The Cambridge Companion to American Modernism

*The Cambridge Companion to American Modernism* provides a comprehensive and authoritative overview of American literary modernism from 1890 to 1939. These original essays by twelve distinguished scholars of international reputation offer critical accounts of the major genres, literary culture, and social contexts that define the current state of modern American literature and cultural studies. Among the diverse topics covered are nationalism, race, gender, and the impact of music and visual arts on literary modernism, as well as surveys of the achievements of American modernism in fiction, poetry and drama. The book concludes with a chapter on modern American criticism. An essential reference guide to the field, the *Companion* gives readers a chronology of key events and publication dates, covering the first half of the twentieth century in the United States, and an up-to-date bibliography of further reading organized by chapter topics.
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CHRONOLOGY

1890  Battle of Wounded Knee
       Jane Addams founds Hull House
       Sarah Orne Jewett, *Tales of New England*

1891  First international copyright law
       Thomas Edison patents the “kinetoscope”
       Ambrose Bierce, *In the Midst of Life*
       Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, *A New England Nun and Other Stories*

1892  Homestead (Pennsylvania) steelworkers’ strike
       Death of Whitman (b. 1819)
       Joel Chandler Harris, *Uncle Remus and his Friends*
       William Dean Howells, *The Quality of Mercy*

1893  Financial panic of 1893
       World’s Columbian Exhibition opens in Chicago
       Muckraking journal *McClure’s Magazine* founded
       Paul Laurence Dunbar, *Oak and Ivy*
       Stephen Crane, *Maggie: A Girl of the Streets*
       Henry James, *The Real Thing and Other Tales*

1894  Coxey’s Army of the unemployed marches on Washington
       George Washington Cable, *John March, Southerner*
       Kate Chopin, *Bayou Folk*
       Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain), *The Tragedy of Pudd’nhead Wilson and the Comedy of Those Extraordinary Twins*

1895  Invention of the motion picture
       Stephen Crane, *The Red Badge of Courage, The Black Riders and Other Lines*
       Alice Dunbar-Nelson, *Violets and Other Tales*
1896  Klondike Gold Rush begins
      Supreme Court defines “separate but equal doctrine” in Plessy v. Ferguson
      Abraham Cahan, Yekl
      Paul Laurence Dunbar, Lyrics of Lowly Life
      Sarah Orne Jewett, The Country of the Pointed Firs

1897  Edwin Arlington Robinson, Children of the Night
      William James, The Varieties of Religious Experience
      Kate Chopin, A Night in Acadie

1898  Spanish-American War
      Stephen Crane, The Open Boat and Other Stories
      Henry James, The Turn of the Screw

1899  US intervenes in China’s Boxer Rebellion
      Charles W. Chesnutt, The Conjure Woman
      Kate Chopin, The Awakening
      Charlotte Perkins Gilman, The Yellow Wallpaper
      Frank Norris, McTeague

1900  Founding of International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union
      Pauline Elizabeth Hopkins, Contending Forces: A Romance Illustrative of Negro Life North and South
      Theodore Dreiser, Sister Carrie

1901  President William McKinley is shot by Leon Czolgoz and dies on September 14; he is succeeded by Theodore Roosevelt
      Founding of United Textile Workers of America
      Charles W. Chesnutt, The Marrow of Tradition
      Frank Norris, The Octopus
      Booker T. Washington, Up from Slavery

1902  United Mine Workers Strike
      Charles Alexander Eastman, Indian Boyhood
      Ellen Glasgow, The Battle-Ground
      Henry James, The Wings of the Dove

1903  Wilbur and Orville Wright achieve first sustained heavier-than-air machine flight on December 17
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Titanic collides with an iceberg and sinks on its maiden voyage
Founding of Poetry magazine
Mary Antin, The Promised Land
Willa Cather, Alexander’s Bridge
Sui-Sin Far (Edith Maude Eaton), Mrs. Spring Fragrance
James Weldon Johnson, The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man
Edith Wharton, The Reef

1913
The New York Armory Show
Willa Cather, O Pioneers!
Robert Frost, A Boy’s Will
Ellen Glasgow, Virginia
Edith Wharton, The Custom of the Country

1914
Archduke Francis Ferdinand is assassinated in Sarajevo triggering World War I
Panama Canal completed
Ludlow Massacre at the Colorado Fuel and Iron Corporation
Carl Sandburg, Chicago
Gertrude Stein, Tender Buttons

1915
German submarine sinks the ocean liner Lusitania
Albert Einstein, General Theory of Relativity
Willa Cather, The Song of the Lark
T. S. Eliot, “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock”
Robert Frost, North of Boston
D. W. Griffith films The Birth of a Nation

1916
Congress enacts Workman’s Compensation
John Dewey, Democracy and Education
Hilda Doolittle, Sea Garden
Ring Lardner, You Know Me Al
Amy Lowell, Men, Women, and Ghosts
Carl Sandburg, Chicago Poems
Mark Twain, The Mysterious Stranger

1917
Russian Revolution
United States enters into World War I
Pulitzer Prize established
T. S. Eliot, Prufrock and Other Observations
Edna St. Vincent Millay, Renascence and Other Poems
Ezra Pound, The Cantos
Edith Wharton, Summer
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1918
Influenza epidemic
Willa Cather, My Ántonia
Theodore Dreiser, Free and Other Stories
Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, Edgewater People
Georgia Douglas Johnson, The Heart of a Woman and Other Poems
Edith Wharton, The Marne

1919
Congress passes Prohibition Act
Founding of American Communist Party
Versailles Treaty
Sherwood Anderson, Winesburg, Ohio
Amy Lowell, Pictures of the Floating World
John Reed, Ten Days that Shook the World

1920
Nineteenth Amendment gives women the right to vote
F. Scott Fitzgerald, This Side of Paradise
Robert Frost, Mountain Interval
Sinclair Lewis, Main Street
Eugene O’Neill, The Emperor Jones
Ezra Pound, Hugh Selwyn Mauberly
Edith Wharton, The Age of Innocence and In Morocco

1921
Alice Paul founds National Woman’s Party
Sherwood Anderson, The Triumph of the Egg
John Dos Passos, Three Soldiers
F. Scott Fitzgerald, Flappers and Philosophers
Edith Wharton receives the Pulitzer Prize for The Age of Innocence
Anzia Yezierska, Hungry Hearts

1922
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T. S. Eliot, The Waste Land
Sinclair Lewis, Babbitt
Eugene O’Neill, The Hairy Ape
Edith Wharton, The Glimpses of the Moon
Anzia Yezierska, Salome of the Tenements

1923
Steelworkers negotiate an eight-hour workday
Willa Cather, A Lost Lady
Robert Frost, New Hampshire
Wallace Stevens, Harmonium
Jean Toomer, Cane
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1924
The Teapot Dome scandal
Restrictive immigration laws passed by Congress
Marianne Moore, Observations
Eugene O’Neill, Desire under the Elms
Edith Wharton, Old New York

1925
Scopes trial
The New Yorker magazine founded by Harold Ross
Willa Cather, The Professor’s House
John Dos Passos, Manhattan Transfer
Theodore Dreiser, An American Tragedy
F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby
Ernest Hemingway, In Our Time
Alain Locke, ed., The New Negro
Anzia Yezierska, Bread Givers

1926
US Marines invade Nicaragua
Hart Crane, White Buildings
William Faulkner, Soldier’s Pay
Ernest Hemingway, The Sun Also Rises
Langston Hughes, The Weary Blues

1927
Charles Lindbergh pilots The Spirit of St. Louis in a solo flight from New York to Paris
Execution of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti
Willa Cather, Death Comes for the Archbishop
Countee Cullen, Copper Sun
Langston Hughes, Fine Clothes to the Jew

1928
William Mulholland’s St. Francis Dam collapses
Djuna Barnes, Ryder
Nella Larsen, Quicksand
Eugene O’Neill, Strange Interlude

1929
St. Valentine’s Day massacre
“Black Thursday” 24 October, stock market crash
Countee Cullen, Black Christ and Other Poems
William Faulkner, The Sound and the Fury
Ernest Hemingway, A Farewell to Arms
Nella Larsen, Passing

1930
Television broadcasting begins
Hart Crane, The Bridge
William Faulkner, As I Lay Dying
Mike Gold, Jews Without Money
Katherine Anne Porter, Flowering Judas and Other Stories
1931 The “Scottsboro Boys” trial begins
Pearl S. Buck, The Good Earth
e. e. cummings, Viva
William Faulkner, Sanctuary

1932 Amelia Earhart becomes first woman to make a solo flight across the Atlantic
Benjamin Nathan Cardozo becomes first Hispanic judge appointed to the US Supreme Court
Sterling A. Brown, Southern Road
John Dos Passos, U. S. A.
Ernest Hemingway, Death in the Afternoon
Langston Hughes, The Dream Keeper
Gertrude Stein, Three Lives

1933 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Emergency Relief Act, Public Works Administration, and Civilian Conservation Corps are created
Sherwood Anderson, Death in the Woods
Ernest Hemingway, Winner Take Nothing
James Weldon Johnson, Along This Way
Mourning Dove (Okanogan), Coyote Stories

1934 Founding of Federal Housing Administration
Drought and storms result in the Great Plains “Dust Bowl”
Kenneth Fearing, 1933
Lillian Hellman, The Children’s Hour
Zora Neale Hurston, Jonah’s Gourd Vine
Edna St. Vincent Millay, Wine from These Grapes
Ezra Pound, Make it New
Henry Roth, Call it Sleep

1935 Rural Electrification Administration and Works Progress Administration created
Harlem riot
William Faulkner, Pylon
Ellen Glasgow, Vein of Iron
Ernest Hemingway, Green Hills of Africa
Zora Neale Hurston, Mules and Men
Marianne Moore, Selected Poems

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|      | “Memorial Day Massacre” at Republic Steel in Chicago                  | Ernie Hemingway, *To Have and Have Not*  
               Zora Neale Hurston, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*  
               Younghill Kang, *East Goes West*  
               John Steinbeck, *Of Mice and Men*  
               Wallace Stevens, *The Man with the Blue Guitar* |
| 1938 | House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) founded                | William Faulkner, *The Unvanquished*  
               Zora Neale Hurston, *Tell My Horse*  
               Thornton Wilder, *Our Town*  
               Richard Wright, *Uncle Tom’s Children* |
| 1939 | Germany signs non-aggression pact with Russia and invades Poland       | John Dos Passos, *The Big Money*  
               William Faulkner, *The Wild Palms*  
               Lillian Helman, *The Little Foxes*  
               Zora Neale Hurston, *Moses: Man of the Mountain*  
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