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Virginia Woolf

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Virginia Woolf
a Commentary

Bernard Blackstone
The Hogarth Press

Virginia Woolf, by Bernard Blechman
The Harpall Press 1949 4013

A Room of One's Own - I have the
look it up

Three Guineas - Get this.

Also - her novels - see what we
have first

Find out about

Dorothy Richardson
novelist - contemporary with
Virginia Woolf

Her life - her novels

Pilgrimage

1) "again she felt, as a fact without hostility, the sterility of men, for if she did not do it - nobody would do it, so she" - took the task upon herself
To the Lighthouse.

2) The integration of a family ... through a woman's creative understanding, faith and courage"

To the Lighthouse

3) They came to her, naturally, since she was a woman, all day long with this or that

To the Lighthouse

4) "He makes no attempt to curb these impulses of dejection, either for his own sake or that of his family or his guests; he indulges them to the limit keeping away from others until the moment comes when he feels the overpowering need of comfort and runs to his wife" p. 109.

Bernard Blackstone in Virginia Woolf
a Commentary

"She could be herself by herself.
 And that was what now she often felt
 the need of - to think, ^{will} not even to
 think. To be silent, "Iobe alone"

To The Lighthouse

"Mrs Ramsay was really an artist -
 an artist in life. Her creations
 were happiness and security, her
 materials men and women and
 children, her frame the house in
 Skye"

Bernard Blackstone in
 Virginia Woolf - A
 Commentary

Virginia Woolf's one great
 inquisition into life - how to
 secure the individual in the
 duality of marriage

In Orlando she skirts the
 fantastic by offering in a
 tragic-comedy spirit - the
 solution of the two sexes in
 one person - the man-woman,
 the Hermaphrodite - Obviously
 a fantasy - with a hint of
 deeper meaning

It tends to your own idea that
 the solution of sex-frictions of
 many kinds lies in the
 development of what are
 now called ~~sex~~ characteristics
 of one sex in both -
 add the so-called feminine
 to the so-called masculine &
 you get - the complete human

In Orlando who is just a
 man other than a woman
 V. W. makes a double
 analysis of human
 qualities. Says Bernard
 Blackstone "The balance
 comes down on the side of
 women; for women desire a
 kind of power which is
 not at any rate destructive
 or exclusive"

p. 136. V. W. a Commentary

V. W. W.

In Jacob's Room

"I thought of the organ booming in the chapel & of the shut doors of the library; and I thought how unpleasant it is to be locked out, and I thought how it is worse perhaps to be locked in."

A Room of One's Own

"Women have served all these centuries as looking glasses possessing the magic power of reflecting the figure of man at twice its natural size."

Because of the false enlargement of this myth & the false education & environment men suffer from

"the insatiable-for-possessions, the rage for acquisition which drives them to desire other people's fields & goods perpetually; to make frontiers & flags; battleships & poison gas; to offer up their own lives & their children's lives."

Note.—Please strike out words which do not apply.

The Head Teacher.
The Divisional Officer.

School Medical Officer.

FREDERICK MENZIES,

would buy herself to a man's
image of what a wife a
woman should be she
becomes stultified &
empty, an echo, an
empty shell

Address

Name

the following child { should not attend }
{ may return to } school:—

The Doctor at the above-named Centre { advises } reports } that

.....Centre.....
.....School.....

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LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Bernard Blackstone — "masculine"

References to & assumptions of
"masculine intellect" of the
scholar"

"masculine need to dominate"

the passion for truth is always
quoted as being masculine!

The strong feeling for reality "as
feminine — by B.B.

V.W. seems to ask if truth
as it can be defined &
sought by the intellect is the
the only ~~intention~~ ^{means} — or the best
means of finding reality? →

Virginia Woolf:

The problem of the freedom of the individual to think - to live "a free personal life - in a family which permits of no solitude - This permeates

her books - especially *The Waves* & *Three Guineas* - See the analysis in Bernard Blackstone - especially page 34 & following

This applies to (a) The family you are born in & (b) The married state - or (c) any communal grouping for living

London County Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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*"Young & gummy"
He is simply the demands
of hygiene is the
illment*

FREDERICK MENZIES,

School Medical Officer.

{ The Head Teacher.
The Divisional Officer.

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Vergil Woolf in

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Nights Day

Nights Day
I should be poet -
Rodney says he would ask Katherine
to marry him if he could write
~~a woman~~
Katherine asks
"But for me you would recommend
marriage?"

Certainly I should. Not for you only, but for
all women. Why, you're nothing at all
without it; you're only half alive;
using only half your faculties; you
must feel that for yourself."

Bernard Bleekstone on V Wo
To the Lighthouse

"Mrs Ramsay understands what her
husband does not understand that
we do not live on truth, though we
should live by truth, but on faith
and hope & charity."

Get

Virginia Woolf

The Common Reader

1st & 2nd

Get Dorothy Wordsworth's
Journal

Bernard Blackstone says of

V. W. doesn't like

"war, power politics, successful
business men who are devoid
of pity and imagination,
religion and conventional
morality, and the purely
masculine viewpoint"

I would add - Cruelty
untruth, cowardice, ~~and~~
pretensions, and
insensitiveness //

V.W. held that the woman
 novelist will have to work
 out a new form of novel
 since the masculine
 novel is masculine - not
 her form - & not capable
 of giving full expression
 to her.

N.B. her long analysis
 of the woman writer's
 problem in

A Room of One's Own

Also see her comments
on the faults of men
writers —

Bernard Blackstone in V. W.
a Commentary -
on V. W.

"However much she may
understand and admire the
masculine virtues of hard
thinking and scientific precision
she could never be mistaken for
anything but a woman writer."

"This is not a criticism. V. W.'s
intuition goes deeper, it seems
to me, than the reasoning detach-
ment of most masculine writers."

Bernard Blackstone on 4013
Virginia Woolf's A Room of One's Own

A mighty image of historical
continuity, endowed with the wealth
and the blessings of ages; its symbol
of masculine education.

Against it she is to set the raw red
brick edifices of Fulham or Neunhem
demand of history, of beauty, of
amenities; its makeshift of
women's education.

V. W. believes that

The complete balanced human
mind is androgynous,

"The sturdy common sense"
 of the business man or the
 politician is a masculine
 quality — hard - factual -
 partial - used as a
 weapon of conflict -
 Is not the intellect of
 the scholar nearer to
 the feminine?

T.B.G.

An artist is a human
 being in an acute
 state of irritability -
 or (sensitivity) ?

The Three Guineas

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1938

Indictment of the
Patriarchal system -
which makes possible
dictatorships, totalitarianism,
communist methods of
power-seeking - war - all
that follows.

"Here we have in embryo the
creature, Dictator as we call him
when he is Italian or German
who believes that he has the right,
whether given by God, Nature, Desc
or Race is immaterial, to dictate
to other human beings how they shall
live, what they shall do."

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"The conflicts ~~that~~ arise
between her needs as
an artist and the daily
round of her life"

August Wilson

revising Diary
A Writer's Diary

edited by her husband

She died March 1941

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Jam
- 100 Cigarettes