

## The values of literary studies : critical institutions, scholarly agendas

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### Abstrak

What is valuable about literary studies? What is its point and purpose? In *The Values of Literary Studies: Critical Institutions, Scholarly Agendas*, leading scholars in the field illuminate both the purpose and priorities of literary criticism. At a time when the humanities are increasingly called upon to justify themselves, this book seeks to clarify their myriad values and ideologies. Engaging the idea of literary value while at the same time remaining attuned to aesthetic, ethical, political and psychological principles, this book serves to underscore the enduring significance of literary studies in an academic climate that is ostensibly concerned with expediency and quantification. As a sophisticated examination of literary theory and criticism, *The Values of Literary Studies: Critical Institutions, Scholarly Agendas* provides a comprehensive and hopeful view of where the discipline is now and what avenues it is likely to take from here