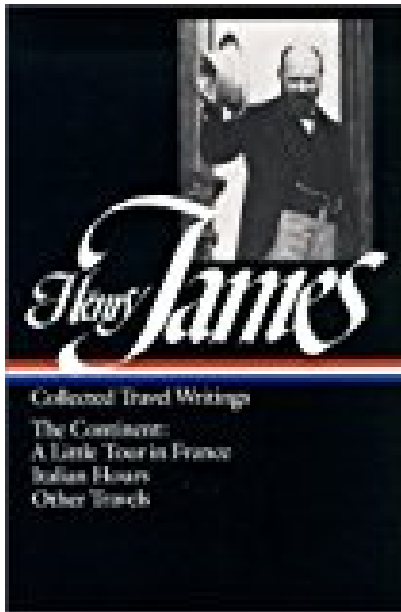


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## BOOK SYNOPSIS

Henry James and the Poetics of Duplicity aims to advance the field of studies on the life and work of Henry James by fully exploring the author's use of duplicity, one of the key literary and rhetorical strategies within the author's vast and infamous arsenal of techniques of 'ambiguity'. The collection brings together essays by both long established and more recent Jamesian scholars from eleven different countries, the collective work of whom, through this publication, further enhances our grasp of the ever-elusive literary style of Henry James. The prefatory section of this volume provides a general overview of the myriad uses of 'duplicity' in the writings of Henry James. The collected essays are then divided into five sections, each providing an in-depth study of a particular use of duplicity as a rhetorical strategy. The first three sections focus on duplicitous devices employed within James's works of fiction - including the author's often underhanded use of undisclosed literary sources ('Duplicitous Subtexts'), his staging of characters who rely on subterfuge and outright lying ('Duplicitous Characters'), and his creation of doubles and doppelgänger - another key connotation of the term 'duplicity' - both within a single work and throughout his literary career ('Duplicitous Representation'). The two final sections then focus the poetics of duplicity employed in works of non-fiction by James, including his autobiographies and his reviews of other authors, as well as in his personal writings and correspondence. This includes James's guileful use of duplicity in his representation of himself, particular attention being paid to James's late works of self-assessment ('Duplicitous Self-Representation'), as well as in his assessments of other writers in his reviews or of certain places in his travel writing ('Duplicitous Judgements'). Henry James and the Poetics of Duplicity would thus be a great asset to scholars of James at all levels, from the student grappling with James's literary sleight of hand for the first time, to specialists in the field of James who have long studied the masterful art of James's literary trickery.

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