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The Previously Uncollected Writings of Gertrude Stein, edited by Robert Bartlett Haas, Black Sparrow Press, Volume 1: Reflection on the Atomic Bomb, , Volume 2: How Writing Is Written, Dear Sammy: Letters from Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas, edited by Samuel M. Steward, Houghton Mifflin (Boston, MA),

It was not published in book form until in *How Writing Is Written*. A hotel in the country is not the same as a hotel in a town but it is in a small town. They all went to the funeral. They passed up near the corpse, they kissed the cross, they were sprayed by the censer and they passed near where they the five of them, perhaps more were standing. It was not terrible. They find likely that she was dead. She fell upon the pavement of cement in the court and broke her back but did not die nor did she know why. In five days she was dead. Do you see what I mean. In a hotel one cooks and the other looks at everything. That makes a man and wife. Everybody knows all that. As that can keep everybody busy, nobody goes out. He did not go out because his mother had not, though his father had. He was like that. She his wife did not go out because she was the only wife he had. He said he did not want another even if she cried. He did not say he did not want another one even if she tried and died. When we heard she was dead. Not that anybody minded. How did she die. Now I will try. And she was dead. But in five days. Although many wanted to send flowers, in case, that she was, already dead. How can she die if it is not right to die. In some countries nobody can die if it is not right to be dead. And if it happens where nobody dies if it is not right to die, it is a dishonor, that if she is dead, she died. In every country there is some way in which it is not right to be dead, that is to die. Each one knows why. Listen to this one. Long ago that is before this was, long ago, not so very long ago after all because she was not forty, but any way some time ago there was a hotel keeper who had succeeded his father, who had succeeded his father, who had already succeeded his father. In other words if there was to be a son and there came to be three, there would then have been six generations of hotel keepers. Six generations in some countries are not so many but still anyway they are quite a few. It was the sixth who was not yet a hotel keeper and perhaps never would be one because he was to be a lawyer who said that there were six. But he became one that is he became a hotel keeper and the reason why is this. He was not yet a lawyer when his mother, yes it was his mother, it was she who was found dead and not in her bed not even dead anywhere. Remember the cement was there and she had fallen there and they had put her away from there and it was early in the morning and so nobody who was staying in the hotel knew that she had been there. It was his mother who was dead there where no one should be dead, when all is said, and very much is said, is always said. And so he would not be a lawyer because, and this is natural, if a mother is dead, mysteriously dead, a son cannot be trusted as a lawyer, but he can be trusted as a cook, and hotel keeper or as a brother of a cook and hotel keeper, or as a son of a cook and hotel keeper or even later as a grandson and a father of a cook and hotel keeper. Do you really understand. Way back before this war, there was a hotel keeper, a very little man with very fine features and if he became very stout later he would be impressive, which he did, and which he was. He saw a young girl who was also small but rather flat of face who had a smile and who also later on would be stout but she would be stout and charming and be stout and steadily moving in every direction. She would be occupied with every little thing that she ever saw. She would know about clean linen, about peaches and little cakes, as few as possible of each and yet always enough. She would oversee the maids at work, she would push them gently forward to do what there was to do and there was always all of that to do. For them and for her. All day and every day. She was always very nearly perfect when she stood. Except when it was late and he and she would dine. Think of all that. Just think of all that. He, the cook and hotel keeper, was little like his mother. His father had been and was tall. All of us who think about it see what we see. And then the war came, this late war. She had come from poorer people than he. He had not come from poor people at all. This does make a difference and in a way does not make anybody glad. When the war came he went away to the war. He was a little man and he went away to the war. Sometimes a little man does not go to the war because he is too little to carry all a soldier has to carry on him, but this man was a little man, and he went to the war and what is more, he did not go and cook at the war, as many a cook did, he went to the war and he fought in the war, and

what is more, he fought all the long years of the war until there was no more war. And all this time she was at home, home at the hotel. And was it home. In a way it was and in a way it was not, but any way it was the only home she had. Every day and every day she had to see that everything came out from where it was put away and that everything again was put away. That was their way. That had always been their way. In that way she passed each day and each day passed away which was a night, too. Anybody knows that a night is not a day. She cried when she tried but even as a day was a day it came to be that way. But it was never only a day. Every day had a day in its way. In every day there was a day in the way and it came that the day was all day. In this way one day she tried to find the night beside and when she tried to find the night beside she cried. And her husband came home from the war and there were four children. Now that he had come back from the war they grew richer and richer. Nothing changed but that. After a war is over if they come back from the war and they grow richer and richer sometimes everything changes and sometimes nothing changes but that. She had come from poor people and he had not. She was very gracious and smiled sweetly and every day everything was taken out and every day everything was put away and sometimes several times during every day. He was the cook and hotel keeper he was very busy every day. That is the way to see a thing, see it from the outside. That makes it clear that nobody is dead yet. They grew richer and richer every day. That was the only change every day. And every day the change was in that way. As I said they never went out and they never went away and they and they stayed that way. One day he did not go away, but what happened. He was unfaithful to her. He never went away she never went away and she knew that night was day. Just think of it. She knew that the night was a day. Everybody knows in a way the difference between the night and the day. She tried to be while she cried. She tried once when she tried, do you remember once when she tried she cried. Lizzie, do you understand? Everything passed away except that they did get richer every day. That was all five years ago or so.

2: How Writing Is Written by Gertrude Stein

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Gertrude Stein Biography Gertrude Stein is not particularly famous for being a novelist. Indeed, her best-known novel, *The Making of Americans*, is not read much, not least because the full version runs to over a thousand pages and is probably only remembered for the famous quotation *A rose is a rose is a rose is a rose*. It is not entirely sure what she is famous for. Is it because she held court in Paris during the Twenties and Thirties, influencing, encouraging and helping virtually every major writer, thinker and artist, American and European? Is it because she and others promoted the Gertrude Stein cult she called herself *The greatest mind of the twentieth century*? Is it because of her famous Lesbian relationship with Alice. Toklas, which resulted in her most famous book, *The Autobiography of Alice B. Or perhaps because of her poetry which is being rediscovered?* Gertrude Stein was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania but was educated abroad. She studied at Radcliffe College, where one of her instructors was William James who introduced her to psychology. She went on to Johns Hopkins to study the brain. She then drifted off to Europe, ending up in Paris where she was to stay for the rest of her life. She initially lived with her brother Leo but after she met Alice B. Toklas, they lived in France all the time, though they left Paris during the war and lived in their country home in Bilignin, returning to Paris after the war to find their things still intact. Sadly, Stein was to live only a short while after, having contracted colon cancer. She will be remembered but I am not entirely sure what for. Gertrude Stein John Malcolm Brinnin: *Gertrude Stein Nancy Cole: Everybody Who Was Anybody: Gertrude Stein Frederick John Hoffman: Gertrude Stein Bettina Liebowitz Knapp: Gertrude Stein James R. Gertrude and Alice Elizabeth Sprigge: Her Life and Work Alice B. Gertrude Stein and her Family Other links.*

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The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas The Mother of Us All Overview A controversial figure during her lifetime, Stein is now regarded as a major literary modernist and one of the most influential writers of the twentieth century. Working against the naturalistic conventions of nineteenth-century fiction, she developed an abstract manner of expression that was a counterpart in language to the work of the postimpressionists and cubists in the visual arts. Stein wrote prolifically in many genres, composing novels, poetry, plays, and literary portraits. Her radical approach to these forms was admired and emulated by other writers of her era and has served as a key inspiration for such postmodernist writers as the French New Novelists. Lacking a satisfactory relationship with her parents, she grew very close to her brother Leo. Radcliffe, and in particular her favorite professor there, the psychologist William James, proved a decisive influence on her intellectual development. In , however, after several years of study, she grew disaffected with medicine and left the university without completing her degree. In the months that followed, Stein devoted herself to the study of literary classics. Inspired by her reading, particularly the works of Gustave Flaubert and Henry James, she began to write her first novels. This revolution in the visual arts encouraged Stein to formulate a literary aesthetic that would, similarly, violate existing formal conventions in order to allow the reader to experience language and ideas in provocative new ways. A Lifelong Partnership with Alice B. Stein found a much more appreciative audience in her friend Alice B. Toklas, a young woman from California who was staying in Paris. In Stein invited Toklas to live with her, and the women developed a close and affectionate relationship that Stein referred to as a marriage; they remained together for the rest of their lives. Because commercial publishers initially rejected her work, Stein was forced to subsidize the printing of her first books. However, many of her distinguished and influential friends, most notably art patron Mabel Dodge, critic Carl Van Vechten, and poet Edith Sitwell, admired and promoted her writings, and by the outbreak of World War I she was regarded as a central figure in the modernist movement. Prior to the war, Alsace was controlled by the German Empire but in , after the Treaty of Versailles was signed, the region reverted to France. So dedicated to the volunteer effort were Stein and Toklas that they sold their last Matisse painting, the once controversial *Woman with a Hat*, in order to take the assignment. By , Stein and Toklas were living a pleasantly domestic life of gardening, preserving, and baking cakes in their summer residence at Bilignin. Basket, the white poodle they had acquired in , had made a dog lover of Stein. Famous Spanish artist responsible for cubism and a good friend of Stein. French writer and friend of Stein; one of the founders of the surrealist movement. Brother of novelist Henry James; famous American philosopher, psychologist, and doctor; mentor to Gertrude Stein. Death from Inoperable Cancer On July 19, , Gertrude Stein collapsed on her way to stay at the country house of a friend. She was immediately rushed to the American Hospital at Neuilly, where she was diagnosed with inoperable cancer, but against medical discretion, she ordered the doctors to operate. On July 23 she made her will, then settled in to wait, heavily sedated and in considerable pain, for the operation, scheduled for July She died on the operating table while still under anesthesia. Works in Literary Context In her innovative uses of language Stein has bridged the gap between conventionalism and experimentalism. For Stein language was the only tool capable of advancing social harmony and personal integrity and of negotiating the affiliation between thought and word. She knew that she was a difficult and an idiosyncratic author. She pursued her aims, however, with such conviction and intensity that occasionally she forgot that the results could be difficult to others. A friend, to whom she showed recently completed examples of her poetry, was frequently driven to reply sadly: Just read the words on the paper. The persistent activity of her artistic vision makes her a major writer of this century, comparable in the magnitude of her perception and achievement to her contemporaries Ezra Pound and James Joyce. Toklas, Stein proved to her critics that she was capable of writing a relatively conventional, commercially successful work. Stein nevertheless followed the popular success of the Autobiography with

other memoirs. Here are some other works that modify and distort language in order to achieve a certain effect on the reader or viewer: *The Cantos*, a poem by Ezra Pound. A long poem composed of Chinese characters and chaotic rhythms. *Naked Lunch*, a novel by William S. Burroughs, a film directed by David Lynch. One of the first cult films, much of the dialogue consists of screaming and incomprehensible dream sequences. What are the main characteristics of each? How does she describe herself as a character in her own memoir? Why do you think she chose to write the book from the point of view of Toklas instead of herself? University of Wisconsin Press, New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, Volume 2 of *Intimate Memories. A Biography of Her Work*. Periodicals Gass, William H. *Her Escape from Protective Language. The Art of Gertrude Stein*. Cite this article Pick a style below, and copy the text for your bibliography.

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5: Books by Gertrude Stein

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She went all around the world. It did not take her long and everything she saw interested her. This occurs exactly by virtue of that peculiar handling of the temporal dimension within the novel which makes both coordinates "time and space" reach an ontological incidence. There was a baby born named Ida. Its mother held it with her hands to keep Ida from being born but when the time came Ida came. And as Ida came, with her came her twin, so there was Ida-Ida. That was the first funny thing that happened to Ida. The days were long and there was nothing to do. She saw the moon and she saw the sun and she saw the grass and she saw the streets. The first time she saw anything it frightened her. As she does with time, Ida sweeps space, embracing, intersecting and conjoining with it, blurring all boundaries and expanding any limits, stretching earth and sky in every direction "vertically, horizontally, diagonally" making distant places wonderfully overlap or coincide in the extra-ordinary simultaneity of her demiurgic experience. Like a god, her will pervades the cosmos, which she rules from both inside and outside the world, sometimes even beyond the atmosphere, giving her story a starry quality. But even on a merely referential level, Ida invades the entire space surrounding her, with her ceaseless peregrinations, abrupt shifts, improbable jumps, abductions, sudden arrivals and unmotivated departures: Quotations like these "implying variations and movement" are interspersed throughout the text: That is, without going she varies location, as if the whole space were permeated by her intrinsic immanence. Ida saw herself come, then she saw a man come, then she saw a man go away, then she saw herself go away. Reconciling her desire to wander and her need to rest, Ida wanders among possibilities that remain open, nomadizing in order to stay in the same place, the place where she is always just Ida. Ida is restless and needs to rest; she changes locations unpredictably and reappears unexpectedly; she marries, wanders away from marriage, remarries, and wanders while she is married. Within the logic of this text, all possibilities may potentially be present simultaneously [â€] Stein refuses to fix Ida [â€] affirming instead the superior value of narrative indeterminacy. Hoffmann to Harriet Chessman, from N. Camboni, just to quote a few; great attention has always been devoted to this intriguing text, I am attracted by recent readings such as Ellen E. The Offices of Origin; Ida and Andrew: Rather than viewing it as her return to realism, however, the novel might more accurately be seen as a miming of mimesis [â€]. Even geographically, Ida roams through space, from State to State, from town to town, from house to house, nonchalantly mapping with her presence the whole American soil: One day, she saw a star it was an uncommonly large one and when it set it made a cross, she looked and looked and she did not hear Andrew take a walk and that was natural enough she was not there. They had lost her. Ida was gone [â€] she came back to life exactly the day before yesterday. Her dimension is magic, cosmic, ancestral, archetypal. Evidently, many issues are raised by this complex text. Firstly, readers are captivated by vivid debate on its attribution to a precise genre novel, romance, melodrama, autobiography, fairy-tale, farce, bildungsroman, picaresque, pantomime, pastiche of genres, sit-com, etc. Secondly, we are required to face and disentangle its problematical narrative framework; anti-canonical and anti-patriarchal tout court. Whatever the option, Ida strikingly epitomizes all Steinian thought. This is what they did. These words did not mean anything to Ida. It is instead viable to identify some of her leading thematic paths: Reviewing its genesis, I will try to show how it comes to shape, and eventually how it intertwines with the issue of space. A Novel of Real Life. Franken, But the great fictional antecedent of Ida is, naturally, Melanctha. In her book Reading Gertrude Stein. Berry in turn compares the two characters, suggesting that for the first heroine restlessness is the cause of her failure, consumption and death; whereas for Ida it becomes a key to success and fulfilment. You know Love I am like that when I have to have it I have to have it. And I have to have a twin, yes Love. Are you beautiful as beautiful as I am dear twin Ida, are you, and if you are perhaps I am not. I can not go away Ida, I am here always, if not here then somewhere [â€] but you dear Ida you are not [â€]. Dear Ida oh dear Ida do do be one.

Do not let them know you have any name but Ida and I know Ida will win, Ida Ida Ida, From your twin Ida As we previously saw in the incipience, Ida is born with a twin, but the twin soon dies. But she always longs for her double, feeling her absence; besides that, she wants an alternative to herself; so she re-creates her double, Ida-Ida: The twin might be seen as her alter ego, her unconscious or her unactualized potential. She assumes the seemingly timeless existence of the star [â€¦] yet Winnie is dependent on the assent, ideas and lives of others. She does not veil the fact that Winnie does not exist. Jekyll, does not allow her other self to get entirely away from her, recognizes that the two incarnations in which she has come to live are related to quite different realms. Ida is divided and doubled, legible and incomprehensible, innocent and demoniac at once. Alternating between herself and her twin, she also alternated between restlessness and stasis. Ida stayed as long as she could and then she went away. She always stayed as long as she could. Ida withstands any attempt to fix her. The two equally urging impulses alternatively prevail; that is why she needs an alter-ego, and sometimes even a third possibility. Being ubiquitous she ends up being omnipresent, therefore embodying the beginning-and-end principle of space. Ultimately, Ida aims at becoming the emblem if not of infinitude, at least of the spatial continuum. At one point in Ida , with typical Steinian ambiguity and with an overt lack of antecedents and referents, the narrator comments: But the space of the subconscious is implied also. A novel is what you dream in your night sleep. A novel is not waking thoughts although it is written and thought with waking thoughts. But really a novel goes as dreams go in sleeping at night and some dreams are like anything and some dreams are like something and some dreams change and some dreams are quiet and some are not. And some dreams are just what anyone would do only a little different always just a little different and that is what a novel is. Some oneirical elements have a strong symbolical and sexual connotation; throughout the text, dreams mingle with daydreams and fable-like passages. At one point she dreams of white orchids: Ida and he settled down together and one night she dreamed of a field of orchids, white orchids each on their stalk in a field. Such a pretty girl to have dreamed of white orchids each on his stalk in a field. That is what she dreamed. Some of her dreams carry in the protagonists the same psychological features of the Ida character and eventually of Gertrude herself , who acts in the primary level of the story. One example is the playfulness, humour and irony which characterize Ida in her careless attitude towards the usual human worries: She was sitting and she dreamed that Andrew was a soldier. She dreamed well not dreamed but just dreamed. The day had been set for their marriage and everything had been ordered. Ida was always careful about ordering, food clothes cars, clothes food cars everything was well chosen and the day was chosen and the day was set and then the telephone rang and it said that Andrew was dying, and Ida knew that the food would do for the people who came to the funeral and the car would do to go to the funeral and the clothes would not do dear me no they would not do and all of this was just dreaming [â€¦]. She dreamed that clothes were like Spanish ice-cream. She did not know why she dreamed of Spain. She was married in Washington, there was ice-cream there were clothes, but there was no Spain. Spain never came, but ice-cream and clothes clothes and ice-cream, food and clothes, politics, generals and admirals, clothes and food, she was married and she was in Washington. Would you never rather be Ida, they said, never rather be Ida, she laughed, never, they said never rather be Ida. Of course not, of course she would always rather be Ida and she was. Curved Thought and Textual Wandering: University of Michigan Press, Cornell University Press, How Writing Is Written. Black Sparrow Press, Gertrude Stein, Writings A Biography of Her Work. Yale University Press, Oxford University Press, Religion in the Making. New York and Scarborough, Ontario: Meridian-New American Library, Notes 1. The number in brackets indicates the page. This title is, on its turn, a quotation from Ida. The essay suggests, among other sharp critical remarks, a Lacanian reading of the Steinian novel. I am intrigued by the remarks Claudia Franken makes on this incipience: Yet there is and aspect of violence [â€¦].

6: The Previously Uncollected Writings Of Gertrude Stein by Stein, Gertrude

Some of the more notable are The Previously Uncollected Writings of Gertrude Stein and Dear Sammy: Letters from Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas. These works were released in and respectively. In Stein's Four Saints in Three Acts was remade into an avant-garde opera. Further Reading on Gertrude Stein. Stein remains a controversial figure.

February 3, Death Date: July 27, Place of Birth: Allegheny, Pennsylvania, United States Nationality: Although the ultimate value of her writing was a matter of debate, in its time it profoundly affected the work of a generation of American writers. Gertrude Stein was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, on February 3, , the youngest of five children of affluent German-Jewish-American parents. Her early formal education was spotty, but she was an avid reader and had a strong interest in art. With only a year of high school, she managed to be admitted in to Radcliffe College, where she specialized in psychology and became a favorite of William James. He discovered her great capacity for automatic writing, in which the conscious mind is suspended and the unconscious directly evoked. The Expatriate Stein did not take a degree at Radcliffe or at Johns Hopkins, where she studied medicine for 4 years. In she went to Paris and took up residence on the Left Bank with her brother Leo. In she met Alice B. Toklas, a wealthy young San Franciscan who became her lifelong companion and secretary, running the household, typing manuscripts, and screening visitors. France became their permanent home. In her early Paris years Stein established herself as a champion of the painting avant-garde. Her brother Leo became a famous art critic, but their relationship, which had been extremely close, became permanently estranged in because of a disagreement over his marriage. Scott Fitzgerald, and Ernest Hemingway. It was to Hemingway that Stein characterized the disenchanting expatriate veterans as a "lost generation. The stylistic innovations and peculiarities of her writing appealed primarily to a small coterie, but her prestige as a taste maker was lifelong. The denotative value of words was almost entirely abandoned; instead, words were used in a connotative, associative, and surrealistic way. The Making of Americans: In the s and s she concentrated on memoirs, esthetic theory, plays, and art criticism. The Relation of Human Nature to the Human Mind explained the theoretical basis of her literary practice. The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas , written as if by Toklas, was an autobiography of Stein. Unexpectedly intelligible and charming, it became a best seller. Dupee called it "one of the best memoirs in American literature. Similar to her nondramatic work in its surrealism and plotlessness, shored up by music and spectacle, it was better received than most of her writings. A Play of the Resistance in France showed unexpected social concern. Letters from Gertrude Stein and Alice B. These works were released in and respectively. The most adulatory study was William G. Gertrude Stein in Person ; and the most damaging books were by her brother, Leo Stein, Appreciations: Painting, Poetry and Prose , and by Benjamin L. Reid, Art by Subtraction: A Dissenting Opinion on Gertrude Stein Stein was discussed in George Wickes, Americans in Paris

7: Bio of Gertrude Stein

Gertrude Stein was an American writer who spent most of her life in France, and who became a catalyst in the development of modern art and literature. Her life was marked by two primary relationships, the first with her brother Leo Stein, from , and the second with Alice B. Toklas, from until Stein's death in

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8: Reflection on the Atomic Bomb by Gertrude Stein

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Neuilly, France American writer American writer Gertrude Stein was a powerful literary force in the early part of the twentieth century. Although the ultimate value of her writing was a matter of debate, it greatly affected the work of a generation of American writers. Living in these different countries, she learned to speak German, French, and English fluently. She also learned music and dance. Her early formal education was spotty, but she was a dedicated reader and had a strong interest in art. When Stein was fourteen her mother died, followed by her father just three years later. With the family splintered, Stein, along with one sister, moved to Baltimore, Maryland, to live with her aunt. With only a year of high school, Stein managed to be admitted in to Radcliffe College, in Massachusetts, where she specialized in psychology the study of the mind and became a favorite of psychologist and philosopher one who seeks wisdom about humans and their place in the universe William James " He discovered her great capacity for automatic writing, in which the conscious waking mind is suspended and the unconscious sleeping mind takes over. Moves to France Stein did not take a degree at Radcliffe or Johns Hopkins University, in Maryland, where she studied medicine for four years. In she went to Paris, France, and took up residence on the Left Bank a famous neighborhood in Paris with her brother Leo. In she met Alice B. Toklas " , a wealthy young San Franciscan who became her lifelong companion and secretary, running the household, typing manuscripts, and screening visitors. France became their permanent home. Her brother Leo became a famous art critic, but their relationship, which had been extremely close, fell apart in because of a disagreement over his marriage. Scott Fitzgerald " , and Ernest Hemingway " It was to Hemingway that Stein characterized the disenchanting expatriate veterans those living overseas as a "lost generation. The unique style of her writing appealed primarily to a small audience, but her reputation as a patron of the arts was lifelong. Stein wanted to give literature the plastic freedom that painting has, and *Tender Buttons* was a striking attempt at verbal "portraits" in the manner of the cubist painters, an early twentieth-century movement that emphasized the use of geometric shapes. In the s and s she concentrated on memoirs an account of personal experience , aesthetic theory, plays, and art criticism. *The Relation of Human Nature to the Human Mind* explained the theoretical basis of her literary practice. *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas* , written as if by Toklas, was an autobiography of Stein. Unexpectedly readable and charming, it became a best-seller. Dupee called it "one of the best memoirs in American literature. *A Play of the Resistance in France* showed unexpected social concern. *Letters from Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas* These works were released in and respectively. For More Information Bridgman, Richard. *Gertrude Stein in Pieces*. Oxford University Press, University of Nebraska Press, Gertrude and Leo Stein. Comment about this article, ask questions, or add new information about this topic:

9: Gertrude Stein Facts

*Gertrude Stein is not particularly famous for being a novelist. Indeed, her best-known novel, *The Making of Americans*, is not read much, not least because the full version runs to over a thousand pages and is probably only remembered for the famous quotation *A rose is a rose is a rose is a rose*.*

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