

# Theme of the absurd in the French novel of World War One.

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**Origins**

- The *Theatre of the Absurd* is the first trend of the British theatre of the 1950s.
- French Existentialism → life is meaningless: nothing really happens. There is only a series of repetitions, all alike and without any purpose.
- Its name comes from Martin Esslin's book *Absurd Drama* (1965).
- Samuel Beckett is its founding father and master.

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## Absurdism

Camus argued that humanity had to resign itself to recognizing that a fully satisfying rational explanation of the universe was beyond its reach; in that sense, the world must ultimately be seen as absurd.

## The Stranger: Context

Here he unfolds what is essentially a hedonistic, indeed almost primitivistic, celebration of nature and the life of the senses. Kafka speaks to us despite Kafka. He continues that there are specific human experiences evoking notions of absurdity.

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The Cambridge Companion to Camus.

## Do You Have a Purpose? The Absurd in Literature

As beings looking for meaning in a meaningless world, humans have three ways of resolving the dilemma. The modern origins of the Theatre of the Absurd are rooted in the avant-garde experiments in art of the 1920s and 1930s.

## Do You Have a Purpose? The Absurd in Literature

Absurd drama uses conventionalised speech, clichés, slogans and technical jargon, which it distorts, parodies and breaks down. Kierkegaard says: I gladly undertake, by way of brief repetition, to emphasize what other pseudonyms have emphasized.

## The Plague Themes

Franz Kafka's *The Trial*—It's Funny Because It's True JSTOR Daily. His first real triumph, however, came on January 5, 1953, when *Waiting for Godot* premiered at the Théâtre de Babylone. In the late 40s his growing reputation as a writer and thinker was enlarged by the publication of *The Plague*, an allegorical novel and fictional parable of the Nazi Occupation and the duty of revolt, and by the lecture tours to the United States and South America.

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