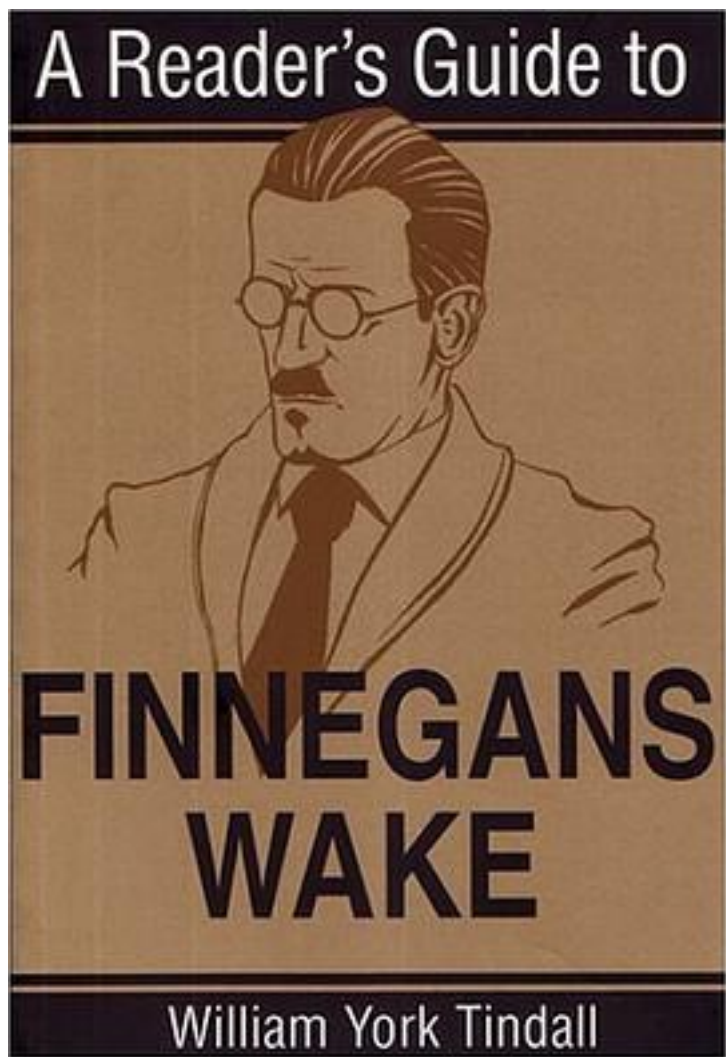


A Reader's Guide to Finnegans Wake



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For years, William York Tindall's guide has been one of the very best ways to approach the difficult writing and complex language of James Joyce's *Finnegans Wake*. Over a period of forty years, Tindall studied, instructed, and most importantly, learned from graduate students about Joyce's greatest literary masterpiece. He explores and analyzes Joyce's unexpected depths and vast collection of puns, allusions, and word plays involving more than a dozen languages, thereby breaking down the formidable barriers that can discourage readers from enjoying the humor and brilliance of Joyce.

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According to *The Writer's Almanac*, today is the birthday of literary critic and James Joyce scholar William York Tindall, born in Williamstown, Vermont (1903). He was a literature student when he discovered James Joyce's novel *Ulysses* (1922) while traveling in Paris. He became obsessed with Joyce, and read all of his works.

Ulysses When he returned to the U.S., Tindall started teaching a course in modern literature at New York University, and he was one of the first professors in the United States to assign *Ulysses* to his students. The book was still banned in the U.S. at the time, so his students had to read a bootlegged copy that was chained to a desk in the library.

He may be interested to see the current exhibit in the Main Library, "Making No Compromise with the Public Taste," which centers around the obscenity trials of *Ulysses* and Allen Ginsberg's *Howl*. The title of the exhibit comes from a tagline used by Margaret Anderson on her literary magazine *The Little Review*. *Ulysses* was serialized in *The Little Review* until difficulties with obscenity distribution issues forced it to cease publishing.

Tindall later taught English at Columbia University in New York City where his papers are now archived. He died in 1981.

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