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内容概要

How do enigmas and riddles work in literature? This benchmark study investigates the literary trope of the riddle , and its relation to the broader term ' enigma ' , including enigma as large masterplot.

Cook argues for a revival of the old figure of speech known as ' enigma ' from Aristotle to the seventeenth century by demonstrating its usefulness.

The opening chapter surveys ' enigma personified ' as sphinx and griffin , resuscitating a lost Graeco-Latin pun on ' griffin ' used by Lewis Carroll.

The history and functions of enigma draw on classical and biblical through to modern writing.

Wide-ranging examples concentrate on literature in English , especially modern poetry , with three detailed case studies on Dante , Lewis Carroll , and Wallace Stevens.

An important contribution to studies of poetic thought and metaphor , this anatomy of the riddle will appeal particularly to readers and scholars of poetry , modern American and comparative literatures , rhetoric , and folk-riddles.

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