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An inquiry into readers' experiences of life-changing encounters with works of literature

This book develops a method called intimate reading to investigate how ordinary readers are deeply moved by what they read, and the transformative impact such experiences have on their sense of self. The book presents unique narratives of such experiences and suggests a theory of transformative affective patterns that may form the basis of an affective literary theory.

Readership

Students of literature, social sciences (qualitative inquiries), library and information science, narrative psychology, rhetoric, and aesthetics

General readers who are interested in the value of literary reading and in life-stories of transformation

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