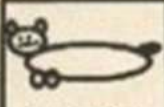
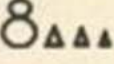

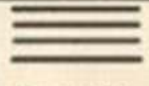
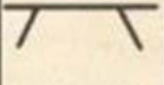
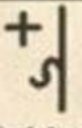





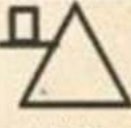

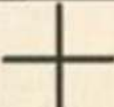


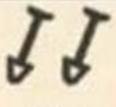






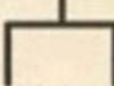



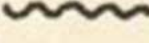
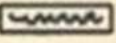


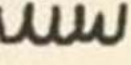
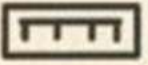

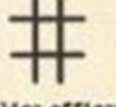
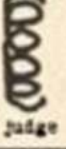

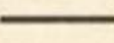

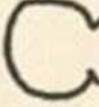
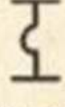
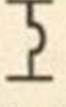


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 kindhearted lady	 kind woman	 woman	 housewife feeds for chores	 sit down feed	 food for work
 food for working	 talk religion get food	 bread	 good for a handout	 gentleman	 wealthy
 I ate	 alright	 easy mark	 tell pitiful story	 work available	 tell a hard luck story here
 fake illness here	 anything goes	 sleep in barn	 can sleep in barn	 good chance to get money here	 here is the place
 help if sick	 doctor	 telephone	 poor man	 had tempered owner	 dishonest man
 man with a gun	 dog	 had dog	 officer	 police officer lives here	 judge
 nothing doing here	 doubtful	 owner home	 owner out	 no one home	 someone home

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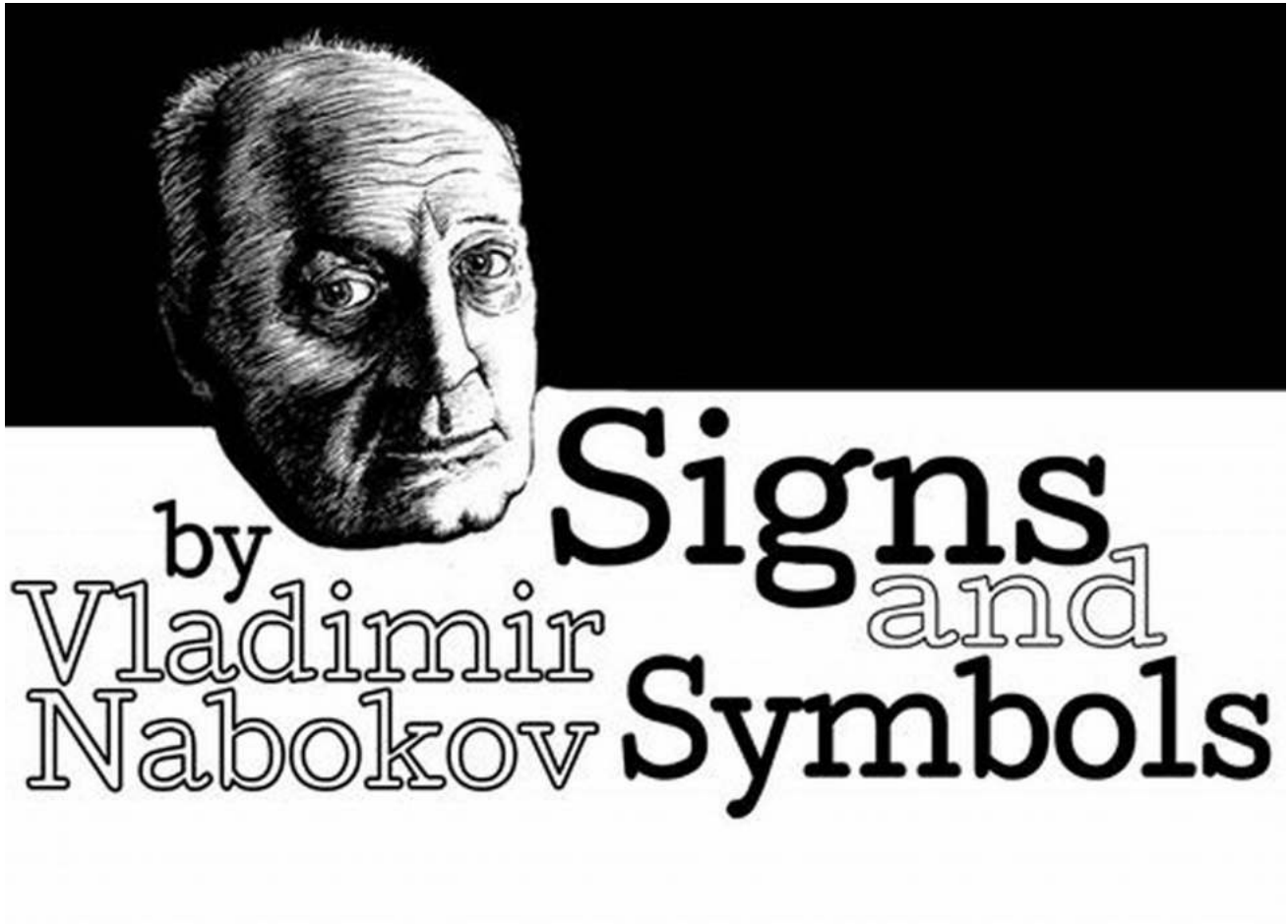
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Published in 1948, "Signs and Symbols" tells the story of an elderly couple living in an urban setting while dealing with their disturbed son who resides in a mental institution. Nabokov crafts a convoluted narrative that challenges readers to interpret and decode the complex symbols woven into the plot.

The Language of Symbols

In Nabokov's "Signs and Symbols," symbolism plays a crucial role in conveying underlying messages that extend beyond the surface-level storyline. From the recurring motifs of numbers and colors to the significance of animals and objects, each symbol holds a key to understanding the characters' emotions and the story's themes.

The Color Palette

Colors permeate the story, subtly influencing the reader's perception and adding a layer of depth to the characters' experiences. The color yellow, for instance, represents a multitude of feelings, ranging from happiness and enlightenment to anxiety and deceit. By exploring the extensive use of colors throughout the narrative, we can uncover hidden emotions and motives within the story's context.

Animals as Metaphors

Nabokov often employs animals and insects as metaphors to convey abstract concepts and mirror the characters' state of mind. The elusive hummingbird, for example, symbolizes freedom and fragility, providing insight into the couple's desire for liberation from their oppressive circumstances. By analyzing these symbolic animals and their contextual relevance, we can embark on a journey of self-discovery within the story.

Decoding the Narrative Structure

Nabokov's narrative structure in "Signs and Symbols" is deliberately intricate, challenging readers to piece together the fragments and construct meaning from the chaos. Through the use of non-linear storytelling, multiple perspectives, and unreliable narration, the story poses thought-provoking questions about perception, reality, and the reliability of human memory.

Interpreting the Ending

The ambiguous ending of "Signs and Symbols" leaves readers with a sense of bewilderment, questioning the true nature of the characters' reality. What is the significance of the telephone ringing at the story's end? Does it hold a hidden message? By examining possible interpretations and debating various theories,

we can delve into the depths of Nabokov's mind and find our own understanding of the story's finale.

Resources for Further Exploration

If you're eager to dive deeper into the world of Nabokov and "Signs and Symbols," there is a wealth of resources available to aid your study. Explore critical analyses, scholarly articles, and Nabokov's own writings to gain further insight into his creative process and the themes he delves into with this intriguing short story.

Recommended Readings

- "Nabokov's Butterfly Rainbow: From Symbolism to Sign Systems" by Brian Boyd
- "Close Reading: The Novels of Vladimir Nabokov" by Martin Amis
- "Nabokov's Favorite Word is Mauve: What the Numbers Reveal About the Classics, Bestsellers, and Our Own Writing" by Ben Blatt

Online Resources

For online exploration, valuable platforms to consider include:

- Goodreads: Participate in discussions and read reviews from fellow Nabokov enthusiasts.
- Academic Journals: Access scholarly articles that scrutinize the nuances of Nabokov's works, including "Signs and Symbols."
- Online Writing Communities: Engage with others passionate about Nabokov's literature, exchanging ideas and interpretations.

Nabokov's "Signs and Symbols" is an enigmatic masterpiece that continues to captivate readers with its intricate web of symbols, complex characters, and thought-provoking themes. By immersing ourselves in the study of this short story, we gain a deeper understanding of Nabokov's genius and the power of symbolism in literature. Unleash your curiosity, embrace the challenge, and embark on an intellectual journey that will leave you with a new appreciation for both Nabokov's craft and the art of storytelling itself.



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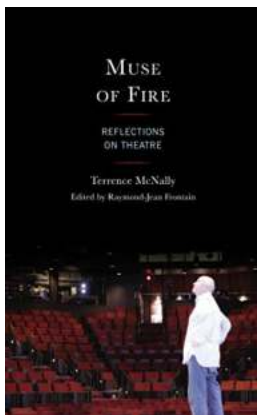
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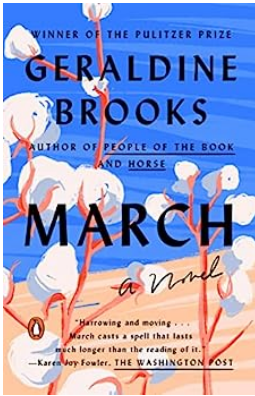
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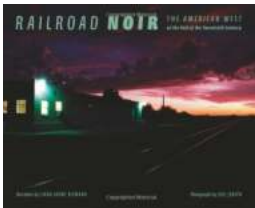
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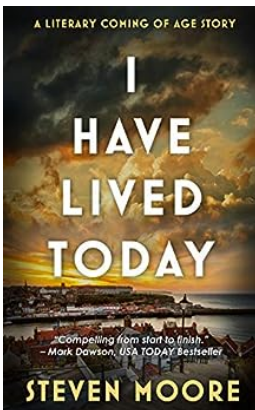
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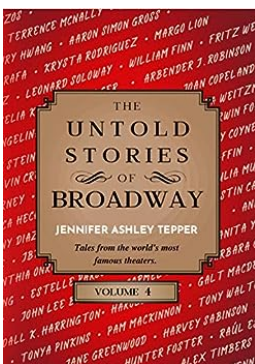
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