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**Revisiting Robert Tressell's
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The Ragged-Trousered Philanthropists is a novel by Robert Tressell first published in 1914 after his death in 1911. An explicitly political work, it is widely regarded as a classic of working-class literature.

Dictionary of Labour Biography

Cambridge University Press

Millions of men volunteered to leave home, hearth and family to go to a foreign land to fight in 1914, the start of the biggest war in British history. It was a war fought by soldier-citizens, millions strong, most of whom had volunteered willingly to go. They made up the army that first held, and then, in 1918, thrust back the German Army to win the Great War. The British 'Tommy' has been lionized in the decades since the war, but little attention has been made in the literature to what motivated the ordinary

British man to go to France, especially in the early years when Britain relied on the voluntary system to fill the ranks. Why would a regular working-class man leave behind his job, family and friends to go to fight a war that defended not British soil, but French? Why would a British man risk his life to defend places whose names he could pronounce only barely, if at all? This book answers why, in the words of the men who were there. Young and old, from cities and country, single and married, they went to war willingly and then carried their experiences of being a part of the Great War, and why they chose such a difficult and dangerous path.

A Pedagogy of Hope Routledge

The terms patriarchy, institutional racism, sustainable development and

alienation may be familiar but this familiarity is often removed from the analytical contexts in which these ideas emerged. This book provides a series of rich reflections on the interaction between the radical ideas associated with these and other authors, and political action in Ireland. The classic texts that comprise the focal point for each chapter were selected by the contributors, many of whom straddle the boundaries of academia and activism. Each essay provides an account of the contributor's personal encounters with the text, opens up the key mobilising ideas and considers how the text has the potential invigorate the political imagination of contemporary oppositional politics. This book will be of interest to students in the social

sciences, especially sociology and Irish studies and will appeal to those interested or involved in political activism of any variety.

Articles on Twentieth Century Literature: an Annotated Bibliography, 1954 to 1970 Routledge

Robert Noonan, whose pseudonym was Robert Tressell, was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1870, and died in Liverpool, England, in 1911. During his short life, he lived in three countries, Ireland, South Africa, and England, and was involved in and exposed to a range of progressive issues such as Irish nationalism, Boer nationalism, socialism, anti-imperialism, the co-operative movement, and the women's suffrage campaign. He endured the poverty of a painter and sign-writer's wages,

struggled to convert his fellow workers to socialism, experienced an acrimonious and ultimately secret divorce in South Africa, raised a daughter on his own, dreamed of a better life in Canada, and wrote a novel. The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists was first published posthumously in 1914. The narrative provided a focus for his view of society and its imperial and capitalist structures; it was a "map" that he hoped would guide a future working class to consciousness. It was desperately hard to write, particularly since he was labouring for fifty-six hours a week at times and suffering from a serious illness, likely tuberculosis. The text covers some sixteen hundred handwritten folio pages. Before he left for Liverpool in 1910, ostensibly to

secure passages for him and his daughter to emigrate to Canada, he left the manuscript with his daughter, Kathleen. She eventually sold it to the maverick publisher, Grant Richards, for twenty-five pounds. Once published, it proved to be a best seller, both in its heavily abridged editions (1914, 1918) and, since 1955, in its full edition. Much of this biography--particularly Tressell's Irish, South African, and gendered experiences--has been omitted or treated as incidental. Readings of Tressell's life and text have centered on their English, working-class, and socialist elements. The late Fred Ball researched the first biography more than thirty years after Tressell's death, using the only editions of the text available. These were seriously edited and abridged by

Jessie Pope for Grant Richards; her preface maintained that the writer was a "genuine working-class man." The *Ragged Trousered Philanthropists* was mostly seen as the work of a working-class writer; there was no reason to think otherwise. Some recent scholarship disturbs the text's perceived neatness, pointing out its elitism and middle-class proclivities; and some work re-contextualizes Tressell's book, placing it within modernist, Irish, South African, and gendered frameworks. The narrative the authors present is not out of step with the so-called "real" world, in fact, it engages with popular reception and debates. This revolutionary book is an edited collection of essays on Robert Tressell's, *The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists*. While two such books

were published in the 1980s, *The Robert Tressell Papers* (1982) and *The Robert Tressell Lectures, 1981-1988* (1988), both largely (with only a few brief exceptions) rehearsed the dominant narrative of the text and author as vigorously and unproblematically working class, masculine, and English. This volume will introduce readers to an array of voices and perspectives, specifically those of women and international readers. The book comprises work by academics, a librarian, and the widow of Tressell's biographer, Fred Ball. The focus is on continuity and change in terms of how Tressell's text is read. *Revisiting Robert Tressell's Mugsborough* will be an important book for all literature collections.

Working Class Fiction Simon and Schuster

A comprehensive introduction to working-class literature over the last 150 years showing how many of these texts have consistently challenged dominant literary, critical and social values. It combines an extensive survey and bibliography with a commitment to working-class writing as a vital area of literary study.

Understanding Richard Hoggart

Cambria Press

The Musical Salvationist frames the Salvation Army's contribution to British musical life through the life story of composer, arranger and musical editor Richard Slater (1854-1939), popularly known as the 'Father of Salvation Army Music', drawing on his detailed hand-

written diaries.

Working Class Cultures in Britain, 1890-1960 Greenwood Publishing Group
This study argues that the Europe which is now being united was originally the product of the French revolution, 1789-95, and then formed by the emergent industrial capitalism. Given the prediction - and fear - that the new working class would launch another revolution which would spread, the author investigates why that did not in fact prove to be the case. Rather, the new working classes were incorporated as part of the dynamics of capitalist development.

Fatherhood and the British Working Class, 1865-1914 Routledge

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years showing how many of these texts have consistently challenged dominant literary, critical and social values. It combines an extensive survey and bibliography with a commitment to working-class writing as a vital area of literary study.

Journal of the Irish Labour History Society Cambridge Scholars Publishing
First published in 1971. The book examines the presentation of the urban and industrial working classes in Victorian fiction. It considers the different types of working men and women who appear in fiction, the environments they are shown to inhabit, and the use of phonetics to indicate the sound of working class voices. Evidence is drawn from a wide range of major and minor fiction, and new light is cast on

Dickens, Mrs Gaskell, Charles Kingsley, George Gissing, Rudyard Kipling and Arthur Morrison. This book would be of interest to students of literature, sociology and history.

The Intellectual Life of the British Working Classes Routledge

A History of Irish Working-Class Writing provides a wide-ranging and authoritative chronicle of the writing of Irish working-class experience. Ground-breaking in scholarship and comprehensive in scope, it is a major intervention in Irish Studies scholarship, charting representations of Irish working-class life from eighteenth-century rhymes and songs to the novels, plays and poetry of working-class experience in contemporary Ireland. There are few narrative accounts of Irish radicalism,

and even fewer that engage 'history from below'. This book provides original insights in these relatively untilled fields. Exploring workers' experiences in various literary forms, from early to late capitalism, the twenty-two chapters make this book an authoritative and substantial contribution to Irish studies and English literary studies generally.

The Robert Tressell Lectures, 1981-88
SAGE Publications

Accusations of betrayal played a significant role in the shaping and maintenance of solidarity in socialist and other modern radical political organisations in Australia and Britain. This fascinating study of trust and betrayal focuses on case studies of 6 'rats' or renegades: H.H. Champion; William Trenwith; John Burns; Albert

Victor Grayson; Adela Pankhurst Walsh; and Ada Holman. *Renegades and Rats* will appeal to scholars of history and sociology alike, and to anyone interested in the subject of trust: what it is, and how it is lost.

Heritage, Labour and the Working Classes Oxford University Press

This book examines writing which is concerned with the period of the 'poor white problem' and the 'poor white solution' (1870s–1940s) in Southern Africa. It argues that 'poor white' is not a narrow economic category, but describes those who threaten to collapse boundaries—racial, sexual, and class boundaries. It studies four writers who migrate between Britain and Southern Africa, who engage with the 'problem' and the 'solution,' and who foreground

ambiguity in their ambiguously genred texts. Olive Schreiner and Doris Leasing highlight the 'problem' as they embrace the threat posed by poor whites, while Robert Tressell and Daphne Anderson foreground the 'solution' as they argue for the incorporation of the poor into imperial myths about white homogeneity and upward mobility. Based on an historical approach, this book explores three premises. The first premise is that poor white is a liminal category, that it encompasses economic failures and social transgressors. The second premise is that Southern African life writing engages with its historical and political moment. The third premise is that philanthropy is central to the articulation of the 'problem' and the 'solution.' The final concluding chapter reflects upon

the re-emergence of poor whiteism since the end of Apartheid and the collapse of Zimbabwe, and reflects upon the problem of black poverty.

[A History of Irish Working-Class Writing](#)

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Renegades and Rats Manchester University Press

The author looks at class-specific writing as a mode of resistance developed within the modern British working-class literary project. She focuses on fictional narratives produced between 1890 and 1945 and analyzes the historical forces that fostered the development of an identifiable class outlook, such as the rise of the Labour party, trade union activism, and the Labour College

movement. She discusses the public/private domain of working-class culture, and romance and the politics of resistance in working-class writing.

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The Musical Salvationist Springer

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The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists by Robert Tressell, one of the most important socialist novels of the 20th century, explains the key points of Marxist theory. Reprinted in many languages and countries, the novel was passed from hand to hand by workers.

The story of Tressell and his novel is very relevant to the world today, more than ever. This unique book tells the fascinating story behind the man and his novel.

Critical Essays Ragged Trousered Philanthropists Volume

Integrating a variety of historical approaches and methods, Joanna Bourke looks at the construction of class within the intimate contexts of the body, the home, the marketplace, the locality and the nation to assess how the subjective identity of the 'working class' in Britain has been maintained through seventy years of radical social, cultural and economic change. She argues that class identity is essentially a social and cultural rather than an institutional or political phenomenon and therefore

cannot be understood without constant reference to gender and ethnicity. Each self contained chapter consists of an essay of historical analysis, introducing students to the ways historians use evidence to understand change, as well as useful chronologies, statistics and tables, suggested topics for discussion, and selective further reading.

The British Working Class and Enthusiasm for War, 1914-1916

Springer

Idle Hands is the first major social history of unemployment in Britain covering the last 200 years. It focuses on the experiences of working people in becoming unemployed, coping with unemployment and searching for work, and their reactions and responses to their problems. Direct evidence of the

impact of unemployment drawn from extensive personal biographies complements economic and statistical analysis.

A Critical Edition of Robert Tressell's The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists

Boydell & Brewer Ltd

This is a landmark intellectual history of Britain's working classes from the preindustrial era to the twentieth century. Drawing on workers' memoirs, social surveys, library registers, and more, Jonathan Rose uncovers which books people read, how they educated themselves, and what they knew. A new preface addresses the continuing relevance of the book amidst the upheavals of the present day. "An

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[A London Bibliography of the Social Sciences](#) Greenwood Publishing Group More than 500 alphabetically arranged entries by more than 200 expert contributors overview the complex relationship between literature and politics.

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