

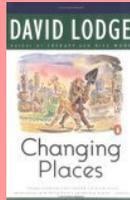
## Relaxing Reads

### *Changing Places*

by David Lodge (1975)

Robarts: [PR6062 .O33 C4](#)

Lodge's "campus read" will have you in stitches. This is an engagingly written story of two exchange professors, American and British, who swap campuses, countries, and ... wives. Insightful and hilarious; filled with astute observations and comic circumstances. Laugh at academic stereotypes once again!



### *The Lecturer's Tale*

by James Hynes (1997)

Robarts: [PS3558 .Y55 L43 2001X](#)



Escape into this demonic academic comedy! Nelson is a formerly renowned lecturer at a prominent university whose career is on the verge of collapse. After a freak accident, he discovers that he has acquired special powers to bend anyone to his will. Finally he has a chance to attain the dearest object of his desires: TENURE! A *New York Times* Notable Book, this is the perfect combination of horror and satire.

### *The Monitor: A Randy Craig Mystery*

by Janice Macdonald (2003)

Thomas Fisher: [CANLIT OFFSITE 15318](#)

Meet Randy Craig, Alberta lecturer by day, crime-solver by night. This time, Randy is moonlighting as a chatline monitor to make ends meet. He begins to suspect a connection between a woman on the chatline and a man murdered at his computer! Will he be able to crack the case? Read and find out!



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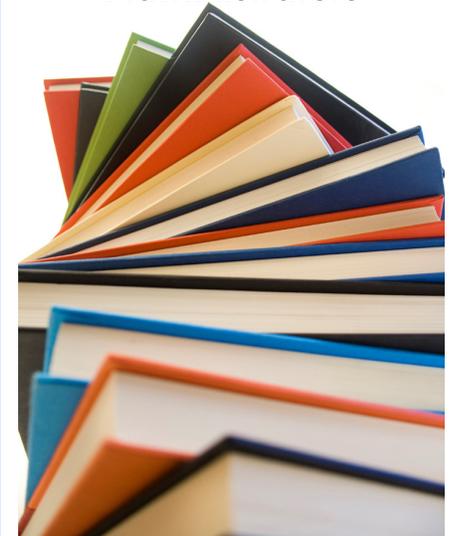
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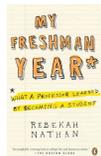
### *The Engineer of Human Souls*

by Josef Škvorecký (1993)  
 Thomas Fisher: [canlit .S58 P753E6 1993](#)  
 This poignant, beautifully-written masterpiece is the story of a Czech-Canadian professor teaching at a Toronto university and struggling with the political experiences of his past. This novel is academic, erotic, and, at times, quite comedic. Winner of the Governor General's Literary Award and the Toronto Book Award.



### *My Freshman Year: What a Professor Learned by Becoming a Student*

by Rebekah Nathan (2006)  
 OISE: [378.198 N274M](#)  
 Ever wondered what it's like to be an undergrad today? Find out by reading this TRUE story! Rebekah Nathan, an anthropology professor, decides to investigate by enrolling in university herself and signing up to live in residence. Full of humorous stories and countless insights.



### *An Occasional Hell* (1998) DVD

Robarts: [VideoDVD 750935](#)  

 This 1998 film is the suspenseful tale of a former private investigator-turned-professor. Ernest DeWalt thought he had left the fast life behind. But when his colleague, a prominent professor, is blown up in a horrific explosion, Ernest must forget his retirement and save the day.

### *The Rules of Attraction* (2002) DVD

Robarts: [VideoDVD 756432](#)  
 What really goes on in the lives of university undergraduates? *The Rules of Attraction*, a 2002 satirical comedy, will shock and enthrall you. Set at a liberal arts college and based on a novel by Bret Easton Ellis, it starts with an "End of the World" party and then jumps back in time to follow the lives of three students prior to that moment. This film demonstrates an unsightly underside of academia—alcohol, drugs, sex, depression... Fast-paced and highly entertaining. You won't be able to stop watching!



### *True Confessions: Feminist Professors Tell Stories Out of School*

by Susan Guber (2011)  
 OISE: [305.4337812092273 T866](#)  

 Put yourself in the shoes of a feminist professor. Susan Guber's collection of autobiographical stories from 27 influential professors looks at their experiences with social activism and the ways they have dealt with the issues of sexuality, harassment, and religious practices within the context of academia.

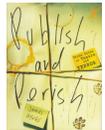
## The Struggles of Academia

### *Lord of Point Grey* by P.B. Waite (1987)

Robarts: [LE3 .B817 1944 W3 1987](#)  
 This is the biography of Larry Mackenzie, the University of British Columbia's president from 1944 to 1962, written by P.B. Waite, a renowned history professor, in a very readable, narrative fashion. Along with an engaging story, Waite also provides a commentary on the changing nature of Canadian academia. You will be able to relate to some of the issues he raises.



### *Publish and Perish* by James Hynes

Robarts: [PS3558 .Y55 P8 1997](#)  

 These three satirical novellas star faculty and graduate students feverishly writing paper after paper, finishing dissertations, and praying that publications will lead to careers and careers will lead to tenure. Ironically, while they pride themselves on being able to explain things, they are unable to understand the issues in their own lives—love, lust, and jealousy. This book will be particularly relevant for junior faculty presently seeking tenure.

### *Straight Man* by Richard Russo

Robarts: [PS3568 .U812 S77 1997X](#)  

 Hank is a university department head, suffering from a mid-life crisis, who finds unorthodox ways to spice things up in a stagnant department. He threatens to murder a campus duck to expedite his budget release and declares war on the administration. On the home front, he is preoccupied with suspicions that his wife is having an affair. A winner of three awards, this book will remind you of how life can interfere with academic work. And vice-versa..

### *Virtual Morality* by Christopher Hill (2000)

Robarts: [PS3558 .I3847 M67 2000](#)  

*Virtual Morality* will resonate with those who ever had to deal with the controversial issue of political correctness in academia. The Dean finds himself struggling with a moral dilemma after a student is expelled for insulting a female professor. Described as "highly readable" by *Library Journal* (2000, 125(3), 196).