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## Tommaso Campanella

### The Book and the Body of Nature

*Springer Science & Business Media A friend of Galileo and author of the renowned utopia The City of the Sun, Tommaso Campanella (Stilo, Calabria,1568- Paris, 1639) is one of the most significant and original thinkers of the early modern period. His philosophical project centred upon the idea of reconciling Renaissance philosophy with a radical reform of science and society. He produced a complex and articulate synthesis of all fields of knowledge – including magic and astrology. During his early formative years as a Dominican friar, he manifested a restless impatience towards Aristotelian philosophy and its followers. As a reaction, he enthusiastically embraced Bernardino Telesio’s view that knowledge could only be acquired through the observation of things themselves, investigated through the senses and based on a correct understanding of the link between words and objects. Campanella’s new natural philosophy rested on the principle that the books written by men needed to be compared with God’s infinite book of nature, allowing them to correct the mistakes scattered throughout the human ‘copies’ which were always imperfect, partial and liable to revisions. It is in the light of these principles that he defended Galileo’s right to read the book of nature while denouncing the mistake of those – be they Aristotelian philosophers or theologians – who wanted to stop him from carrying on his natural investigations. However, Campanella maintained that the book of nature, far from being written in mathematical characters, was a living organism in which each natural being was endowed with life and a degree of sensibility that was appropriate for its preservation and propagation. Nature as a whole was an organism in which each single part was directed towards the common good. This is the reason why Campanella thought that nature had to be regarded as an ideal model for any political organisation. Political structures were often ruled by injustice and violence precisely because they had departed from that natural model. This book charts Campanella’s intellectual life by showing the origin, development and persistence of some of the fundamental tenets of his thought.*

### The Renewal of Pagan Antiquity

### Contributions to the Cultural History of the European Renaissance

*Getty Publications A collection of essays by the art historian Aby Warburg, these essays look beyond iconography to more psychological aspects of artistic creation: the conditions under which art was practised; its social and cultural contexts; and its conceivable historical meaning.*

### Europe and Empire

### On the Political Forms of Globalization

*Fordham Univ Press The European Union and the single currency have given Europe more stability than it has known in the past thousand years, yet Europe seems to be in perpetual crisis about its global role. The many European empires are now reduced to a multiplicity of ethnicities, traditions, and civilizations. Europe will never be One, but to survive as a union it will have to become a federation of “islands” both distinct and connected. Though drawing on philosophers of Europe’s past, Cacciari calls not to resist Europe’s sunset but to embrace it. Europe will have to open up to the possibility that in few generations new exiles and an unpredictable cultural hybridism will again change all we know about the European legacy. Though scarcely alive in today’s politics, the political unity of Europe is still a necessity, however impossible it seems to achieve.*

### Revolt in the Desert

### Vital Subjects

### Race and Biopolitics in Italy, 1860-1920

*Oxford University Press Vital Subjects: Race and Biopolitics in Italy is an interdisciplinary study of how racial and colonial discourses shaped the “making” of Italians as modern political subjects in the years between its administrative unification (1861-1870) and the end of the First World War (1919). This title was made Open Access by libraries from around the world through Knowledge Unlatched.*

### Tommaso Campanella and the Transformation of the World

*Princeton University Press Tommaso Campanella (1568-1639) is one of the most fascinating, if hitherto inaccessible, intellectuals of the Italian Renaissance. His work ranges across many of the intellectual, ecclesiastical, and political concerns of that tumultuous era. John Headley uses Campanella's life and works to open a window into this complex period. He not only explicates the frequently contradictory texts of a prolific author but also situates Campanella's writings amidst the larger currents of European thought. For all its obscurely magical and astrological intricacies, Campanella's entire intellectual endeavor expresses an effort to impose a distinctive order and direction upon the major issues and forces of the age different from that which was shortly to prevail with the new Galilean science and the Leviathan state. In the process of identifying and engaging these issues and imparting in some instances something of his own, he managed to mobilize and deploy many of the salient principles of late medieval and Renaissance culture, often cast in a curiously modern hue and aligned with the new forces of the age. Indeed, modern and antique, new and old juxtapose violently in the person of this reformer who combines an encyclopedic comprehensiveness of intellect with an appalling intensity of will. He is a man who strove to destabilize the regnant forces of what he identified as tyranny, sophistry, and hypocrisy and to shake the world into a new order. In this book, Headley invites readers to look anew at this mercurial figure and at the turbulent times in which he lived. John M. Headley is Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has authored studies of Luther, Thomas More, the Emperor Charles V, and San Carlo Borromeo. Originally published in 1997. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in*

durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.

## Lu Pavone

## Poesie in Dialetto Molisano

*Peter Lang Pub Incorporated Questa raccolta di poesie e di racconti popolari anonimi in dialetto molisano tracciano il percorso di due storie che, pur diversificate, si compenetrano e si completano a vicenda: la storia individuale dell' autore e la storia collettiva della società di un paese del Sud. Le immagini di un mondo apparentemente immobile e arcaico si alternano alle vicende di una realtà storica complessa e tormentata, nel cui magma vecchio e nuovo si scontrano e si fondono. This collection of poems and anonymous folktales in the Molisan dialect traces the unfolding of two stories which, although distinct, interweave and complete each other: the author's individual story and the story of a town in the South of Italy. The images of an apparently immobile and archaic world alternate with the events of a complex and tormented historical reality, in whose magma the new and the old clash and fuse."*

## Handbook of International Futurism

*Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG The Handbook of International Futurism is the first reference work ever to presents in a comparative fashion all media and countries in which the movement, initiated by F.T. Marinetti in 1909, exercised a particularly noteworthy influence. The handbook offers a synthesis of the state of scholarship regarding the international radiation of Futurism and its influence in some fifteen artistic disciplines and thirty-eight countries. While acknowledging the great achievements of the movement in the visual and literary arts of Italy and Russia, it treats Futurism as an international, multidisciplinary phenomenon that left a lasting mark on the manifold artistic manifestations of the early twentieth-century avant-garde. Hundreds of artists, who in some phase in their career absorbed Futurist ideas and stylistic devices, are presented in the context of their national traditions, their international connections and the media in which they were predominantly active. The handbook acts as a kind of multi-disciplinary, geographical encyclopaedia of Futurism and gives scholars with varying levels of experience a detailed overview of all countries and disciplines in which the movement had a major impact.*

## Gadda Goes to War

## Translational Provocations Around An Emergency

*Edinburgh University Press Introduces and analyses a stage performance of texts by Italian Modernist writer Carlo Emilio GaddaWhen do we start going to war and why? And what did it mean to go to war from World War I to World War II and beyond, in Italy, before and after Mussolini, before and after, that is, that warring spirit of the age which keeps nations in fighting mode? Both time specific and universal, these questions are explored in this book through a unique combination of scholarly and theatrical performance based on the war diaries and a belated anti-Mussolini pamphlet by Italy's greatest Modernist writer Carlo Emilio Gadda (1893-1973). These works were adapted for the stage by actor, playwright and director Fabrizio Gifuni in 2010, and are now presented for the first time in English, supplemented with facing Italian text, a dvd of the performance with English subtitles, and an engaging, thought-provoking scholarly guide to Italy's own Joyce purposely produced for the Anglophone audience by the Edinburgh Gadda Projects Team.Key FeaturesIntroduces Italy's greatest Modernist writer to the Anglophone audience in five sections: Poetics, Circulation, Translation, Staging and ResourcesProvides a flexible teaching and learning aid for work across subject areasPresents the first significant new English Gadda translation since the 1960sIncludes the original Italian texts (with facing English translation) and the dvd of the Italian performance (with English subtitles)Fabrizio Gifuni is one of Italy's leading actors. His career successfully combines cinema and theatre. In 2011 he was awarded the prestigious Federico Fellini Prize for his outstanding career in the arts. Federica G. Pedriali is Professor of Literary Metatheory and Modern Italian Studies and Head of Italian Studies at the University of Edinburgh. She is the Founder and Director of the Edinburgh Gadda Projects, General Editor of the Edinburgh Journal of Gadda Studies and Director of the Italo-Scottish Research Centre.*

## Collect the Wworld. the Artist As Archivist in the Internet Age

*The last decade has seen an incredible growth in the production and distribution of images and other cultural artefacts. The internet is the place where all these cultural products are stored, classified, voted, collected and trashed. What is the impact of this process on art making and on the artist? Which kind of dialogue is going on between amateur practices and codified languages? How does art respond to the society of information? This is a book about endless archives, image collections, bees plundering from flower to flower and hunters crawling through the online wilderness. Alterazioni Video, Kari Altmann, Cory Arcangel, Gazira Babeli, Kevin Bewersdorf, Luca Bolognesi, Natalie Bookchin, Petra Cortright, Aleksandra Domanovic, Harm van den Dorpel, Constant Dullaart, Hans-Peter Feldmann, Elisa Giardina Papa, Travis Hallenbeck, Jodi, Oliver Laric, Olia Lialina & Dragan Espenschied, Guthrie Lonergan, Eva and Franco Mattes, Seth Price, Jon Rafman, Claudia Rossini, Evan Roth, Travess Smalley, Ryan Trecartin.*

## Zohar, the Book of Enlightenment

*Paulist Press This is the first translation with commentary of selections from The Zohar, the major text of the Kabbalah, the Jewish mystical tradition. This work was written in 13th-century Spain by Moses de Leon, a Spanish scholar.*

## The Complete Danteworlds

## A Reader's Guide to the Divine Comedy

*University of Chicago Press Dante Alighieri's Divine Comedy has, despite its enormous popularity and importance, often stymied readers with its multitudinous characters, references, and themes. But until the publication in 2007 of Guy Raffa's guide to the Inferno, students lacked a suitable resource to help them navigate Dante's underworld. With this new guide to the entire Divine Comedy, Raffa provides readers—experts in the Middle Ages and Renaissance, Dante neophytes, and everyone in between—with a map of the entire poem, from the lowest circle of Hell to the highest sphere of Paradise. Based on Raffa's original research and his many years of teaching the poem to undergraduates, The CompleteDanteworlds charts a simultaneously geographical and textual journey, canto by canto, region by region, adhering closely to the path taken by Dante himself through Hell, Purgatory, and Paradise. This invaluable reference also features study questions, illustrations of the realms, and regional summaries. Interpreting Dante's poem and his sources, Raffa fashions detailed entries on each character encountered as well as on many significant historical, religious, and cultural allusions.*

## The Italian Metamorphosis, 1943-1968

*ABRAMS The Italian Metamorphosis, 1943-1968 is the first book to bring together all aspects of Italian visual culture from this fascinating period. Through seventeen scholarly essays and hundreds of lavish full-color and duotone reproductions, this volume captures the era's greatest achievements in the fields of painting, sculpture, artists' crafts, literature, photography, cinema, fashion, architecture, and design.*

## Dialect Poetry of Southern Italy

### Texts and Criticism : a Trilingual Anthology

Legas Publishing

## The Book of Disquiet

*Profile Books* Sitting at his desk, Bernardo Soares imagined himself free forever of Rua dos Douradores, of his boss Vasques, of Moreira the book-keeper, of all the other employees, the errand boy, the post boy, even the cat. But if he left them all tomorrow and discarded the suit of clothes he wears, what else would he do? Because he would have to do something. And what suit would he wear? Because he would have to wear another suit. A self-deprecating reflection on the sheer distance between the loftiness of his feelings and the humdrum reality of his life, *The Book of Disquiet* is a classic of existentialist literature.

## The Imagined Immigrant

### Images of Italian Emigration to the United States Between 1890 and 1924

*Fairleigh Dickinson Univ Press* Using original sources--such as newspaper articles, silent movies, letters, autobiographies, and interviews--Ilaria Serra depicts a large tapestry of images that accompanied mass Italian migration to the U.S. at the turn of the twentieth century. She chooses to translate the Italian concept of *immaginario* with the Latin *imago* that felicitously blends the double English translation of the word as "imagery" and "imaginary." *Imago* is a complex knot of collective representations of the immigrant subject, a mental production that finds concrete expression; impalpable, yet real. The "imagined immigrant" walks alongside the real one in flesh and rags.

## Dialect Poetry of Northern & Central Italy

Legas / Gaetano Cipolla

## Literary Philosophers

### Borges, Calvino, Eco

*Psychology Press* First published in 2002. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

## Renaissance Rewritings

*Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG* 'Rewriting' is one of the most crucial but at the same time one of the most elusive concepts of literary scholarship. In order to contribute to a further reassessment of such a notion, this volume investigates a wide range of medieval and early modern literary transformations, especially focusing on texts (and contexts) of Italian and French Renaissance literature. The first section of the book, "Rewriting", gathers essays which examine medieval and early modern rewritings while also pointing out the theoretical implications raised by such texts. The second part, "Rewritings in Early Modern Literature", collects contributions which account for different practices of rewriting in the Italian and French Renaissance, for instance by analysing dynamics of repetition and duplication, verbatim reproduction and free reworking, textual production and authorial self-fashioning, alterity and identity, replication and multiplication. The volume strives at shedding light on the complexity of the relationship between early modern and ancient literature, perfectly summed up in the motto written by Pietro Aretino in a letter to his friend the painter Giulio Romano in 1542: "Essere modernamente antichi e anticamente moderni".

## Dialectology

*Cambridge University Press* As a comprehensive account of all aspects of dialectology this updated edition makes an ideal introduction to the subject.

## Agamben and the Signature of Astrology

### Spheres of Potentiality

*Lexington Books* The work of Giorgio Agamben, one of the world's most important living philosophers, has been the object of much scrutiny. Yet, there is one dimension of his thought that remains unexamined by scholars: the presence of the ancient science of astrology in his writings. This book, the first of its kind, identifies the astrological elements and explains the implications of their usage by Agamben. In so doing, this study challenges us to imagine Agamben's thought in a radically new light. A critical account of the presence of astrology and related themes in Agamben's writings, ranging from the earlier works to the more recent publications, illustrates that the astrological signature constitutes a mode of philosophical archaeology that allows for an enhanced understanding of concepts that are central to his works, such as potentiality, the signature, bare life and biopolitics.

## Imperial City

## Rome under Napoleon

*University of Chicago Press* In 1798, the armies of the French Revolution tried to transform Rome from the capital of the Papal States to a Jacobin Republic. For the next two decades, Rome was the subject of power struggles between the forces of the Empire and the Papacy, while Romans endured the unsuccessful efforts of Napoleon's best and brightest to pull the ancient city into the modern world. Against this historical backdrop, Nicassio weaves together an absorbing social, cultural, and political history of Rome and its people. Based on primary sources and incorporating two centuries of Italian, French, and international research, her work reveals what life was like for Romans in the age of Napoleon. "A remarkable book that wonderfully vivifies an understudied era in the history of Rome. . . . This book will engage anyone interested in early modern cities, the relationship between religion and daily life, and the history of the city of Rome."—*Journal of Modern History* "An engaging account of Tosca's Rome. . . . Nicassio provides a fluent introduction to her subject."—*History Today* "Meticulously researched, drawing on a host of original manuscripts, memoirs, personal letters, and secondary sources, enabling [Nicassio] to bring her story to life."—*History*

## Italian Maiolica

### Catalogue of the Collections

*Getty Publications* The Museum's outstanding collection of maiolica is significant because most of the major pottery centers, maiolica forms, and styles are represented. This current catalogue presents the collection in a chronological progression according to stylistic trends. Lavish color plates accompany the detailed entries

## Little Mother

### A Novel

*Indiana University Press* When civil war erupts in Somalia, cousins Domenica Axad and Barni are separated and forced to flee the country. Barni manages to eke out a living in Rome, where she works as an obstetrician. Domenica wanders Europe in a painful attempt to reunite her broken family and come to terms with her past. After ten years, the two women reunite. When Domenica gives birth to a son, Barni, also known as Little Mother, is at her side. Together with the new baby, Domenica and Barni find their Somali roots and start to heal the pain they have suffered in war and exile. This powerful yet tender novel underscores the strength of women, family, and community, and draws on the tenacious yearning for a homeland that has been denied.

## Medieval Christian Perceptions of Islam

### A Book of Essays

*Routledge* For medieval Christians, Islam presented a series of disquieting challenges, and individual Christians portrayed Muslim culture in varied ways, according to their interests and prejudices. These fifteen original essays focus on unfamiliar texts that reflect the wide range of medieval Christianity's preoccupation with Islam, treating works from many different periods and in a wide range of genres and languages.

## Epigrammata

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## Laughter

### An Essay on the Meaning of the Comic

### Canzoniere →The →Canzonere →of →Dante →Alighieri

including the poems of the Vita nuova and Convito

### The Secret of the Lodge

International Symposium "Freemasonry in Central Europe", National Museum of Slovenia, Ljubljana 11 May 2017

## Sammlung

Oxford University Press, USA 116 poems by the great 1st century B.C. Latin poet.

## Futurist Women

## Florence, Feminism and the New Sciences

Springer *Futurist Women* broadens current debates on Futurism and literary studies by demonstrating the expanding global impact of women Futurist artists and writers in the period succeeding the First World War. This study initially focuses on the local: the making of the self in the work by the women who were affiliated with the journal *L'Italia futurista* during World War I in Florence. But then it broadens its field of inquiry to the global. It compares the achievements of these women with those of key precursors and followers. It also conceives these women's work as an ongoing dialogue with contemporary political and scientific trends in Europe and North America, especially first wave feminism, eugenics, naturism and esotericism. Finally, it examines the vital importance and repercussions of these women's ideas in current debates on gender and the posthuman condition. This groundbreaking study will prove invaluable for all scholars and upper-level students of modern European literature, Futurism, and gender studies.

## Homosexuality and Italian Cinema

## From the Fall of Fascism to the Years of Lead

Springer This book is the first to establish the relevance of same-sex desires, pleasures and anxieties in the cinema of post-war Italy. It explores cinematic representations of homosexuality and their significance in a wider cultural struggle in Italy involving society, cinema, and sexuality between the 1940s and 1970s. Besides tracing the evolution of representations through both art and popular films, this book also analyses connections with consumer culture, film criticism and politics. Giori uncovers how complicated negotiations between challenges to and valorization of dominant forms of knowledge of homosexuality shaped representations and argues that they were not always the outcome of hatred but also sought to convey unmentionable pleasures and complicities. Through archival research and a survey of more than 600 films, the author enriches our understanding of thirty years of Italian film and cultural history.

## Il Tesoretto

Julia Bolton Holloway

## Gender, Narrative, and Dissonance in the Modern Italian Novel

University of Toronto Press Combining close textual readings with a broad theoretical perspective, *Gender, Narrative, and Dissonance in the Modern Italian Novel* is a study of the ways in which gender shapes the principal characters and narratives of seven important Italian novels of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, from Alessandro Manzoni's *I promessi sposi* (1827) to Elsa Morante's *Aracoeli* (1982). Silvia Valisa's innovative approach focuses on the tensions between the characters and the gender ideologies that surround them, and the ways in which this dissonance exposes the ideological and epistemological structures of the modern novel. A provocative account of the intersection between gender, narrative, and epistemology that draws on the work of Georg Lukács, Barbara Spackman, and Teresa de Lauretis, this volume offers an intriguing new approach to investigating the nature of fiction.

## Italian Ceramics

## Catalogue of the J. Paul Getty Museum Collections

Getty Publications In 1984 the Getty Museum acquired an exceptional collection of Italian Renaissance maiolica, or tin-glazed earthenware. These often brilliantly colored objects range from an early Florentine jar with relief-blue decoration to a much later Mannerist dish with grotesque ornament. The collection was the subject of *Italian Maiolica*, a beautifully illustrated catalogue that the Museum published in 1988. *Italian Ceramics* amplifies and updates the earlier volume, including objects—some of them porcelain and terracotta—acquired during the intervening years. Among them are a pair of eighteenth-century candlesticks representing mythological scenes and a tabletop with hunting scenes; and, from the 1790s, the beautifully modeled and painted Saint Joseph with the Christ Child. *Italian Ceramics* contains the most recent scientific, historical, and iconographic information about the Museum's holdings. Completely revised and expanded, this book offers a wealth of new information about the Getty Museum's superb collection, which spans more than four centuries of Italian ceramic art.

## The Problem with Pleasure

## Modernism and Its Discontents

Columbia University Press A revealing study of the sensual tensions powering the period's formal and ideological innovations.

## Semiotics and the Philosophy of Language

Indiana University Press "Eco wittily and enchantingly develops themes often touched on in his previous works, but he delves deeper into their complex nature... this collection can be read with pleasure by those unversed in semiotic theory." —*Times Literary Supplement*

## Beowulf's Children

Baen Books BOOK TWO IN THE CLASSIC HEOROT SERIES FROM GENRE LEGENDS LARRY NIVEN, JERRY POURNELLE, AND STEVEN BARNES. Some twenty years have passed since the passengers and crew of the starship *Geographic* established a colony on the hostile alien world of Avalon. In that time, a new generation has grown up in the peace and serenity of the island paradise of Camelot, ignorant of the Great Grendel Wars fought between their parents and grandparents and the monstrous inhabitants of Avalon. Now, under the influence of a charismatic leader, a group of young rebels makes for

the mainland, intent on establishing their own colony, sure that they can vanquish any foe that should stand in their way. But they will soon discover that Avalon holds darker secrets still. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management). About *Beowulf's Children*: "Few writers have a finer pedigree than those here. . . . As one might suspect *Beowulf's Children* is seamless . . . absorbing, substantial . . . masterful novel."—*Los Angeles Times* "Panoramic SF adventure at its best."—*Library Journal* About prequel *The Legacy of Heort*: "Page-turning action and suspense, good characterization and convincing setting . . . may be the best thing any of those authors has written."—*The Denver Post* "Outstanding! . . . The best ever, by the best in the field . . . the ultimate combination of imagination and realism."—Tom Clancy "Well written, action-packed and tension filled . . . makes *Aliens* look like a Disney nature film."—*The Washington Post* "Spine-tingling ecological tale of terror."—*Locus* About Larry Niven & Jerry Pournelle: "Possibly the greatest science fiction novel I have ever read."—Robert A. Heinlein on *The Mote in God's Eye* About Larry Niven: "Larry Niven's *Ringworld* remains one of the all-time classic travelogues of science fiction — a new and amazing world and fantastic companions."—Greg Bear "Our premier hard SF writer."—*The Baltimore Sun* "The scope of Larry Niven's work is so vast that only a writer of supreme talent could disguise the fact as well as he can."—Tom Clancy "Niven is a true master."—Frederik Pohl About Jerry Pournelle: "Jerry Pournelle is one of science fiction's greatest storytellers."—Poul Anderson "Jerry Pournelle's trademark is first-rate action against well-realized backgrounds of hard science and hardball politics."—David Drake "Rousing . . . The Best of the Genre."—*The New York Times* "On the cover . . . is the claim 'No. 1 Adventure Novel of the Year.' And well it might be."—*Milwaukee Journal* on *Janissaries* About Steven Barnes: "Brilliant, surprising, and devastating."—David Mack "Sharp, observant and scary."—Greg Bear "Profound and exhilarating."—Maurice Broaddus, author of *The Knights of Breton Court* "Barnes gives us characters that are vividly real people, conceived with insight and portrayed with compassion and rare skill and then he stokes the suspense up to levels that will make the reader miss sleep and be late for work."—Tim Powers "[Barnes] combines imagination, anthropology and beautiful storytelling as he takes readers to the foot of the Great Mountain, today known as Mount Kilimanjaro."—*Durham Triangle Tribune* on *Great Sky Woman*

## The Tower of Beowulf

*The epic story of tormented warrior and monster slayer Beowulf from the legendary prophecy by the haunted lake through his decoration with the unwanted mantle of glory. Reprint.*

## The Formation of the Medieval West

## Studies in the Oral Culture of the Barbarians

*This book is the first extensive study of the oral culture in the early medieval West. Access to this culture is inevitably through the written sources and indeed there is quite substantial information in the sources once these are properly 'decoded'. Latin is the dominant language of the surviving contemporary records but it emerges that this language is highly inadequate to articulate the main features of the early medieval non-Latin societies. It is argued that the written sources in the period are not representative for these societies generally, which in fact had a broad based, effective and adequate oral culture. It is suggested that this situation accounts for the slow emergence of vernacular literature.*