from 1939 to 1954 follows the events and personalities that transformed America from a republic to an empire through the eyes of Caroline Sanford, a Washington newspaper publisher.

The Selected Essays of Gore Vidal Jul 03 2020 A definitive compilation of literary essays by a master of the form features twenty-three classic examples of his outstanding work, including political commentary, memoir, criticism, literary reviews, and more in such classic essays as "The Top Ten Best Sellers," "Theodore Roosevelt: American Sissy," "Pornography," and "The Second American Revolution." 10,000 first printing.

Gore Vidal Oct 25 2019

Gore Vidal Feb 19 2022 Details the personal and professional life of the author, critic, and actor

Conversations with Gore Vidal Apr 11 2021 In this collection of interviews with Gore Vidal, one of America's most prolific authors, the writer, screenwriter, and raconteur proves himself to be a witty, acerbic, and cantankerous conversationalist who defies conventional wisdom and lacerates clichés inherent in politics and literature. Simultaneous.

Gore Vidal: Snapshots in History's Glare Sep 28 2022 Vidal's visual memoir of his remarkable and famously well-lived life focuses on a collection of photographs, letters, manuscripts, and other selections from his vast personal archives. Written with his legendary wit and literary elegance, this book reveals not only the personal reflections of one of the last of the great generation of American writers, but is a captivating social history of the 20th century told by one of its greatest raconteurs.

Gore Vidal Feb 28 2020 "Descriptive bibliography of American writer Gore Vidal's published work (1940 to June 2009). Includes books and pamphlets, contributions to same, and foreign translations. Lists over 400 of his contributions to periodicals, plus screenplays, web-postings and podcasts of work, and selected interviews with Vidal in various media forms"—Provided by publisher.

Every Time a Friend Succeeds Something Inside Me Dies Sep 16 2021 An intimate yet frank biography of Gore Vidal, one of the most accomplished, visible and controversial American novelists and cultural figures of the past century. The product of thirty years of friendship and conversation, Jay Parini's biography probes behind the glittering surface of Vidal's colourful life to reveal the complex emotional and

sexual truth underlying his celebrity-strewn life. But there is plenty of glittering surface as well - a virtual Who's Who of the American Century, from Eleanor Roosevelt on down. The life of Gore Vidal was an amazingly full one; a life of colourful incident, famous people and lasting achievements that calls out for careful evocation and examination. Through Jay Parini's eyes and words comes an accessible, entertaining story that puts the life and times of one of the great American figures of the post-war era into context, that introduces the author to a generation who didn't know him before and looks behind-the-scenes at the man and his work in frank ways never possible before his death. Parini, provided with unique access to Vidal's life and his papers, excavates buried skeletons, but never loses sight of his deep respect for Vidal and his astounding gifts.

The Essential Gore Vidal Oct 18 2021 A definitive anthology of the writings of Gore Vidal combines a selection of his most famous essays, previously unpublished letters, short stories, all of Myra Breckenridge, and excerpts from such novels as *Julian*, *Burr*, *Lincoln*, and others. 25,000 first printing.

Selected Essays Apr 23 2022 This new selection brings together the best of Gore Vidal's essays, comment and criticism from his fifty-year writing career. With mercurial intelligence and often courageous - and outrageous - forthrightness, Vidal explores his keystone subjects: primarily the worlds of literature and US politics; but also showbiz, sexuality and modern manners. His gaze ranges from the fiction of Calvino and Updike to the politics of pornography to the Clinton and Bush administrations, America post-September 11 and contemporary imperial ambitions. These essays are a witty and brilliant assessment of our times from the most memorable of American literary masters.

Vidal in Venice Aug 16 2021

Views from a Window Jun 01 2020 An imaginative collection of Vidal interviews given over twenty years, full of witty, brilliant, and unconventional comments on his own life and work as well as American politics, values, and sexuality

Gore Vidal History of the National Security State Jan 01 2023 In *Gore Vidal: History of the National Security State & Vidal on America*, TRNN Senior Editor Paul Jay and the acclaimed essayist, screenwriter and novelist Gore Vidal discuss the historical events that led to the establishment of the massive military-industrial-security complex and the political culture that gave us the "Imperial Presidency."

Empire of Self Jul 27 2022 An intimate, authorized yet totally frank biography of Gore Vidal (1925–2012), one of the most accomplished, visible, and controversial American novelists and cultural figures of the past century The product of thirty years of friendship and conversation, Jay Parini's *Empire of Self* digs behind the glittering surface of Gore Vidal's colorful career to reveal the complex emotional and sexual truths underlying his celebrity-strewn life. But there is plenty of glittering surface as well—a virtual Who's Who of the twentieth century, from Eleanor Roosevelt and Amelia Earhart through the Kennedys, Johnny Carson, Leonard Bernstein, and the crème de la crème of Hollywood. Also a generous helping of feuds with the likes of William F. Buckley, Norman Mailer, Truman Capote, and *The New York Times*, among other adversaries. The life of Gore Vidal teemed with notable incidents, famous people, and lasting achievements that call out for careful evocation and examination. Jay Parini crafts Vidal's life into an accessible, entertaining story that puts the experience of one of the great American figures of the postwar era into context, introduces the author and his works to a generation who may not know him, and looks behind the scenes at the man and his work in ways never possible before his death. Provided with unique access to Vidal's life and his papers, Parini excavates many buried skeletons yet never loses sight of his deep respect for Vidal and his astounding gifts. This is the biography Gore Vidal—novelist, essayist, dramatist, screenwriter, historian, wit, provocateur, and pioneer of gay rights—has long needed.

Empire Mar 23 2022 "Mr. Vidal demonstrates a political imagination and insider's sagacity equaled by no other practicing fiction writer I can think of. And like the earlier novels in his historical cycle, *Empire* is a wonderfully vivid documentary drama." —*The New York Times Book Review* In this extraordinarily powerful epic Gore Vidal recreates America's Gilded Age—a period of promise and possibility, of empire-building and fierce political rivalries. In a vivid and breathtaking work of fiction, where the fortunes of a sister and brother intertwine with the fates of the generation, their country, and some of the greatest names of their day, including President McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Jennings Bryan, William and Henry James, the Astors, the Vanderbilts, and the Whitneys, Gore Vidal sweeps us from the nineteenth century into the

twentieth, from the salvaged republic of Lincoln to a nation boldly reaching for the world.

Golgotha live Feb 07 2021

Gore Vidal May 25 2022 Presents thirteen essays and four interviews on topics ranging from Jack Kerouac to AIDS

Point to Point Navigation May 01 2020 "Celebrated novelist, essayist, critic, and controversialist Vidal ranges freely over his remarkable life with the signature wit and literary elegance that is uniquely his. From his desks in Ravello and the Hollywood Hills, Gore Vidal travels in memory th

Pink Triangle Sep 24 2019 Exposes the literary slugfests of several three gay writers and offers an intimate look at their relationships with the glitterati--everyone from Marilyn Monroe to Jacqueline Kennedy and Marlon Brando. Original.

The Messiah May 13 2021 When a mortician appears on television to declare that death is infinitely preferable to life, he sparks a religious movement that quickly leaves Christianity and most of Islam in the dust. Gore Vidal's deft and daring blend of satire and prophecy, first published in 1954, eerily anticipates the excesses of Jim Jones, David Koresh, and the Heaven's Gate suicide cult.

Selected Essays of Gore Vidal Jun 25 2022 Gore Vidal—novelist, playwright, critic, screenwriter, memoirist, indefatigable political commentator, and controversialist—is America's premier man of letters. No other living writer brings more sparkling wit, vast learning, indelible personality, and provocative mirth to the job of writing an essay. This long-needed volume comprises some twenty-four of his best-loved pieces of

criticism, political commentary, memoir, portraiture, and, occasionally, unfettered score settling. It will stand as one of the most enjoyable and durable works from the hand and mind of this vastly accomplished and entertaining immortal of American literature.

Lincoln Jul 15 2021 The character of President Lincoln, unremittingly tested by the trials of the war years, is reflected through the eyes of the diverse and colorful denizens of Washington, including his wife Mary and his political rivals and disciples, in a fictional portrait of America's sixteenth president. Reprint.

Notes on Gore Vidal's Life and Work Jan 27 2020 Studienarbeit aus dem Jahr 2013 im Fachbereich Anglistik - Literatur, Note: 1,3, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg (Anglistik - Amerikanische Literaturwissenschaft), Veranstaltung: Presidential Elections in Fiction and Film, Sprache: Deutsch, Abstract: This work deals with the life and work of Gore Vidal. He was a renowned author, playwright, journalist-turned-screenwriter and movie scriptwriter, speechwriter, an enormously prolific essayist, a prodigious satirist, a pundit dedicated to social and political topics, and - besides for his fictional and historical short stories and novels - most famous for the realistic one-of-a-kind play about politics, "The Best Man" (1960). Not only did he have political ambitions as learned and literate writers sometimes do to no avail, but he was also actually involved in politics and public life, not so much prominently as consistently. Being a man with plenty of aplomb, both revolutionary and conservative, idealist and pacifist, made him a person of honor and detest at the same time."

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