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Narrative in the Feminine: Daphne Marlatt and Nicole Brossard

By Susan Knutson

Wilfrid Laurier University Press, Canada, 2000. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 224 x 154 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. What does it mean to tell a story from a woman's point of view? How have Canadian anglophone and francophone writers translated feminist literary theory into practice? Avant-garde writers Daphne Marlatt and Nicole Brossard answer these, and many more questions, in their two groundbreaking works, now made more accessible through the careful, narratological readings and theoretical background in *Narrative in the Feminine*. Susan Knutson begins her study with an analysis of the contributions made by Marlatt and Brossard to international feminist theory. Part Two presents a narratological reading of *How Hug a Stone*, arguing that at the deepest level of narrative, Marlatt constructs a gender-inclusive human subject which defaults not to the generic masculine but to the feminine. Part Three proposes a parallel reading of *Picture Theory*, Brossard's playful novel that draws us into (re-) readings of many other texts written by Brossard, Barnes, Wittig, Joyce, de Beauvoir, Homer, to name a few. Chapter 12 closes with a reflection on the expression *minin* -- a Qu'ois contribution to an international theoretical debate. Readers who care about feminist writing and...



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