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The Novelist's Lexicon: Writers on the Words That Define Their Work

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Columbia Univ. Press. 1 Cloth(s), 2011. hard. Book Condition: New. Originally published in France in 2008, this book collects more than 70 defining essays from the writers who attended the International Forum of the Novel, hosted by Le Monde and Villa Gillet in Lyon. Each writer was asked to choose a word that opens a door to his work, and their collected musings offer an extraordinary portrait of writing and reading from the novelist's perspective, from Rick Moody discussing adumbrated and Colum McCann exploring anonymity to Jonathan Lethem on furniture, Wei Wei on happiness, Annie Proulx on terroir, and Péter Esterházy on words, words, words."These authors represent an impressive range of nationalities. The essays are consistently well-written, playful, intelligent, engaging. They are so varied in their approaches and offer such distinct voices that, oddly for a lexicon, the book is something of a page turner. The reader is always curious to see what comes next. All the pieces provide interesting perspective on the workings of the novelist's mind." Jody Gladding 158.



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