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Interpretation and Analysis of John Fowles's Postmodern Novel "The Magus" Sandra Bollenbacher 2012-11-28 Seminar paper from the year 2008 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, University of Heidelberg, language: English, abstract: "The Magus" is John Fowles's first written – though not first published – novel which he began to write in the 1950s. But only in 1977 after 12 years of revising did he publish the version he was finally satisfied with, which "is the one [he wanted] to see reprinted." Its complexity and its richness of stories, symbolism and metaphors gained The Magus not only a lot of criticism but just as much success. The organised chaos of the masque distracts as well as interests and fascinates the reader. Even though there is no 'real meaning of' or 'right reaction to' the novel as such, there are possibilities of interpretation. The first part of this paper will be an interpretation of the most important features of the story, concentrating principally on Nicholas's hunt for freedom, the symbolism of the women in the masque as well as the masque itself and the end. After that, the narrative techniques will be looked at more closely, leading to the question: In which aspects is The Magus postmodern?

Two Versions of John Fowles' The Magus Barry Neville Zacharias 1979

John Fowles' The Collector and the Magus Christian Michael Patragoni 1996

An Essay on Voice in John Fowles's The Magus Michael C. Morgan 1986

A Postmodern Confrontation of Ferdinand and Prospero Gae??lle Maillot 2003

John Fowles Michael John Marais 1986

The Magus John Fowles 1998 Nicholas Urfe, a young Englishman, accepts a teaching position on a remote Greek island, where an eccentric millionaire manipulates him with hallucinations, riddles, and psychological tests

The Journals John Fowles 2003 Covering the years 1965 to 1990 ending with the death of Fowles's first wife, Elizabeth, the inspiration for some of his best work. These are his most successful years, with The French Lieutenant's Woman becoming a bestseller. There are some fascinating entries concerning its filming.

Corpus Stylistics in Principles and Practice Yufang Ho 2011-03-17 In this book, Yufang Ho compares the text style difference between the two versions of John Fowles' The Magus, exemplifying the methodological principles and analytic practices of the corpus stylistic approach. The Magus was first published in 1966 and was revised and republished by Fowles in 1977. Fowles' own comment on the second edition was that it was 'rather more than a stylistic revision.' The book explores how the revised version is linguistically different from the original, especially in terms of point of view (re) representation. The corpus stylistic approach adopted combines qualitative and quantitative comparison to confirm the overall text style difference. The analysis demonstrates that computer assisted methods can identify significant linguistic features which literary critics have not noticed and provide a more detailed descriptive basis for literary interpretation of (either edition) of the novel. This analysis of The Magus serves as a case study and exemplar of how corpus techniques may be used generally in the study of linguistics.

Wormholes John Fowles 2010-11-30 Here, for the first time, is a riveting collection of Fowles's fugitive and intensely personal writings composed since 1963, ranging from essays and literary criticism to commentaries, autobiographical statements, memoirs and musings. Wormholes is a delicious sampling of the various matters that have plagued, preoccupied, or delighted Fowles throughout his life; it is a rich mine of essays as art and a 'geography' of the mind of one of the twentieth century's greatest novelists.

John Fowles's Fiction and the Poetics of Postmodernism Mahmoud Salami 1992 This book presents a deconstructive reading of the novels and short stories of John Fowles. As a contemporary novelist, Fowles began as a modernist self-consciously aware of the various narratological problems that he encountered throughout his writings. In his most recent novel, A Maggot, however, he assumes the role of the postmodernist who not only subverts the tradition of narratology, but also poses a series of problems concerning history and politics. Throughout this study, Mahmoud Salami attempts to locate Fowles's fiction in the context of modern critical theory and narrative poetics. He provides a lively analysis of the ways in which Fowles deliberately deployed realistic historical narrative in order to subvert them from within the very conventions they seek to transgress, and he examines these subversive techniques and the challenges they pose to the tradition of narratology. Salami presents, for instance, a critique of the self-conscious narrative of the diary form in The Collector, the intertextual relations of the multiplicity of voices, the problems of subjectivity, the reader's position, the politics of seduction, ideology, and history in The Magus and The French Lieutenant's Woman. The book also analyzes the ways in which Fowles uses and abuses the short-story genre, in which enigmas remain enigmatic and the author disappears to leave the characters free to construct their own texts. Salami centers, for example, on A Maggot,

which embodies the postmodernist technique of dialogical narrative, the problem of narrativization of history, and the explicitly political critique of both past and present in terms of social and religious dissent. These political questions are also echoed in Fowles's nonfictional book *The Aristos*, in which he strongly rejects the totalization of narratives and the materialization of society. Indeed, Fowles emerges as a postmodernist novelist committed to the underprivileged, to social democracy, and to literary pluralism. This study clearly illustrates the fact that Fowles is a poststructuralist--let alone a postmodernist--in many ways: in his treatment of narratives, in mixing history with narrative fiction and philosophy, and in his appeal for freedom and for social and literary pluralism. It significantly contributes to a better understanding of Fowles's problematical narratives, which can only be properly understood if treated within the fields of modern critical theory, narratology, and the poetics of postmodernism.

Schadevolle jaren Richard Russo 2011-06-14 Sam Hall is een gokker en een herrieschopper die, eenmaal terug uit de Tweede Wereldoorlog, zijn wat zenuwachtige vrouw Jenny en hun pasgeboren zontje Ned in de steek laat. Maar een paar jaar later duikt hij weer op, kidnap Ned, en dan begint de oorlog tussen de twee ouders pas goed. Het duurt niet lang of Ned verdeelt zijn tijd tussen Sams bouwvallige appartement en Jenny's licht neurotische, mistroostige wereld waarin verlangens niet worden vervuld en de tijd lijkt te stollen. Het wordt een soort loopgravenoorlog waarbij geen winnaars zijn, least of all Ned zelf, die door het gestruikel van zijn ouders niet de vaardigheden meekrijgt om later zelf met het fenomeen liefde om te gaan. Twintig jaar lang probeert hij zich te ontworstelen aan de duistere invloeden van zijn kindertijd en jeugd op zijn volwassen leven. Hij wil zijn vaders affectie winnen, maar niet in zijn voetsporen treden en dat levert een onoplosbaar dilemma op, want hoe kun je als zoon een vader behagen die werkelijk alle regels, conventies en omgangsvormen aan zijn laars lapt en die de hoogste autoverzekeringspremie betaalt?! Schadevolle jaren verschijnt in een gloednieuwe vertaling van Kees Mollema, die eerder al *Het inzicht van Griffin* vertaalde. De pers over Schadevolle jaren : 'Ondanks de tijd en aandacht die hij schenkt aan elke scène en elk detail, [heeft het] de vaart en het gulle vertelplezier van John Irving. (...) Een plek [Mohawk] van herinneringen wordt het; geen nostalgische of zoete, maar wel springlevende herinneringen. Richard Russo schreef ze meesterlijk op.' – Het Parool 'Schadevolle jaren is de meest persoonlijke roman die Pulitzer Prijs-winnaar Richard Russo ooit schreef. Het is een ode aan een vader die hij tijdens zijn jeugd nauwelijks zag. (...) Rauw en ontregelend is de inhoud, maar de toon van het boek is mild. (...) Wat Schadevolle jaren bijzonder maakt, is het mysterie van de ouder-kindrelatie. (...) Hoe uitzichtloos het bestaan van zijn personages vaak ook is, lichtheid regeert in Russo's werk.' – De Telegraaf 'Schadevolle jaren bevat alle elementen die Richard Russo tot zo'n onweerstaanbaar goede schrijver maken. De kalme, beheerste toon van een geboren verhalenverteller. De perfecte balans tussen net-niet-sentimentele treurnis en subtiele, laconieke humor. (...) Russo schetst alle personages minutieus en warm, net als de sfeer in zo'n verslagen stadje, dat in de jaren vijftig en zestig wegzonk in de vergetelheid.' – HDC Media 'Russo's werk is tragikomisch; de hardheid van het menselijk bestaan wordt draaglijk gemaakt met sarcasme en rauwe straathumor. (...) Schadevolle jaren is een schelmenroman boordevol kleurrijke personages en hilarische avonturen, die je niet alleen aan het lachen brengt, maar zeker ook je hart verwarmt.' – Langedijker Nieuwsblad

The Magus John Fowles 1968

Behind The Magus John Fowles 1994

Mythic Quest in John Fowles's *The Magus* Carol M. Barnum 1973

The Nemo in John Fowles' *The Aristos*, the Magus, and the Collector Nelda K. Hull 1980

The Fictions of John Fowles Pamela Cooper 1991 This incisive and skillfully articulated study explores the complex power relationships in John Fowles's fictions, particularly his handling of the pivotal subjects of art and sex. Chapters on *The Collector*, *The Magus*, *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, and *The Ebony Tower* are included, and a final chapter discusses *Daniel Martin*, *Mantissa*, and *A Maggot*.

John Fowles' *The Magus* Mathias Nilges 2003

The Magus John Fowles 2004 On a remote Greek island, Nicholas Urfe finds himself embroiled in the deceptions of a master trickster. Fowles unfolds a tale that is lush with over-powering imagery in a spellbinding exploration of the complexities of the human mind.

John Fowles' *The Magus* John Sparks 1977

John Fowles' Use of Allusion in *The Magus* and *Daniel Martin* Karen Douglass 1980

The Aristos John Fowles 2010-11-30 Two years after *The Collector* had brought him international recognition and a year before he published *The Magus*, John Fowles set out his ideas on life in *The Aristos*. The chief inspiration behind them was the fifth century BC philosopher Heraclitus. In the world he posited of constant and chaotic flux the supreme good was the Aristos, 'of a person or thing, the best or most excellent its kind'. 'What I was really trying to define was an ideal of human freedom (the Aristos) in an unfree world,' wrote Fowles in 1965. He called a materialistic and over-conforming culture to reckoning with his views on a myriad of subjects - pleasure and pain, beauty and ugliness, Christianity, humanism, existentialism, socialism

The Journals Volume 1 John Fowles 2010-12-15 In 1963 John Fowles won international recognition with his first published novel *The Collector*. But his roots as a serious writer can be traced back long before to the journal he began as a student at Oxford in the late 1940s and continued to keep faithfully over the next half century. Written with an unsparing honesty and forthrightness, it reveals the inner thoughts and creative development of one of the twentieth century's most innovative and important novelists. This first-hand account of the road to fame and fortune holds the reader's attention with all the narrative power of the novels, but also offers an invaluable insight into the intimate relationship between Fowles's own life and his fiction.

Historical Truth in John Fowles' *The Magus* Deák Karina 2002

Symbol and Structure in John Fowles' *The Magus* Mulvaney, Michael Edward 1972

The Journals John Fowles 2009-01-12 John Fowles gained international recognition in 1963 with his first published novel, *The Collector*, but his labor on what may be his greatest literary undertaking, his journals, commenced over a decade earlier. Fowles, whose works include *The Maggot*, *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, and *The Ebony Tower*, is among the most inventive and influential English novelists of the twentieth century. The first volume begins in 1949 with Fowles' final year at Oxford. It reveals his intellectual maturation, chronicling his experiences as a university lecturer in France and as a schoolteacher on the Greek island of Spetsai. Simultaneously candid and eloquent, Fowles' journals also expose the deep connection between his personal

and scholarly lives as Fowles struggled to win literary acclaim. From his affair with Elizabeth, the married woman who would become his first wife, to his passion for film, ornithology, travel, and book collecting, the journals present a portrait of a man eager to experience life. The second and final volume opens in 1966, as Fowles, already an international success, navigates his newfound fame and wealth. With absolute honesty, his journals map his inner turmoil over his growing celebrity and his hesitance to take on the role of a public figure. Fowles recounts his move from London to a secluded house on England's Dorset coast, where discontented with society's voracious materialism he led an increasingly isolated life. Great works in their own right, Fowles' journals elucidate the private thoughts that gave rise to some of the greatest writing of our time.

The Collector John Fowles 2012-12-01 "A superb novel...Evil has seldom been so sinister." --Time Hailed as the first modern psychological thriller, *The Collector* is the internationally bestselling novel that catapulted John Fowles into the front rank of contemporary novelists. This tale of obsessive love--the story of a lonely clerk who collects butterflies and of the beautiful young art student who is his ultimate quarry--remains unparalleled in its power to startle and mesmerize. "A bravura first novel...As a horror story, this book is a remarkable tour de force." --New Yorker
Freedom in John Fowles' *The Magus* Barbara Bell Filippidis 1974

De magiër John Fowles 1990 Een jonge Britse leraar raakt als gast van een wonderlijke oudere man op een Grieks eiland verstrikt in diens mystificaties.

A Study of the Hero in John Fowles' *The Magus* Sylvia J. McGowan 1972

A Maggot John Fowles 2013-04-02 In the spring of 1736 four men and one woman, all traveling under assumed names, are crossing the Devonshire countryside en route to a mysterious rendezvous. Before their journey ends, one of them will be hanged, one will vanish, and the others will face a murder trial. Out of the truths and lies that envelop these events, John Fowles has created a novel that is at once a tale of erotic obsession, an exploration of the conflict between reason and superstition, an astonishing act of literary legerdemain, and the story of the birth of a new faith.

John Fowles, *Magus* and Moralism Peter Wolfe 1976

The Magus 1978

Constructing Reality Barbara Rommerskirchen 1999 Is Lily-Julie just a projection of Nicholas's own desires? Is reality just a projection of our own ideas? The former is one of the central questions in John Fowles's novel *The Magus*; the latter is the nucleus of constructivism. This study traces construct

A Study on John Fowles' "The Magus." Lino Falzon Santucci 1972

Fowles's Love for a Grecian Urn Anca Tomoiog? 2008

The Magus John Fowles 2014-07-01 The novel widely considered John Fowles's masterpiece: "A dynamo of suspense and horror...A dizzying, electrifying chase through the labyrinth of the soul...Read it in one sitting if possible-but read it" (New York Times). *The Magus* is the story of Nicholas Urfe, a young Englishman who accepts a teaching assignment on a remote Greek island. There his friendship with a local millionaire evolves into a deadly game, one in which reality and fantasy are deliberately manipulated, and Nicholas must fight for his sanity and his very survival.

Realism in Love and Art Sylvia Miller 1976

Conversations with John Fowles John Fowles 1999 Although best known for his novels *The Collector*, *The Magus*, and *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, John Fowles is also a short story writer, a poet, a respected translator, and a prolific essayist. In his long literary career, he has managed the feats of welding stunning innovation to tradition, pushing the formal boundaries of literary fiction, and still capturing critical acclaim, popular success, and a worldwide readership. In *Conversations with John Fowles*, the first book of interviews devoted to the English writer, Dianne L. Vipond gathers over twenty of the most revealing interviews Fowles has granted in the last forty years. With critics, scholars, and journalists, he discusses his life, his art, his distinctive world view, and his special relationship with nature. Throughout his interviews, Fowles's remarkable consistency of thought is illuminated as he covers the meaning and genesis of his work. His uncompromising honesty and refreshing lack of guardedness are evident when he compares the naturalness of writing with eating or making love. From the 1960s through the 1990s, this master chronicler of the late half of the twentieth century reveals his serious engagement with social, political, and philosophical issues. He identifies himself with feminism, socialism, humanism, and the environmental movement, and he explores his recurring theme of personal, artistic, and socio-political freedom. His books, he says, "are about the difficulty of attaining personal freedom, especially in terms of discovering what one is." Any reader who has been intrigued, challenged, and entertained by his work in the past is sure to find these conversations spanning the writer's career to be stimulating and revealing. Dianne L. Vipond is a professor of English at California State University, Long Beach. A co-editor of the book *Literacy, Language, and Power*, she has published articles in *English Journal*, *Short Story*, *Twentieth Century Literature*, and the *Los Angeles Times*.

Re-reading John Fowles's *The Magus* from the Greek Culture Perspective Anca Tomoioga 2014-02 When John Keats wrote his poem "Ode on a Grecian Urn" he dedicated it not to the Greek object of art but to everything that it represented through the immortalized images and values that the urn preserved and mysteriously concealed. Many years later, another English writer, this time a post-modernist one, got inveigled into the Circe-like mirage of Greece. While Keats foregrounded the classic aspects of Greek specificity and art, Fowles repainted a wild and contradictory Greece, powerful and seducing. Through its ancient culture, this image inherits the paradigm of the contemporary world, the Dionysian paradigm. Thus post-modernist Fowles rediscovers Greece different from the typical perspective, a fascinating and deceiving mermaid to whom the ode is dedicated. The focus of this study is on how Greece seduced the Fowlesian literary creations and how much its culture and specificity influenced John Fowles. This interest gets substantiated in by revealing the Greek aspects that appear in the novel *The Magus* and the way they create new suggestive layers of the Fowlesian text.