

UNIT SEVEN

OTHER WRITERS



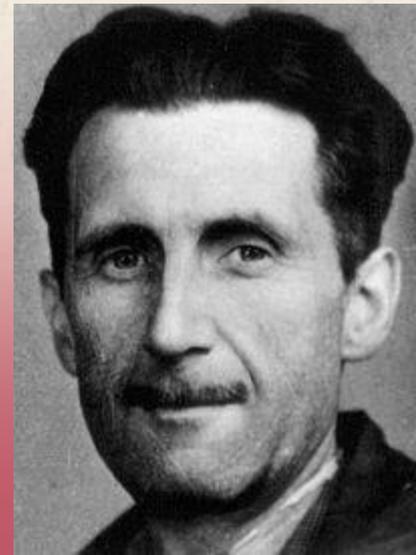
INDIA: Ahamed Salman Rushdie 1947

British Indian novelist and essayist. He achieved notability with his second novel, Midnight's Children (1981), which won the Booker Prize in 1981. Some of his fiction is set on the Indian subcontinent. His style is often classified as magical realism mixed with historical fiction, and a dominant theme of his work is the story of the many connections, disruptions and migrations between the Eastern and Western world.

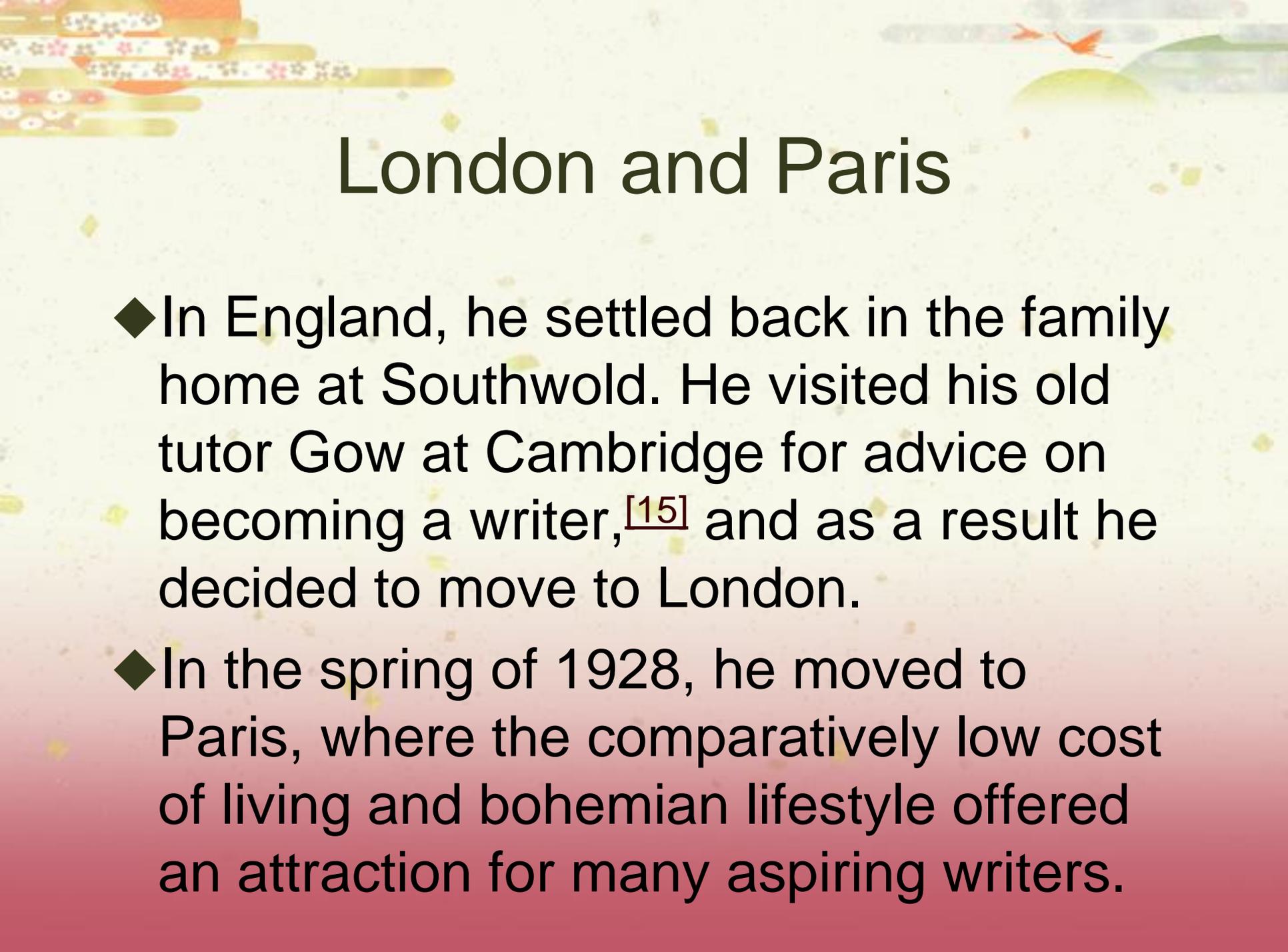


Eric Arthur Blair 1903-1950

Better known by his pen name **George Orwell**, was an English novelist and journalist. His work is marked by keen intelligence and wit, a profound awareness of social injustice, an intense, revolutionary opposition to totalitarianism



- ◆ Considered perhaps the 20th century's best chronicler of English culture,^[3] he wrote literary criticism and poetry, as well as fiction and polemical journalism. He is best known for the dystopian novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four* (1949) and the satirical novella *Animal Farm* (1945).



London and Paris

- ◆ In England, he settled back in the family home at Southwold. He visited his old tutor Gow at Cambridge for advice on becoming a writer,^[15] and as a result he decided to move to London.
- ◆ In the spring of 1928, he moved to Paris, where the comparatively low cost of living and bohemian lifestyle offered an attraction for many aspiring writers.

Southwold North Parade

- ◆ In December 1929, after a year and three quarters in Paris, Blair returned to England and went directly to his parents' house in Southwold, which was to remain his base for the next five years.



Teaching

- ◆ Blair then took a job teaching at the Hawthorne High School for Boys in Hayes, West London. This was a small school that provided private schooling for local tradesmen and shopkeepers and comprised only 20 boys and one other master

Hampstead

- ◆ He worked at a second-hand bookshop in Hampstead. These experiences provided background for the novel *Keep the Aspidistra Flying* 1936.



Development of his political conscience

- ◆ His investigations gave rise to *The Road to Wigan Pier*, published by Gollancz for the Left Book Club in 1937. The first half of this work documents his social investigations of Lancashire and Yorkshire. It begins with an evocative description of working life in the coal mines. The second half is a long essay of his upbringing, and the development of his political conscience, which includes criticism of some of the groups on the left.

Animal Farm

- ◆ At the BBC, Orwell introduced *Voice* a literary programme for his Indian broadcasts, and by now was leading an active social life with literary friends, particularly on the political left
- ◆ In March 1943 Orwell's mother died and around the same time he told Moore he was starting work on a new book, which would turn out to be *Animal Farm*.

- ◆ ***Animal Farm*** is a dystopian novella in the form of an allegory by George Orwell. Published in England on 17 August 1945, the book reflects events leading up to and during the Stalin era before World War II. Orwell, a democratic socialist and a member of the Independent Labour Party for many years, was a critic of Joseph Stalin and was suspicious of Moscow-directed Stalinism after his experiences with the NKVD during the Spanish Civil War

Final months and death

- ◆ Orwell had requested to be buried in accordance with the Anglican rite in the graveyard of the closest church to wherever he happened to die. The graveyards in central London had no space, and fearing that he might have to be cremated, against his wishes, his widow appealed to his friends to see if any of them knew of a church with space in its graveyard.

HERE LIES
ERIC ARTHUR B...
BORN JUNE 25 1905
DIED JANUARY 27 1980



Bob Marley 1945

- ◆ Bob Marley was born in the small village of Nine Mile in Saint Ann Parish, Jamaica as Nesta Robert Marley.
- ◆ His father, Norval Sinclair Marley, was a Jamaican of English descent.
- ◆ he married Cedella Booker, an Afro-Jamaican then 18 years old.^[8] Norval provided financial support for his wife and child, but seldom saw them, as he was often away on trips.





◆ I don't have prejudice against myself. My father was a white and my mother was black. Them call me half-caste or whatever. Me don't dip on nobody's side. Me don't dip on the black man's side nor the white man's side. Me dip on God's side, the one who create me and cause me to come from black and white

Cyril Lionel Robert James

1901–1989

- ◆ He was an Afro-Trinidadian historian, journalist, socialist theorist and essayist. He was influential in the United Kingdom and the United States in socialist parties and Marxist thought, as well as leading ideas about the end of colonialism.

London Years

- ◆ In 1933, James moved to London. James had begun to campaign for the independence of the West Indies while in Trinidad, and his *Life of Captain Cipriani* and the pamphlet *The Case for West-Indian Self Government* were his first important published works.

Canadian Literature

- ◆ Criticism of **Canadian literature** has focused on nationalistic and regional themes. Critics against such thematic criticism in Canadian literature, such as Frank Davey, have argued that a focus on theme diminishes the appreciation of complexity of the literature produced in the country, and creates the impression that Canadian literature is sociologically-oriented.

The Canadian Novel

- ◆ Since 1900, Canadian novels have tended toward stricter realism, but have remained predominantly regional, and many writers have been women. Among the most prominent authors have been Lucy M. Montgomery, author of *Anne of Green Gables* (1908);

Samuel Hearne 1745

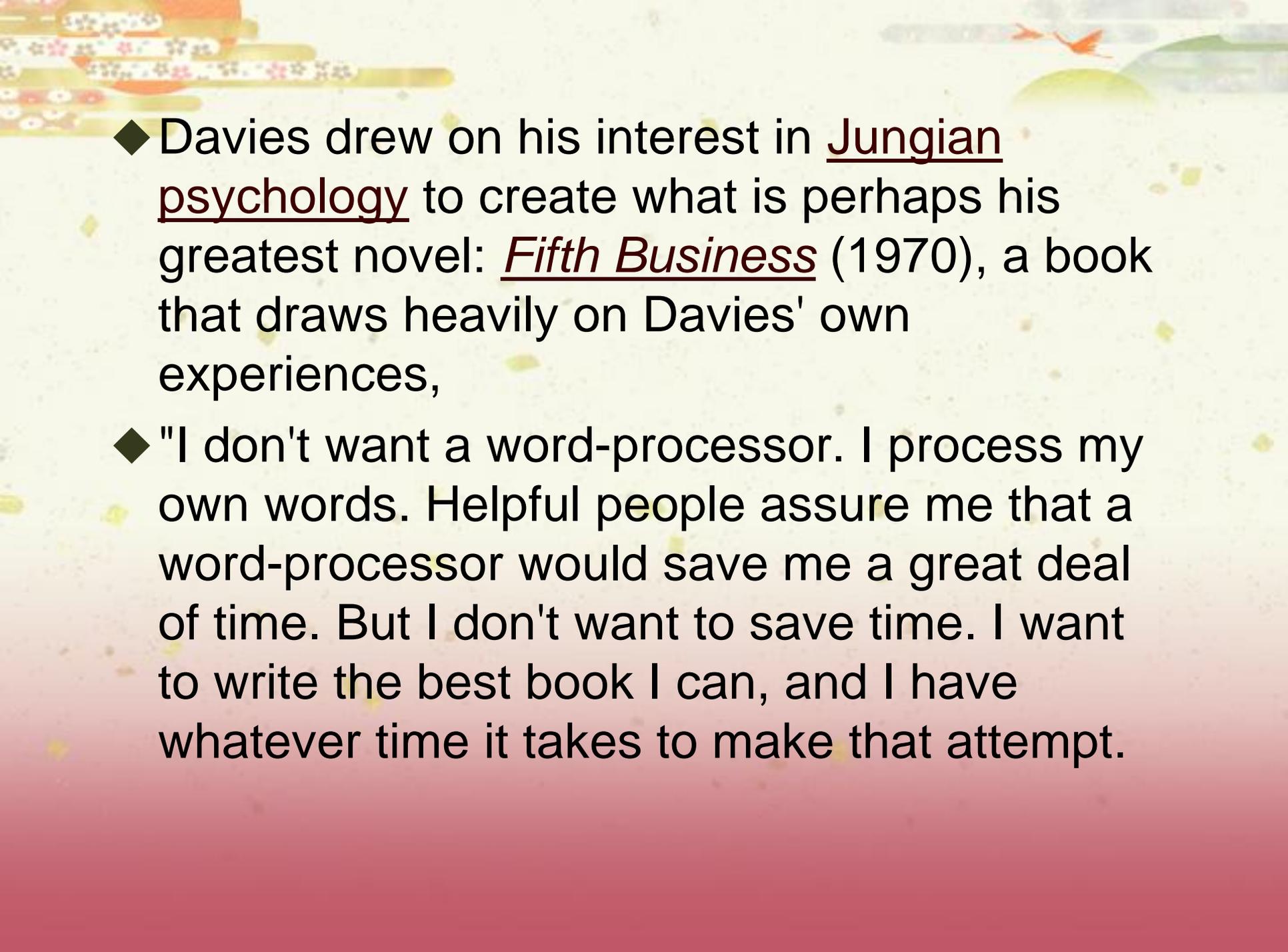
- ◆ was an explorer, fur-trader, author, and naturalist. He was the first European to make an overland excursion across northern Canada to the Arctic Ocean In 1774
- ◆ His friend William Wales was a teacher at Christ's Hospital and he assisted Hearne to write *A Journey from Prince of Wales's Fort in Hudson's Bay to the Northern Ocean.*

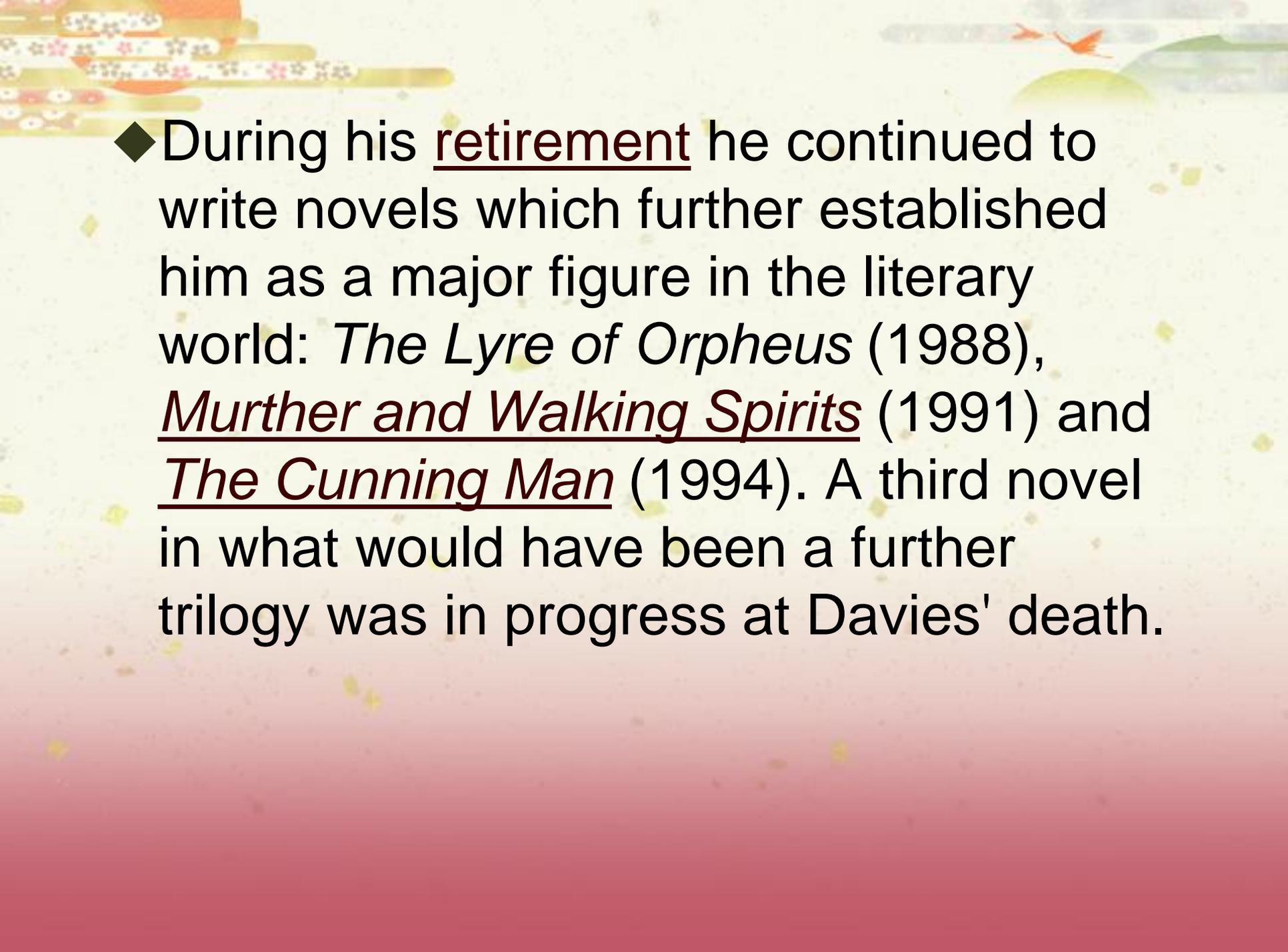
John Hugh Mac Lennan 1907-1990

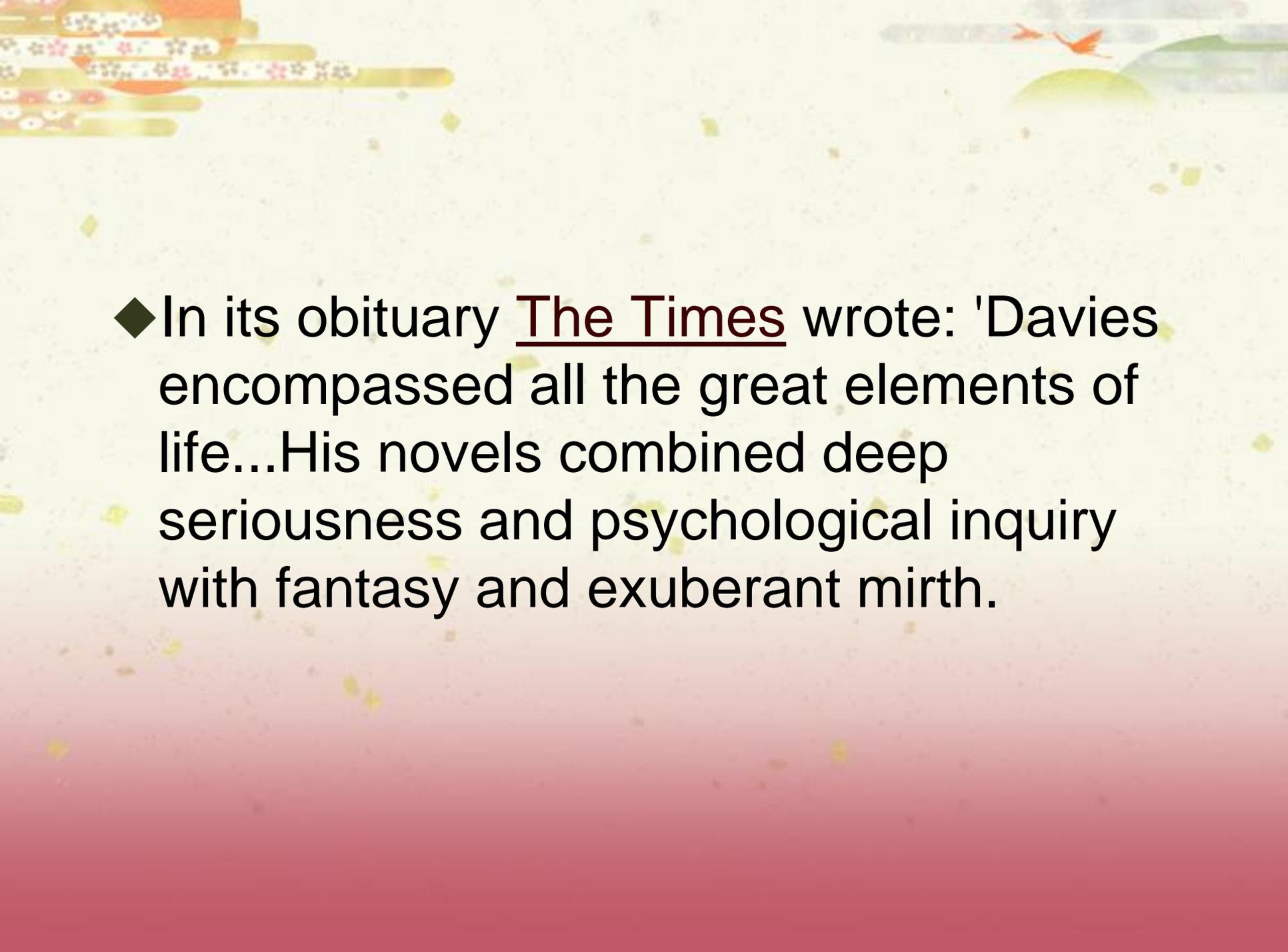
- ◆ He was a Canadian author and professor of English at McGill University. He won five Governor General's Awards and a Royal Bank Award.
- ◆ *Two Solitudes* won MacLennan his first Governor General's Award for Fiction.
- ◆ In 1948, MacLennan published *The Precipice*, which again won the Governor General's Award.

William Robertson Davies 1913-1995

- ◆ He was a Canadian novelist, playwright, critic, journalist, and professor. He was one of Canada's best-known and most popular authors, and one of its most distinguished "men of letters", a term Davies is variously said to have gladly accepted for himself and to have detested

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- ◆ Davies drew on his interest in Jungian psychology to create what is perhaps his greatest novel: *Fifth Business* (1970), a book that draws heavily on Davies' own experiences,
 - ◆ "I don't want a word-processor. I process my own words. Helpful people assure me that a word-processor would save me a great deal of time. But I don't want to save time. I want to write the best book I can, and I have whatever time it takes to make that attempt.

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- ◆ During his retirement he continued to write novels which further established him as a major figure in the literary world: *The Lyre of Orpheus* (1988), *Murther and Walking Spirits* (1991) and *The Cunning Man* (1994). A third novel in what would have been a further trilogy was in progress at Davies' death.

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- ◆ In its obituary The Times wrote: 'Davies encompassed all the great elements of life...His novels combined deep seriousness and psychological inquiry with fantasy and exuberant mirth.'

Fifth Business

- ◆ It is a 1970 novel by Canadian novelist, playwright, critic, journalist, and professor Robertson Davies. It is the first installment of the Deptford Trilogy and is a story of the life of the narrator, Dunstan Ramsay. It is Davies' best-known novel,^[1] and considered his finest.^[2]

Margaret Eleanor Atwood 1939

- ◆ She is a Canadian author, poet, critic, essayist, feminist and social campaigner. She is among the most-honoured authors of fiction in recent history; she is a winner of the Arthur C. Clarke Award and Prince of Asturias award for Literature, has been shortlisted for the Booker Prize five times, winning once, and has been a finalist for the Governor General's Award seven times, winning twice



Surfacing

- ◆ The book tells the story of a woman who returns to her hometown in Canada to find her missing father. Accompanied by her lover and another married couple, the unnamed protagonist meets her past in her childhood house, recalling events and feelings, while trying to find clues for her father's mysterious disappearance. Little by little, the past overtakes her and drives her into the realm of wildness and madness.

