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Readership

This text will be of interest to scholars of any of the four main authors, or of German Idealism and its lingering implications for the aesthetic.

Key selling points

Represents the first comparative grouping of these four literary authors

Offers a novel theorisation of aesthetic experience in response to German philosophers (Kant, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche) as well as Deleuze

Contributes to the growing scholarship on contemporary novelists Tom McCarthy and Rachel Cusk

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