

THE ANTI-NOVEL

“What does it mean that you are writing an anti-novel?”

“Novels can promise understanding about our experience. They may try to simplify our worst dilemmas. Critical commentary can provide a greater understanding of our personal challenges. The critic can assist in sorting out confusing aspects of our lives. The novel can attempt to portray a situation accurately. It can get to the root of the problem. Thus, a critical interpretation can effectively apply the solution sketched out by the novelist.”

“You really believe that kind of shit.”

“Huh?”

“The novel is capturing key elements of experience in a raw way. And the critic wants to simplify that process. That destroys what makes the work distinctive.”

“A good critic can offer offer a bridge for the reader.”

“This is the beginning of the anti-novel.”

“The critic struggles to find the traces of the anti-novel. Thus the novel represents the actual resistance of experience to an explanation.”

“Why bother?”

“Who is bothering?”

“You want a puzzle that can be figured out easily. The fantasy novel promises this complex answer, but it is displayed in such a simple way. It deludes the reader into thinking that she has solved the problem. And the experimental novel also sets out this puzzle for the reader to figure out. And the critic can assist in these efforts.”

“What are you doing?”

“I want to frustrate the reader.”

“What is the point?”

“We have real lives. We put up with shit everyday at work. We don’t want answers. We don’t want to entertained. We just want a little honesty.”

“Figure it out.”

“It would be easy.”

“We could work with a manifesto.”

“Point someone in my direction.”

“Do not ruin my weekend.”

“Do not ruin my life.”

“Do not ruin my night.”

“Where is this headed?”

“To the house of forgiveness.”

“I have wasted so much of my time.”

“And you are not now.”

“Are you that willingt to waste your life?”

“This is all that I know. This is all that I will ever know.”

“I can point you in the right direction.”

“More problems without solutions.”

“I will be more loved.”

“There is a point where I will be more loved.”

“I am an active player.”

“You can reveal.”

“I will come back to this.”

“You need to make a choice.”

“I cannot do this all the time.”

“I only want you to understand the difference.”

“You do something anti-social.”

“You were explaining the origins of the anti-novel.”

“The novel find a plot that helps to explain your life. And you feel this sense of gratification that you have been granted a mission to describe the absurdities in your life. But this is this phony agreement that you have forged with the author. There is no authenticity in your experience. And you have not achieved any accountability in your life.”

“These are old issues.”

“This is your only concern. You want a narrative that is going to make you feel as if you are influential in your world. The novelist is going to put everything in place for you. She will confirm all your misgivings.”

“I cannot explain that to you.”

“One day is not like the rest.”

“You absolve everything to the willing critic.”

“To hell with the critics.”

“You give everything to the critic.”

“If you don’t like the heat, stay out of the kitchen.”

“We could do the kitchen together.”

“There is still time.”

“I am doing a recipe book.”

“You want an answer.”

“Then the lies come out.”

“Someone is going to have to rise above the shit.”

“Focus!”

“I want you to tell me a story of a successful life.”

“I was born.”

“I broke the mold.”

“If I remake myself, the world will love me.”

“The world will love me.”

“I am looking for a major commitment,”

“You are not even willing to take time out.”

“What would a novel say?”

“It would not let you be so comfortable.”

“I work. I am trying to get as comfortable as possible. And it is not working. What is your complaint?”

“It is the belief system.”

“I want a balanced experience.”

“I don’t want the balance.”
 “I do not want the lies.”
 “He is starting to lecture.”
 “Someone in our group has decided to give a lecture.”
 “ROLL THE TAPE!”
 “I want more of that.”
 “This is your ANTI-NOVEL DAY!”
 “What does that mean?”
 “That could be me.”
 “No, it couldn’t.”
 “You asked me to turn the page. This must be a book.”
 “I had questions about my life. I had an illuminating moment, I changed my lifestyle, and I found something to put it all in place.”
 “Take this.”
 “Eat this.”
 “All these ideas contradict the idea of the anti-novle.”
 “The anti-novel works against our desire for an explanation.”
 “The Willions means that everything is in place. All your memories can be organized and explained clearly.”
 “He will bring you home and explain everything.”
 “The food explains itself.”
 “This is your moment.”
 “This is your moment to stop.”
 “This is your moment to change.”
 “And that is all that you want.”
 “You are a better meal.”
 “You are a better meal.”
 “You are a better hot dog.”
 “You can all leave.”
 “I made you into something.”
 “Your life is this indie movie that some guy from Austin turns into a script and produces with his parents’ credit cards.”
 “This is going to be so good.”
 “He tried to be so romantic. And I remember what I first saw in him. And I realized that he was never going to fulfill that promise.”
 “If you understood, you would understand.”
 “You are so together in a non-together kind of way.”
 “I am guiding you.”
 “I love you more than you know.”
 “I had an illuminating experience.”
 “Look at me!”
 “Look with me.”
 “There is someone who is exactly like me.”

“You are not helping.”
“You asked me to look at you. I looked, and you got all upset.”
“I could hear a pin drop.”
“Why are you trying to fuck with me?”
“You are fuckable.”
“What does that mean?”
“You are totally impressionable.”
“You needed to read the book.”
“There is a line.”
“Who wants to interrupt?”
“You will never be able to take the steps. Your life will destroy you.”
“You never asked.”
“That means that the world is going to fuck with you all the time.”
“Do not complain.”
“This cannot be perfected.”
“This is not some kind of hyperreality type of thing.”
“There are too many fragments.”
“You are messing with things.”
“I have one more play in me.”
“Make it, story teller.”
“I am attracting flies.”
“Where does that come from?”
“What are you collecting?”
“Lost time.”
“That will not help.”
“You are fallen.”
“I will rise up.”
“Everything is again in balance.”
“You are giving me creepy look.”
“I do not want to be here.”
“I want to go shopping.”
“This would explain everything.”
“Another five miles.”
“I only need to get away.”
“Where will this look take you?”
“You are getting ahead of yourself.”
“Everything started with an idea.”
“I like that idea.”
“That could be me.”
“It is all making sense for me.”
“We looked each other in the eyes.”
“Then I headed back to the house.”
“Explain this.”

“That is all that I can explain.”

“There is a section for the rest of the night. There is a section for the rest of the night. And there is a section for the rest of my life.”

“Everything is too vague.”

“We have options.”

“None of this is for you.”

“I don’t want any of this.”

“Who will understand?”

“Understanding is so temporary.”

“This is massively funny,”

“And we all have it more or less.”

“I have more.”

“I am turning pages.”

“This is too difficult to accept.”

“Keep turning pages.”

“I came back.”

“I came back to rescue you.”

“Thank you.”

“I want to massively frustrate you.”

“What will the result be?”

“You will quit believing that things fit into nice packages.”

“They are coming for me.”

“You have a cockiness. Everything is in place for you at this moment. You toss your hair back, and you tell me that this is your story. And everyone else is an extra.”

“You told me that last time.”

“You are reading children’s literature. You have little understanding of the history of World Literature. You know very little about the structure of novelistic development. You like simple stories. Stories for children. Stories with difficult problems that are solved in one hundred pages.”

“I will wake up in the morning, and everything will make sense.”

“We need to find the man.”

“Do you have a crush on me? You are going out with my best friend.”

“Why is this even a story?”

“I am going to sit and do this all night.”

“What are you going to do?”

“Feel as if things are perfect.”

“I can chart a course.”

“A course will be charted.”

“I am glad that you understand so much.”

“You dressed for the role.”

“This could be all you.”

“You would have to come back and do it differently night after night.”

“This is a standard.”

“The cheat code.”
 “I wish that was your story.”
 “They will write books about you, then they will write nothing.”
 “TILT! Here.”
 “All over.”
 “What did they do for me?”
 “The only thing worth doing.”
 “I cannot take a single day here.”
 “This is a bad marriage.”
 “I want to keep the balance.”
 “Turn up the volume.”
 “Turn up the violence.”
 “That is not that clever.”
 “You need to ask first.”
 “I am not around.”
 “This is code.”
 “I am going to do what I need to do.”
 “This is end game.”
 “You will never relate.”
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 “He has no understanding.”
 “How long did you take to get ready?”
 “I read a book.”
 “I am a fast reader.”
 “Two hours at the most. Then i realized my strategy.”
 “This is a strategy book.”
 “Then we just fuck with it.”
 “I am going nowhere the fuck fast with all of you.”
 “Shit, dog!”
 “This was going to be a good novel.”
 “You should not have messed with me.”
 “I am a very serious person.”
 “I realize that.”
 “Don’t give me that look. I am going to burn the book.”
 “I want something like that in my food.”
 “This is oppressive.”
 “What are you saving?”
 “I could make a list what is needed.”
 “You are so needy. Not in a good way. It is not simply that you have critical needs that need solving. You use your weakness to try to surround and dominate others.”
 “This is the lesson. And you need to learn it. Quit being a little bitch.”
 “Finish the sentence.”
 “There is so much to talk about.”

“You were becoming a creep, and I am the boss here.”
“I like the long shot.”
“I need to start over again.”
“I cannot explain this to you.”
“Interrupt me.”
“I could do the spreadsheet.”
“Who has the debit card?”
“We are all owners.”
“Someone is taking care of your shit.”
“I am going to be back at work soon.”
“You are too good at this.”
“I am so messed up.”
“How did you get this way?”
“Someone needs to clean up the mess.”
“The action begins.”
“Then it comes to an end.”
“There is a better way to clean this.”
“You need to close it down.”
“My managers keep everyone in line”
“That is the book.”
“Something will change.”
“You cannot help.”
“I am a mathematician.”
“This is brilliant.”
”The river is all damned up.”
“You are running interference,”
“Do you need me?”
“I cannot get clean.”
“My head is spinning around.”
“You are everything.”
“How many chapters is this?”
“When will this end?”
“When you give me something that i I really need.”
“I want something artificial.”
“What does that 3een mean?”
“They can redo the whole body.”
“And I still go to work, and I get ruined.”
“You have ruined me.”
“That is not right for me.”
“That is a frequency.”
“How many pages can you get out of that?”
“That is a place fo me.”
“This is not going anywhere.”

“It should have never happened.”
 “This a collection of short stories.”
 “There is an electrical currnet that holds it all together.”
 “This is so awful.”
 “It is meant to be that way.”
 “This is only an anti-novel because you are trying to say everything.”
 “This is all you.”
 “What can I throw at you?”
 “It would take a year to sort out your shit.”
 “Are you a writer?”
 “Do you have a fucking pulse.”
 “What are you looking for?”
 “Dispensation.”
 “I fucked up so badly.”
 “I want to put this to bed.”
 “You are cutting off your circulation.”
 “Write it off.”
 “Write it off.”
 “I am going to build a bridge.”
 “That does not get me off the island.”
 “Do you see what is really happening?”
 “They all love you.”
 “Damn!”
 “It is going to take more than a book to explain all your shit.”
 “You are texting it.”
 “Where is the current?”
 “This cannot be explained.”
 “What do you know?”
 “The only thing worth knowing.”
 “What is that?”
 “How to excavate th mine.”
 “Exploiting all the miners.”
 “That is the root.”
 “That is all nonsense.”
 “Make me over.”
 “That is a pamphlet.”
 “This is your show.”
 “This is reality television.”
 “And that little dance is going to make a difference.”
 “It has an equation.”
 “Nonsense shit.””
 “That is so awful.”
 “WE ALL MAKE SENSE.”

“WE DO NOT!”

“You will never have a better role.”

“What is the hierarchy?”

“You are missing the thread?”

“The object falls through space aimlessly.”

“I could keep going for a while.”

“There is posing space.”

“This is where it all starts.”

“You are resisting.”

“That is all that I know well!::

“That is the gasoline.”

“Not going to work.:

“Not working.”

“I am going to teach you.”

“This starts with breathing exercises.”

“You substitute one body for another.”

“I am trying to work with the physics.”

“You never asked.”

“Did you find what you needed?”

“I do have to work.”

“I was doing all of this for you.”

“You would not give me the last chapter.”

“It is biological.”

“You make the pieces fit.”

“Chapters and verse.”

“Then there is accountability.”

“You get nothing for this.”

“What are you able to ask for?”

“I am not going to go home and collect my writing. I am not going to be able to discern a thread that has something to do with my life. Nothing is going to improve for me. But I will tell everyone that I have improved. And I will learn everything about French wine and wallpaper. And I will tell everyone that this is just as important as a psychological novel. And I will divide history into separate stages where nothing goes anywhere. And I will go back to work on Monday. And it will be just as shitty as it has always been.”

“You have been aspiring to something.”

“The only person who can ask is going to ask about who is closing tomorrow. And who is going to empty the litter box.”

“I cannot deal with this smell.”

“I am trying to file all this.”

“Everything is inching along. And you ruin someone else’s project.”

“I am a nice guy.”

“And everything explodes in my face.”

“What if everyone is in the same mud.”

“Antedeluvian?”
“We are creating new species.”
“What is essential?”
“All this movement will create another kind of awareness.”
“And we will jump off.”
“Make the only decision worth making.”
“You are not helping.”
“We are exploring the trivial zeros.”
“He will not get any better.”
“Why does that even affect you?”
“We are coming back to the beggin.”
“Shit.”
“Something is wanted.”
“I have what I need.”
“I do not.”
“You have everything that you want.”
“Do not let this go on forever.”
“Does that affect you?”
“I have various versions of the same thing.”
“Who loves it?”
“My cat.”
“I can complete the story.”
“Where does that end up?”
“He fucked up.”
“Give me a physical.”
“I cannot explain this part.”
“There was a moment when I was almost compromised.”
“You can end it.”
“I have saved the money.”
“This will close me down.”
“This.”
“He followed me.”
“Where did you go?”
“I have spies.”
“It all ends up the same way.”
“Do not leave.”
“I am already gone.”
“I need someone to do the work for me.”
“Something cuts through this.”
“Is there somewhere else that you can be?”
“Raise the rate.”
“When do you say that you need to quit it.”
“Isn’t there somewhere that makes the action move a little faster.”

“You are trying to create an overarching narrative.”
 “I get the last say.”
 “What do you have left?”
 “A lot regret.”
 “I need to prepare for this.”
 “WHAT MORE IS THERE?”
 “There is nothing else to talk about.”
 “Are you a rival? Are you a helper?”
 “ARE YOU? ARE YOU?”
 “Share your story.”
 “You need to do a job for me.”
 “I will keep this going as long as I need to.”
 “We are getting to that.”
 “This is way over your head.”
 “It is the enzyme.”
 “That has so many side effects.”
 “Show me where to go.”
 “Your wrongness is so wrong forme.”
 “Are there solvable forms?”
 “I am not even good at this.”
 “Keep talking.”
 “I have seen the book already.”
 “There are two versions.”
 “One that you want to keep.”
 “You find someone who wants to destroy you.”
 “You are another tourist.”
 “You dont even live here.”
 “What do we all share?”
 “Do you see?”
 “Do you know?”
 “Where is this going to go?”
 “I never asked for this.”
 “I never asked for this.”
 “There is a moment when everything gets sucked from my brain.”
 “THERE IS A MOMENT WHEN EVERYTHING GETS SUCKED FROM MY
 BRAIN.”
 “This is my support group.”
 “Someone need to be active.”
 “That guy is offering nothing.”
 “Fuck.”
 “I am so out of here.”
 “How do you explain this?”
 “I am not here to to explain it.”

“I can do some really shitty stuff.”
“You are not part of this.”
“No one is watching.”
“He will finish it off.”
“Look as if you are part of this. No one will ask you any questions.”
“You like wasting your time.”
“That is part of the equation.”
“I need you to collect cash for me.”
“This is a wonderful moment.”
“I NEED YOU TO COLLECT CASH FOR ME.”
“What is the root?”
“What will I get?”
“This is not his show.”
“He sees all.”
“It is not something that you can see with your eyes.”
“What is that about?”
“Asshole, do you know what bad faith is.”
“That is too much golden section for me.”
“You have the perfect schmuck. And he will eat your garbage.”
“I could not put it any nicer.”
“It will take a book to explain it.”
“That is not how it happened.”
“That is nothing to me.”
“We are all loving this.”
“Other versions of me have left.”
“He is the perfect complement to me.”
“Why are you trying to interfere with my book?”
“Who is doing the accounts?”
“TURN OFF THE TELEVISION.”
“There is nothing serious here.”
“You are not going to break me.”
“Everyone is broken.”
“The best candidates have all left.”
“Do you even see how you are dressed?”
“Who wants to know?”
“You need to leave.”
“That is all that there is.”
“I never want to be part of your shit.”
“Who has the cash?”
“Will not happen.”
“You passed out in the middle of everyone.”
“They put you into an ambulance.”
“I will do it for you.”

“What else is there?”

“What else is there?”

“There is no brain power here.”

“Do not worry about it!”

“I need some penance.”