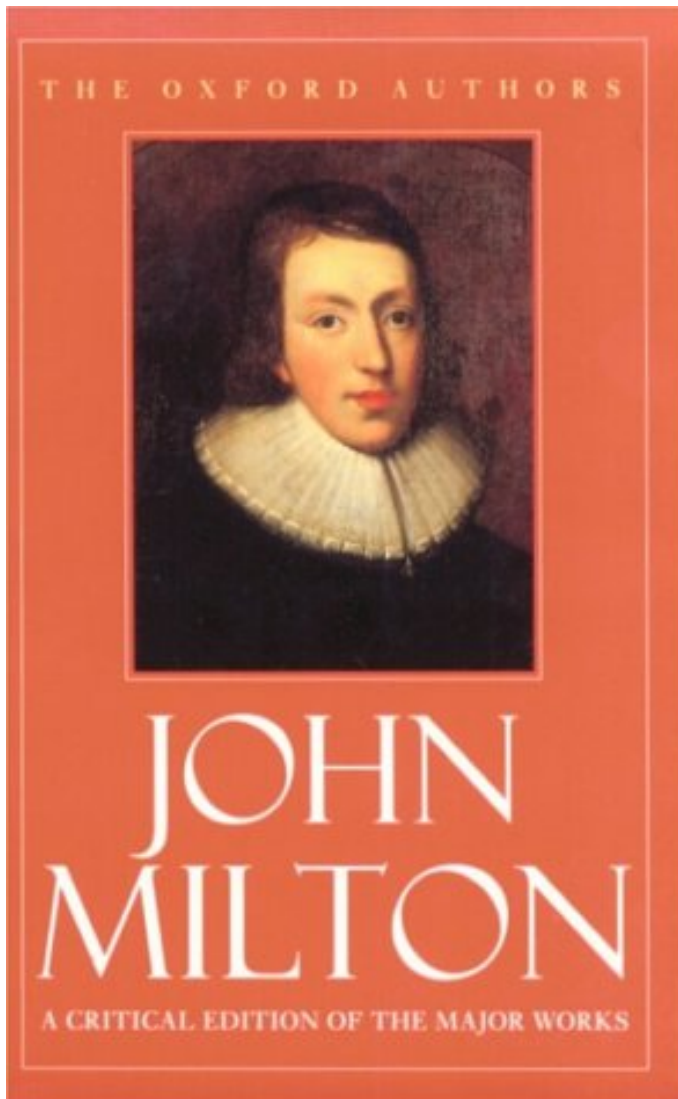

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Description

Milton's influence on English poetry and criticism has been incalculable, and his best-known works, "Paradise Lost, Paradise Regained, and, Samson Agonistes" form a natural mainstay for this freshly edited and modernized selection of his writings. All the English and Italian verse, and most of the Latin and Greek is included, as is a generous selection of his major prose works. The poems are arranged in order of publication, essential in enabling the reader to understand the progress of Milton's career in relation to the political and religious upheavals of his time. The extensive notes on the text cover syntax, vocabulary, historical context, and classical and biblical references. The Introduction traces both Milton's changing conception of his own vocation, and the critical reception his work has received over the past three centuries.

Insightful reviews

Candace: Yep, I'm a dork, but I'd give this one six stars if I could. (Except for the footnotes on Lycidas. No, Mr. Flannagan, I do NOT need to know that much about the composition history of the poem, I just need you to define strange words for me and unpack Milton's archaic references.)

Used this book for my first Milton-centric English class and fell even further in love with Milton in the process. Found myself even coming to like the editor, whose footnotes possess the occasional personal quirk when you'd least expect it. Read his footnoting philosophy in the introduction. You will not be disappointed.

ManuFactured Artists: This is the edition from which I was introduced to Milton. It is edited by Roy C Flannagan.

The Riverside Milton contains the complete works of John Milton (poetry and prose) and is densely annotated, but many of Flannagan's notes--though he does appear to want to present opposing views to his own--state as fact several points (mainly concerning Milton's theodicy and his views on freewill and determinism) which are still up for grabs, for this reader.

This is a great introductory edition for readers who plan to study Milton's complete works in depth. But you may come away from it with a sense of Milton's purpose for writing the three epics (Paradise Lost, Paradise Regained and Samson Agonistes) which is at least as much the editor's projection as the poet's.

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Skylar Burris: A great edition for studying Milton's works; very comprehensive, with detailed notes.

Dave: To be honest, I in basic terms learn Samson Agonistes (and just for class). might be

someday i will return and browse Paradise misplaced and Regained.

Mike: A vast, heavy, expensive, and bulky publication but additionally the easiest total survey of Milton's literary output ever introduced jointly in a single volume. Overall, Roy Flannagan did a masterful activity in this e-book and it truly is transparent it was once greatly a hard work of love. a few of his footnotes appear overly long yet the entire same, there are actual gem stones in those notes which are absent from different scholarship i have encountered on Milton. there's a feeling of triumph in with the ability to technique Milton in a single quantity and comprehend you may determine better information regarding his works than it's possible you'll over the span of ten different books. while this publication used to be published, the recent Criterion ran an exceptional assessment of it—as they generally do whilst whatever grand is released on a person outdated and highly-respected—and it really is worthy searching out that evaluate for extra information of this quantity and a extra nuanced tackle its benefits and faults alike than i will provide. In any case, Milton isn't Eliot or V.S. Pritchett: he's not intended to be learn on a educate in a slender little e-book with a broken and coffee-stained hide yet to be approached in a comfortable den or research with a massive, hefty, e-book like this one.

Ernie: My favourite version of my favourite poet (although I want the Hughes model at times).

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