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## What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Tubby Isaacs - 03-07-2008 12:04

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I've finally realised that if I'm going to study art history, I'm going to have to stop looking at paintings so much and learn about philosophy. So I've picked up this book:

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It doesn't seem badly written at all, quite the opposite, but it's chapter after chapter of stuff I can't understand. Semiotics, psychoanalysis, Marxism. And the book rubs it in by telling us it's ideal for "the undergraduate" who hasn't read anything about art before. Evidently I have seriously underestimated the capacities of the younger generation. Art historians are supposed to be posh blokes who go from Dante to Beethoven with a swish analogy, not posh blokes who stop every two seconds to challenge what they've just said.

Ploughing through this makes translating Aeschylus look like the teddy bears' picnic. That's my considered white male middle class view on the subject.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by SamLKelly - 03-07-2008 14:28

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Well, The New York Trilogy did a pretty good job of making me feel thick recently.

But my all-time greatest feeling of stupidity came during A-level philosophy when read about Emmanuel Kant. I really struggled with that one, managed an A all the same but still couldn't tell you what the bloody hell he was on about. Albeit principally because, 6 years on, I've totally forgotten.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by erwin - 03-07-2008 15:07

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Coles' crib notes then, Sam?

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by cheeptric - 03-07-2008 15:19

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" A Clockwork Orange", i didn't understand a word of it, couldn't make out where he was going with it, was none the fucking wiser when i saw the film! and then you hear all the intellectuals going on about how great this book is and was an underlying damnation of the society at the time it was written. Nope, that bypassed me (and still does).

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by erwin - 03-07-2008 15:33

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Mine is The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman - I've tried, oh how I've tried, but I just can't get past page two. It's like being in a book by Kafka.

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by King Mob - 03-07-2008 15:59

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Essential ActionScript 3.0 (O'Reilly)

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Amor de Cosmos - 03-07-2008 16:25

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Noooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by The Chubby Cyclist - 03-07-2008 16:28

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It does sound a bit like "If I'm going to study art history I'm going to have to stop enjoying art", which seems a tad self-defeating.

Meanwhile, Finnegans Wake, of course.

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Tubby Isaacs - 03-07-2008 19:57

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Amor, maybe there's an island where I can join Kenneth Clark looking at the Apollo of the Belvedere and drinking Burgundy, but I don't think that island's course is accredited.

I understand the need to do the theory properly, and maybe I'll enjoy it in the longer run.

Sam, I can do Kant, as it happens. Beauty is "disinterested"- that is we can only call something beautiful if there's nothing in it for us- we don't get sensory gratification out of it, and we don't feel morally good either. Seems odd to disassociate beauty from morals or pleasure, but there you go.

There are some people who think beauty is an evasion from political struggle or something. Give me Kant over them.

Anyway, Alma-Tadema did some pretty stuff, didn't he?

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by bull bull - 03-07-2008 20:02

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Nabokov. I always think that even with infinite time, patience, and diligence, I couldn't produce anything like he does.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Amor de Cosmos - 03-07-2008 20:46

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Amor, maybe there's an island where I can join Kenneth Clark looking at the Apollo of the Belvedere and drinking Burgundy, but I don't think that island's course is accredited.

I understand, but be careful. The price of admission could be your soul. It's easy to — literally — lose sight of the picture when it's submerged with text. Elkins is very good on this.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Tubby Isaacs - 03-07-2008 22:36

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My soul was lost a long time ago. I'll check out Elkins.

Is there anything resembling a neo-con school of art history?

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Amor de Cosmos - 03-07-2008 23:37

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If you do check out Elkins I'd suggest *Why Art Cannot Be Taught* first. (Which I actually bought when we were at the TM.) It is written specifically for students and teachers, and focusses particularly on the problems of discussing art.

Is there anything resembling a neo-con school of art history?

Bugged if I know. Why, does the idea appeal to you? Are you looking for a specific political filter to look at art through?

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 04-07-2008 09:53

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The Chubby Cyclist wrote:  
Meanwhile, *Finnegan's Wake*, of course.

Finnegans. 'Joyce removed the apostrophe in the title to assert an active process in which a multiplicity of "Finnegans," that is, all of us, wake, i.e., arise after falling,' says Wiki.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 04-07-2008 09:54

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(Trust all is now clear...)

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 04-07-2008 10:09

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Anyway. Books don't generally make me feel thick as such, because I must admit I don't, you know, think I am thick in

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any general sense.

But there's a whole class of book, and indeed conversation, that makes me feel really Gradgrindian and literal-minded. The entire cultural area of lit crit, with its spin-offs in other fields, is something I've just never really got.

To a surprising extent this transcends mere schools of lit crit, as well. I'm not just on about postmodernism, for example. It's true that I don't get that, but I never got structuralism either, or trad Marxist criticism, or psychanalytic criticism, or owt really. Even traditional stuff like historicism, biographical criticism and "close reading"; no, they all pass me by completely.

I just keep thinking "How do you know? How would the book be different if your assertions were false?" My answer to a trad question like "Why does Hamlet vacillate?" is "Because if he did all the business in Act One, that's the play fucked, and Shakespeare duffed up by groundlings after their money back." I suspect you ge nought out of ten for that.

I faked my way to a Grade B at O level in Eng Lit, simply by having read the fucking things and being able to write sentences. But there wasn't a single solitary insight in anything I ever wrote in Eng Lit class at school.

I mean, read Nabokov's Pale Fire (superb book) in Penguin, and then read Mary McCarthy's Introduction. It makes no sense. To me.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by The Horse - 04-07-2008 10:45

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I was dreadfully pedestrian at GCSE English Literature as well. "A workmanlike essay, B+" every week, without fail.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Lyra - 04-07-2008 11:20

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Well yeah, and that's what we\* are doing in literary criticism now, for example what I am\*\* writing about is partly to do with the reception of texts and how the assertions we make about them affect our reading.

\* Haha, I like to pretend, anyway

\*\* Ought to be, if I wasn't so goddamn useless

As for books making you feel thick and being thick etc, I think my own thickness is such a part of my understanding of myself that when I read a book that doesn't make me feel thick, I assume that the book is for dimwits, etc.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by SamLKelly - 04-07-2008 11:33

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erwin wrote:

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Nope, all my own work - fortunately Kant wasn't the only thing on the syllabus (half the course was in Buddhism and I went on to be rather good at that at uni).

I get the thing about beauty, Platonic types and all that. It's the categorical imperative that gave me a massive headache...

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 04-07-2008 14:08

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Lyra wrote:

Well yeah, and that's what we\* are doing in literary criticism now, for example what I am\*\* writing about is partly to do with the reception of texts and how the assertions we make about them affect our reading.

No no, I don't mean "How does this view of the book affect your reading of it?", I mean "In what ways would a book of which your assertions were false differ from this one?" It really is a Mr Literal-Minded Scientist's kind of question, and the way you read it arguably illustrates, precisely, the gulf between our ways of thinking about this stuff\*. I just can't do what you do. My brain's wired wrong.

(\*Not subscribing myself to the claim that either of us is thick, like, which would of course also explain it.)

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 04-07-2008 14:11

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I also struggle with Kant, but I'm quite happy to accept that that's because he's hard.

I struggle less with him than with Buddhism, though. Especially Zen koans. If a Zen master answered one of my questions like that I'd deck the fucker.

(I wouldn't, obviously, I'd say "Ah, right, OK, thanks". But I would be annoyed)

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Tubby Isaacs - 04-07-2008 14:21

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Kant's easy. Please see my earlier comments. This thread has come full circle. Any book that makes other OTFers feel thick in fact makes me feel quite clever.

Amor, Elkins is listed as further reading in the book I mentioned up top. I will be getting round to it.

I'd be surprised if the last 30 years hadn't produced something resembling a school of right wing art history. The "end of history" stuff has inevitability in common with Marxism, and I wouldn't be surprised if a few Marxist art historians hadn't crossed the floor.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by SamLKelly - 04-07-2008 14:53

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Wyatt Earp wrote:

I also struggle with Kant, but I'm quite happy to accept that that's because he's hard.

Oh, I accept that now. But at the time it made me feel very stupid indeed.

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Horses for courses, see. I did a second-year essay on koan, their use and their place within Zen and wider Japanese thought. I put something in there to do with the similarities between koan and haiku which my lecturer told me she'd never seen mentioned before in any writing on the subject (she reads Japanese and Chinese). I'd found the same thing whilst writing it when I was trying to find some proper scholarly opinion for my essay, so you might say that every book

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ever written about koan makes me feel rather clever now...

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Gangster Octopus - 04-07-2008 15:24

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Koan? It's Barbarian.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Lyra - 04-07-2008 15:35

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"In what ways would a book of which your assertions were false differ from this one?"

So if I say that, I don't think it would differ at all, I think I'm probably still not getting it. I don't really think there's much scope for 'false' in literary criticism...

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 04-07-2008 16:10

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Exactly. I can't operate like that.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Yoss - 04-07-2008 16:43

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I've been struggling with Gravity's Rainbow.

I found Pinker's 'The Language Instinct' hard work as well.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Amor de Cosmos - 04-07-2008 17:39

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I'd be surprised if the last 30 years hadn't produced something resembling a school of right wing art history.

I've never heard of such a thing — but then I've never looked for one either. Differences between critics and theorists are sometimes couched in political terms, the classic Clement Greenberg/Harold Rosenberg rivalry is one example, but I don't know that either them actually saw things that way. If you read enough contemporary art theory I'm sure you'd find enough threads to stitch together support for the idea but I'd sort of doubt you'd turn up cabals of conspirators. When it comes to art-theory I guess I'm wary of falling into a pit of intertextuality. A place where the actual work tends to recede and is obscured by thousands of words.

This is an interesting thread. I think it is about wiring as Wyatt says. I eventually discovered that I really don't do logic, so, sadly, have never grasped mathematics at all. A great loss. And, I'd go along with Lyra, notions of truth and falsehood have, at best, limited use in the arts. We're constantly dealing with propositions, our own or those of others, that aren't subject to proof. We're at best propagandists for our own view of what we've seen, heard or read. If you think about it too long it's really rather pathetic and can make you very depressed.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

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Posted by Wyatt Earp - 04-07-2008 17:43

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Well, what our lot do is, mostly, find bits of genuine truth, but tiny tiny tiny tiny tiny bits, of interest to three men and a dog. Life's just rough, I guess.

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by The Chubby Cyclist - 04-07-2008 17:54

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I find that reading OTF makes me feel a lot thicker and a lot more ill-educated than almost any book I read. I come on here and people know about almost everything, in spectacular detail, and can give brilliant defences of most things, and can write it all really clearly and elegantly, too. It's a horrific contrast to the rest of the 'net where I can (and generally do) feel smugly superior.

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Amor de Cosmos - 04-07-2008 23:44

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Well, what our lot do is, mostly, find bits of genuine truth, but tiny tiny tiny tiny tiny bits, of interest to three men and a dog. That must be one very smart canine though.

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Lyra - 05-07-2008 10:09

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But how long is the genuine truth true and genuine for?

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Tubby Isaacs - 05-07-2008 10:25

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The Greenberg-Rsoenberg rivalry is mentioned in the book I started this thread with. As far as I can tell, Greenberg was associated with the right because he "evaded" political issues with his formalism, and (worse) talked about America having taken the lead in art from Europe, which meant he was pro the US hegemony. If this is the nub, then it's flimsy.

Like you, I'm not going to look for a neo-con school unless there's one I really have to know. I probably need only to look at something like The Social Affairs Unit's website for an idea of what this would be like.

Perhaps though there isn't really one. Maybe the brightest neo-cons are happy with making the running on economics and let the lefties have the culture- not that this would stop them complaining about it.

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 05-07-2008 14:00

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Lyra wrote:  
But how long is the genuine truth true and genuine for?

Now that's a question that the phrase "can of worms" could have been invented for. I'm going to fob you off with an "It depends what you mean." I mean, for example, in one sense, Newton's physics has been shown to be false, and yet people still work in Newtonian physics and make discoveries within it which are true if interpreted as approximations. I've made a couple of piddling ones myself.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Amor de Cosmos - 05-07-2008 15:29

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Conversely James Breslin reckons that leftist critics supported Greenberg's attempt to shoehorn abstract-expressionism into formalist theory, as it was shown-up as an individualistically driven movement rather than the existential enterprise Rosenberg claimed. That's the trouble, assertions fly back and forth but there's rarely much beneath them except rhetoric. I think your last paragraph is just about spot on.

It's a bit old now but if you haven't read it get hold of a copy of Tom Wolfe's The Painted Word. It's very slim but very passionate. One of his only books to be written out of frustration and anger I think. He genuinely despises the Greenbergian "art must fit theory" approach.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Yoss - 08-07-2008 22:24

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I mean, read Nabokov's Pale Fire (superb book) in Penguin, and then read Mary McCarthy's Introduction. It makes no sense. To me.

I'm not a very big fan of that Mary McCarthy piece.

Not helped by Penguin putting it as an introduction before the novel, when it gives the game away in the first paragraph - I know at least one person who read that first, they still loved the book, but who knows how much more they'd have got from it if they'd had to work it all out for themselves?

Still, there's an awful lot more to be discovered for those that go into it. If you can ever be bothered reading 'Nabokov's "Pale Fire": The Magic of Artistic Discovery' by Brian Boyd it's well worth doing so.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Tubby Isaacs - 09-07-2008 08:40

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As luck would have it, the library had the painted work. Some good satire in there, enjoying it. "You can get all the paint you want in Cincinatti, but artists kept moving to New York".

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 09-07-2008 09:41

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Yoss wrote:

Not helped by Penguin putting it as an introduction before the novel, when it gives the game away in the first paragraph...

I know. Silly cow.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Gangster Octopus - 09-07-2008 09:43

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This.

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Ginger Yellow - 09-07-2008 11:55

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The maths heavy bits of Godel, Escher, Bach made me feel thick (no, don't leave that as an exercise for the reader, Professor Hofstadter). But actually finishing the book and (I think) grasping what he was saying made me feel quite clever. Cryptic crosswords make me feel thick, though.

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Lyra - 09-07-2008 12:19

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But aren't they more about knowing how to do them, the conventions, etc?

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Ginger Yellow - 09-07-2008 12:25

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Well that's the bit I can do, mostly. It's the vocabulary, references and lateral thinking bits that trip me up.

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Lyra - 09-07-2008 12:48

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I once finished an Araucaria one that had a secondary layer of puzzle in it, where the answers were also clues to a poem, or something like that. It took a long time. I was so pleased with myself I nearly framed it.

Possibly the trick is simply to pick a setter who you like and whose frames of reference you understand, etc.

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Ginger Yellow - 09-07-2008 13:59

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Yeah, definitely. I'm fine with Rufus, Janus and (funnily enough) Cinephile, but I really struggle with Graham as Araucaria. Basically, the Observer Everyman is about my level.

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Amor de Cosmos - 09-07-2008 21:53

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As luck would have it, the library had the painted work. Some good satire in there, enjoying it.

I remember it as a satisfying yelp. I've a few days before my course books arrive, I think I'll reread it.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Jimski - 10-07-2008 06:30

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I once tried reading the first Bourne book by Robert Ludlum. Every time I picked it up I seemed to spend about ten minutes paging backwards trying to figure out who this character was, what they'd done, what that other plot strand was, etc. There seemed to be far too much going on to keep track of. I gave up on it in the end.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by JtS - 10-07-2008 13:42

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by JtS - 14-07-2008 14:15

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Oh, come on! That's comedy gold, I tell you.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Tubby Isaacs - 16-07-2008 14:06

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I've started another art theory book. Includes bits by lots of critics. Anthony "third way" Giddens makes the other stuff look like Enid Blyton.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Lyra - 16-07-2008 14:15

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Heh. I remember him. One of my friends used to have the room next door to his. Funny guy.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 16-07-2008 16:16

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He was meant to steward a dons' party in the club I used to help run, and the cunt never turned up till the pubs had shut, and I had to do it. Not a word of apology.

He was supposedly all left-wing at the time, but I had him pegged for a wrong'un. Oh yes.

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## Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Amor de Cosmos - 16-07-2008 16:18

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I received this from one of my profs yesterday:

I took it upon myself about a year ago to read Proust - after avoiding him for decades. I've now completed the 6 volumes and am about to start over, having realized that I did not read it closely enough - a result of skimming too much in a

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fruitless search for the plot.

So he's looking to start a Proust study/reading group, which I plan to join having failed, on at least four occasions, to get out of Combray. At this point I'm less interested in finishing the wretched books, as in figuring out why I'm unable to even get started. It's exactly the period, subject and style of work that normally appeals to me.

Tubby: Which Elkins book is on your course list?

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**Re:What books make you feel thick?**

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 16-07-2008 16:35

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Do you have to give a brief summary of Proust's 'A La Recherche du Temps Perdu', once in a swimsuit and once in evening dress?

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**Re:What books make you feel thick?**

Posted by Amor de Cosmos - 16-07-2008 16:40

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Heh! I don't think so. The intention is to meet once a month to "careen, stagger, cruise or crawl through the six volumes."

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**Re:What books make you feel thick?**

Posted by Tubby Isaacs - 16-07-2008 20:46

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I'm not sure, not got it here at the golf. Don't think it's the one you suggested.

But I have got The Shock Of The New, which is full of perceptive stuff. A great coiner of phrases, isn't he?

Read the Painter Word, great fun. Like From Bauhuas to Our House.

I'm still down on these people who put together bits of impenetrable criticism and then tell you it's for undergraduates. One name who crops up in this capacity, Jonathan Harris, gives a bibliography on each subject. Kenneth Clark didn't make it into either nudes or landscape. No doubt much of it is out of date, but that doesn't stop him mentioning Greenberg a hundred times. Maybe Clark's prose style is too easy for the sort of undergraduates he has in mind.

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**Re:What books make you feel thick?**

Posted by Amor de Cosmos - 16-07-2008 21:16

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A great coiner of phrases, isn't he?

Yes. He's a grumpy old sod who marches to his own drum but rarely misses a beat. I was delighted — and a bit surprised— to find that he was a big fan of William Bailey (the guy with the Platonic pottery on the other thread.)

If your Elkins is Pictures and Tears I've got a spare copy kicking about somewhere, it's yours if you want/need it.

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**Re:What books make you feel thick?**

Posted by Tubby Isaacs - 17-07-2008 07:55

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I'll have that!  
Thanks!

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Do you still have my address?

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**Re:What books make you feel thick?**

Posted by Max Payne - 17-07-2008 13:18

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Second King Mob's Actionscript 3.0 book on page 1.

Flash is well up its own arse. Adobe should have made it as easy to use as Photoshop by now, the losers.

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**Re:What books make you feel thick?**

Posted by Amor de Cosmos - 17-07-2008 15:11

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Do you still have my address?

No, it seems the gremlins have stolen it.

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**Re:What books make you feel thick?**

Posted by Tubby Isaacs - 30-07-2008 00:31

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Cheers for the PM.

I'm currently ploughing through another art book that isn't sure whether it wants to make me feel thick or angry. The author has just quoted Griselda Pollock saying one of Rossetti's women has a mouth that's really a vagina. Apparently the lips are "rosy". Just the sort of word you think of when you see a vagina isn't it?

Fucking hell. Just the paintings for me from now on.

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**Re:What books make you feel thick?**

Posted by Amor de Cosmos - 30-07-2008 16:36

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I know, there's a disproportionate amount of mind-numbing wankery in art theory. Believe it or not it was even worse twenty years ago. On the plus side, the good stuff tends to stand out like diamonds in pig-swill.

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**Re:What books make you feel thick?**

Posted by Tubby Isaacs - 30-07-2008 23:47

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That's good to hear.

I'm just bitter because I brought a dud book on holiday with me,

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**Re:What books make you feel thick?**

Posted by Toby Gymshorts - 06-08-2008 22:11

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How do. First time poster, be gentle. Or something.

Anyway, despite being billed as quantum physics for the layman, "In Search Of Schrodinger's Cat" by John Gribbin made

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me feel as thick as pigshit. Interesting though. Unlike this first post...

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 07-08-2008 12:33

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Bit of a tit, though, Gribbin.

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### Re:What books make you feel thick?

Posted by Toby Gymshorts - 07-08-2008 12:35

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I had a Physics teacher in secondary school who said more or less exactly the same thing. Although he never elaborated, and I never got around\* to finding out why....

\* Forgot, lost interest, couldn't be arsed, delete as you see fit

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