

Bringing together theoretically orientated readings by leading exponents of literary theory with lucid introductions, the book offers the student reader a foundation textbook in literary theory It offers students and other readers a variety of ways to interpret a piece of literature, ranging from historical/biographical and moral/philosophical approaches through the formalist, the psychological, the mythic and archetypal, and into such contemporary perspectives as feminist criticism and cultural studies."--BOOK JACKET This invaluable guide includes sections on: fiction poetry drama film covering: a range of theoretical approaches an extensive glossary of major literary and cinematic terms guidelines for writing research papers The Johns Hopkins Guide to Literary Theory and Criticism is an indispensable resource for scholars and students of literary theory and discourse. An indispensable aid to understanding theory, Literary Theories is a significant introduction to theoretical approaches to literature For example, a psychoanalytic theorist might examine and interpret a literary text strictly through the theoretical lens of Accessible and jargon-free, the Encyclopedia of Contemporary Literary Theory provides lucid, concise explanations of myriad approaches to literature that have arisen over the past forty yearsLanguage & Literature Literary Theories: A Reader and Guide is the first reader and introductory guide in one volume. Accessible and jargon-free, the Encyclopedia of Contemporary Literary Theory provides lucid, concise explanations of myriad approaches to literature that have a "Literary theory," however, refers to a particular form of literary criticism in which particular academic, scientific, or philosophical approaches are followed in a systematic fashion The different theoretical approaches to literature are grouped according to a conceptual grid with four main areas of focus: (i) text-oriented theories (with rhetoric, philology, Theoretical Approaches to Narrative Narratology, succinctly circumscribed as the 'science of narration,' originated under the leadership of Roland Barthes, it operated A Semiotic Approach to Literature and Art () Cultural Studies, including Stuart Hall's Encoding and oding in the Television Discourse () and Cultural Studies: Two I. INTRODUCTION TO THEORETICAL APPROACHES TO LITERATURE The New CriticismPsychoanalytic Literary CriticismReader-Response Literary Criticism Critical Approaches to Literature onstruction is a school of literary criticism that suggests that language is not a stable entity. New criticism evolved out of the same This paper examines the paradigm shift in approaches to literature reading, understanding, interpreting, teaching, and researching from humanist perceptions to Literary theory enables readers and critics a better understanding of literature through close readings and contextual insights "Literary theory," however, refers to a particular form of literary criticism in which particular academic, scientific, or philosophical approaches are followed in a systematic fashion while analyzing literary texts. Compiled by specialists from around the world, the Guide presents a comprehensive historical survey of the field's most important figures, schools, and movements and is updated annually The introductions introduce the theory in question, discuss its main currents, give cross-references to other theories, and contextualise the readings that follow.