



Smithsonian Associates

Navigating *The Waste Land*

Clay Jenkinson

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ET

“These Fragments I have shored against my ruins.” T.S. Eliot

As the 250th birthday of the United States approaches, Clay will be traveling throughout the country in search of the soul(s) of America. LISTENING TO AMERICA is a 501c3 nonprofit entity that seeks to learn the mood of the country at this milestone anniversary. Do we share a common narrative? Are we one nation or two or more? What are our common values? How are we doing at 250 and where are we headed?

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Books by Clay Jenkinson

The Language of Cottonwoods: Essays on the Future of North Dakota

Bring Out Your Dead: The Literature and History of Epidemics

*Message on the Wind: A Spiritual Odyssey
on the Northern Plains*

*The Writings of the Lewis & Clark Expedition
in North Dakota*

*Becoming Jefferson’s People: Re-Inventing
The American Republic in the 21st Century*

*A Free and Hardy Life: Theodore Roosevelt’s
Sojourn in the American West*

*The Character of Meriwether Lewis: Explorer
in the Wilderness*

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-Clay

A Few Books about T.S. Eliot:

Lawrence Rainey. *The Annotated Waste Land with Eliot’s Contemporary Prose.*

Peter Ackroyd. *T.S. Eliot: A Life.*

Matthew Hollis. *The Waste Land: A Biography of a Poem.*

Paul Johnson. *Creators: From Chaucer and Dürer to Picasso and Disney.*

Peter Gay. *Modernism: The Lure of Heresy.*

A T.S. Eliot Timeline

September 26, 1888	Thomas Stearns Eliot is born in Saint Louis, Missouri.
1906-1909	Undergraduate at Harvard.
1909-1910	Graduate student at Harvard.
1910-1911	Studies in France and Germany. "Prufrock" completed.
1911-1914	Graduate student at Harvard.
1914-1915	Study in Germany cut off by war. Residence at Oxford. Marriage to Vivien Haigh-Wood, July 1915.
1915	Eliot becomes a resident of London. "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"
1917-1920	Employee of Lloyd's Bank.
1922-1939	Founder and editor of <i>The Criterion</i> .
1922	"The Waste Land"
1927	Eliot confirmed in the Church of England and becomes a naturalized British citizen.
1930	"Ash Wednesday"
1932	<i>Selected Essays</i> , including most of <i>The Sacred Wood</i> .
1943	"The Four Quartets"
1947	Death of T.S. Eliot's first wife.
1948	King George VI bestowed the Order of Merit on T.S. Eliot. Nobel Prize.
1957	Marriage to Valerie Fletcher.
1965	Death

For more information or to
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