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Chapter 1 : The Defoe Society: Bibliography

Downing's book is, like Shawn Thomson's The Fortress of American Solitude: Robinson Crusoe and Antebellum Culture (), a study of Crusoe as what Thomson calls a "topos of masculinity" (31).

According to Tim Severin, "Daniel Defoe, a secretive man, neither confirmed or denied that Selkirk was the model for the hero of his book. Apparently written in six months or less, Robinson Crusoe was a publishing phenomenon. Becky Little argues three events that distinguish the two stories. The last and most crucial difference between the two stories is Selkirk is a pirate, looting and raiding coastal cities. He had no access to fresh water and lived off the blood and flesh of sea turtles and birds. He was quite a celebrity when he returned to Europe and before passing away, he recorded the hardships suffered in documents that show, the endless anguish and suffering, the product of the most absolute abandonment to his fate and that can be found now in the Archivo General de Indias, in Seville. His short book about his desperate escape from a Caribbean penal colony, followed by his shipwrecking and subsequent desert island misadventures, was published by J. Before the end of the year, this first volume had run through four editions. Interpretations[edit] Crusoe standing over Friday after he frees him from the cannibals Novelist James Joyce noted that the true symbol of the British Empire is Robinson Crusoe, to whom he ascribed stereotypical and somewhat hostile English racial characteristics: The whole Anglo-Saxon spirit in Crusoe: This is achieved through the use of European technology, agriculture and even a rudimentary political hierarchy. Several times in the novel Crusoe refers to himself as the "king" of the island, whilst the captain describes him as the "governor" to the mutineers. At the very end of the novel the island is explicitly referred to as a "colony". The idealised master-servant relationship Defoe depicts between Crusoe and Friday can also be seen in terms of cultural imperialism. Nonetheless Defoe also takes the opportunity to criticise the historic Spanish conquest of South America. Hunter, Robinson is not a hero but an everyman. He begins as a wanderer, aimless on a sea he does not understand, and ends as a pilgrim, crossing a final mountain to enter the promised land. The book tells the story of how Robinson becomes closer to God, not through listening to sermons in a church but through spending time alone amongst nature with only a Bible to read. Conversely, cultural critic and literary scholar Michael Gurnow views the novel from a Rousseauian perspective. Defoe was a Puritan moralist and normally worked in the guide tradition, writing books on how to be a good Puritan Christian, such as *The New Family Instructor* and *Religious Courtship*. While Robinson Crusoe is far more than a guide, it shares many of the themes and theological and moral points of view. Crusoe would have been remembered by contemporaries and the association with guide books is clear. It has even been speculated that *God the Guide of Youth* inspired Robinson Crusoe because of a number of passages in that work that are closely tied to the novel. When confronted with the cannibals, Crusoe wrestles with the problem of cultural relativism. Despite his disgust, he feels unjustified in holding the natives morally responsible for a practice so deeply ingrained in their culture. Nevertheless, he retains his belief in an absolute standard of morality; he regards cannibalism as a "national crime" and forbids Friday from practising it. Robinson Crusoe economy In classical, neoclassical and Austrian economics, Crusoe is regularly used to illustrate the theory of production and choice in the absence of trade, money and prices. The arrival of Friday is then used to illustrate the possibility of trade and the gains that result. Severin concludes his investigations by stating that the real Robinson Crusoe figure was Henry Pitman, a castaway who had been surgeon to the Duke of Monmouth. Critics such as Maximilian E. Faust, *Don Quixote*, *Don Juan*, *Robinson Crusoe*, in which Watt explores the impact that several Romantic Era novels had against economic individualism, and the reversal of those ideals that takes place within Robinson Crusoe. This further supports the belief that Defoe used aspects of a spiritual biography in order to introduce the benefits of individualism to a not entirely convinced ideological community. Early critics, such as Robert Louis Stevenson, admired it, saying that the footprint scene in Crusoe was one of the four greatest in English literature and most unforgettable; more prosaically, Dr. Wesley Vernon has seen the origins of forensic

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podiatry in this episode. This section needs additional citations for verification. Please help improve this article by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. September Learn how and when to remove this template message The book proved so popular that the names of the two main protagonists have entered the language. During World War II , people who decided to stay and hide in the ruins of the German-occupied city of Warsaw for a period of three winter months, from October to January , when they were rescued by the Red Army , were later called Robinson Crusoes of Warsaw. Robinson Crusoe marked the beginning of realistic fiction as a literary genre. In *The Unthinkable Swift: In Treasure Island* , author Robert Louis Stevenson parodies Crusoe with the character of Ben Gunn , a friendly castaway who was marooned for many years, has a wild appearance, dresses entirely in goat skin and constantly talks about providence. Rousseau wants Emile to identify himself as Crusoe so he can rely upon himself for all of his needs. In *The Tale of Little Pig Robinson* , Beatrix Potter directs the reader to Robinson Crusoe for a detailed description of the island the land of the Bong tree to which her eponymous hero moves. He considers *The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe* the finest book ever written, reads it over and over again, and considers a man but poorly read if he had happened not to read the book. Likewise, in , J. The story was also illustrated and published in comic book form by *Classics Illustrated* in and The piece was produced again in , this time starring Grimaldi as Clown. In , Grimaldi played Friday in another version of Robinson Crusoe. This was based on the British pantomime version rather than the novel itself. There is a silent film titled Robinson Crusoe. The Soviet 3D film *Robinzon Kruzo* was produced in Walt Disney later comeditized the novel with Lt. A movie entitled Robinson Crusoe starred Pierce Brosnan and received limited commercial success. Variations on the theme include the *Miss Robin Crusoe* , with a female castaway, played by Amanda Blake , and a female Friday, and the film *Robinson Crusoe on Mars* , starring Paul Mantee , with an alien Friday portrayed by Victor Lundin and an added character played by Adam West. It starred Robert Hoffmann. The black and white series was dubbed into English and German. Dean briefly mentions Crusoe in one of his music videos.

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The Resource The fortress of American solitude: Robinson Crusoe and antebellum culture, Shawn Thomson The fortress of American solitude: Robinson Crusoe and antebellum culture, Shawn Thomson Resource Information.

Masculinity and Robinson Crusoe, " by Karen Downing. The promoters of colonization and emigration pushed this connection, aware that men who might be inclined to undertake the journey had been reared on Crusoe and stories like it. In his account of the United States from to , Thomson establishes that Crusoe was a mainstay of boyhood reading, ubiquitous in libraries, and a reference point for numerous tales of solitary adventuring in the expanding nation. Crusoe evidently proved useful at this historical moment in this locale: In several chapters there are a few nods to Crusoe where an original source has obligingly mentioned it, but for large parts, Crusoe is incidental not intrinsic to the argument. Of course, it is all three, and sometimes in overlapping ways: The agency in the final clause is a bit odd: Crusoe and his story created a shared understanding of his character. Actually the idea is that cultural contexts of migration and masculinity created this shared perception, and indeed the majority of the book is concerned with delineating the social conditions into which occasional Crusoe references are inserted. Downing moves between larger understandings of changing masculinity in the late Georgian period and more particular manifestations in Australian-related texts. *Restless Men* comprises eight chapters. The second examines travel and attendant ideas of self-discovery and maturation. The third moves to the education of boys and their becoming men, and chapter 4 tackles the place of seafaring in Australian-British national identity and how it intersected with masculine ideals. Throughout the book, Downing demonstrates a sure hand with the historiography and draws dexterously on contemporary conduct literature as well as private writings. The book is highly recommended to those interested in late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century sociocultural history, particularly of gender and empire. Scholars of Defoe will want to dip in at the very least. *Crusoe and other Castaways in Modern French Literature: U of Delaware P, Mapping Men and Empire: The Fortress of American Solitude: Madison and Teaneck, N. Fairleigh Dickinson UP,*

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Chapter 4 : Restless Men: Masculinity and Robinson Crusoe, "â€", by Karen Downing | Digital Defoe

Robinson Crusoe as a topos of masculinity in nineteenth-century America -- A remembrance of things Typee: Herman Melville and the making of the man who slept with.

Minecraft and Robinson Crusoe Submitted by bjs on Fri, 6: An assistant professor of game studies at the University of Texas at Dallas, Nguyen engages science and technology studies and media studies in his research, focusing on the politics of play, toys, and games. How did you come to link Minecraft with Robinson Crusoe? How can stories like Robinson Crusoe help people who do not play Minecraft better understand the game? While it relies on the narrative tradition of Robinson Crusoe, Minecraft is also noted for leaning on Legos for their reputation as educational creative toys. Many have described Minecraft, a world constructed in conceptual blocks, as virtual Legos. Together, the various elements I mention highlight an idealized relationship between individuals and society held together by what counts as new and the making of the new. As I show in the article, as well as the larger book-length project I am currently developing, contemporary understandings of creativity intersect several related historical threads. I am particularly interested in how individuality serves as foundational to what we recognize as original perception, thought, and action. For example, I see this union of creativity and individuality across both discussions of the inventiveness of Robinson Crusoe as the archetypal man of modernity as well as debates about the role of creativity in instructions for Legos and other construction toys. Central to both is their entanglement in contemporary discussions of Minecraft, namely, how definitions of creativity negotiate social conventions and traditions. To me, these conflicts underscore how society is a precondition for recognizing someone or something as creative, even if creativity is often couched as a conflict between an individual and society. People worry about digital games leading to idleness, antisocial behavior, and violence, and those concerns have lurked for several decades, Minecraft is treated as an exception, particularly as it is increasingly framed as an educational game or a platform for educational play at home and in schools. This characterization represents a large cultural shift that acknowledges digital games as good for or even vital to children and their development. Educational games are often treated with skepticism as they must be both fun and instructional without one interfering or eclipsing the otherâ€”a challenge that has proven to be extremely tricky as fun and educational have largely been conceived of as opposing goals. Moreover, the majority of educational games are designed for specific content, but Minecraft, as its championed as an educational game, has been used as an adaptive interactive platform for instruction in a range of topics, such as circuit design, statistics, and world language instruction. Yet Minecraft itself was not designed to be an educational game. Because its flexible design is predicated on construction, however, it can be used as a tool for instructors to develop their own educational scenarios, lessons, and games. Therefore, even as Minecraft is lauded for its educational potential, it always requires special modding modification , configuring, or directed lesson plans to serve educational purposes. It does not seem to be used much as a stand-alone educational tool out of the box. What do you think is the relationship between creative practices in Minecraft and creative practices outside of the game? For me, Minecraft foregrounds that creativity is not and should not be understood as creating something completely new. Creativity always reconfigures existing materials, but in previously unaccounted for ways; it is incremental. What counts as unaccounted for or novel is contextually and situationally specific rather than universally new. This is how recognizing the necessity of society is crucial for defining creativity, since creativity is commonly framed as the excess of social convention and tradition. As such, different social and historical contexts provide different conditions for recognizing something as creative; recognizing something as creative is largely a social process itself. In my article, I suggest that Minecraft is formally and mechanically concerned with arranging various blocks together to create tools, weapons, food, and other items through crafting. So the game encourages players to play the game by combining existing forms to create new forms. Similarly, creative practices outside of the game are not about creating wholly novel things but about

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mixing and remixing what is already available in unexpected but incremental ways. What made *Configurations* the right journal for this article? Because of the sprawling topical threads I trace in the article in cultural and technoscientific domains—including literary history, the history of toys, the history of psychology, science education, and software literacy—*Configurations* and its interdisciplinary scope was a compelling option for me. The positive reception at the conference of the work presented as well as the incredibly helpful feedback signaled to me a strong fit in audience.

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