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Popular and Highbrow Literature: A Comparative View

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Abstract

In his article, "Popular and Highbrow Literature: A Comparative View," Peter Swirski discusses the role and status of popular fiction in contemporary culture. He asks the basic question, "Who needs popular fiction?," he surveys the current and prevailing aesthetic arguments in order to take stock of the relationship between literature and popular fiction relate to each other. He begins with economic data which casts a different lights on many myths popular as well as in general social and cultural discourse, such as the decline of the reading public, and the role of paperback publishing pressures in shaping literary production. In the second part of the article, he examines the most persistent aesthetic arguments used to deride popular literature. Both parts of the article are, in fact, extended arguments for a literary democracy, reflected in his recommendations for a critical re-evaluation more compatible with its actual socio-aesthetic status.

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