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Biographical Notes

Arthur Mizener

American educator, biographer, and critic Arthur Mizener (1907-1988) is best known as the author of the first F. Scott Fitzgerald biography, *The Far Side of Paradise*, which was published in 1951. The best-selling biography was credited with renewing interest in Fitzgerald and advancing Fitzgerald's reputation as a major American author.

Twenty years later, Mizener published a biography of Ford Madox Ford, the British novelist and founding editor of *Transatlantic Review* and *Two Worlds*. In addition, Mizener published several other works, among them *The Sense of Life in the Modern Novel* and *A Handbook of Analyses, Questions, and a Discussion of Technique for Use with Modern Short Stories: The Uses of Imagination*; edited various other works, including a collection of Fitzgerald's miscellaneous writings; and wrote numerous essays and book reviews.

Mizener also taught at Yale University; Wells College in Aurora, New York; and Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. In 1951, Mizener accepted a position as Mellon Foundation Professor of English at Cornell University and remained there until his retirement in 1975.

John S. Monagan


Sources:


In answering Monagan's letter, Arthur Mizener commented on Eudora Welty's criticism of his book and noted that in writing of Ford's life he had tried to be "judicious" but wondered if he had "failed to achieve it."

In concluding his letter, Mizener mentioned teaching at Yale and remembering a colleague by the name of Dick Goss. This letter is accompanied by a form memorandum that bears the typed name of Richard W. Goss.
Selected Search Terms

Personal Names

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Monagan, John S., correspondent.

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