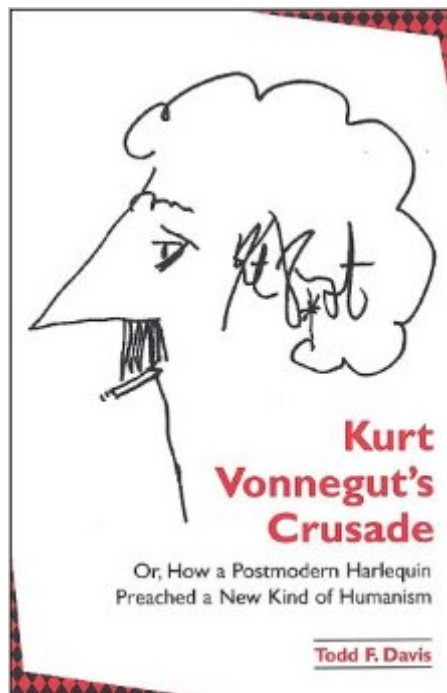


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Synopsis

I've worried some about why write books when presidents and senators and generals do not read them, and the university experience taught me a very good reason: you catch people before they become generals and senators and presidents, and you poison their minds with humanity.

Encourage them to make a better world. Kurt Vonnegut's desire to save the planet from environmental and military destruction, to enact change by telling stories that both critique and embrace humanity, sets him apart from many of the postmodern authors who rose to prominence during the 1960s and 1970s. This new look at Vonnegut's oeuvre examines his insistence that writing is an act of good citizenship or an attempt, at any rate, to be a good citizen. By exploring the moral and philosophical underpinnings of Vonnegut's work, Todd F. Davis demonstrates that, over the course of his long career, Vonnegut has created a new kind of humanism that not only bridges the modern and postmodern, but also offers hope for the power and possibilities of story. Davis highlights the ways Vonnegut deconstructs and demystifies the grand narratives of American culture while offering provisional narratives *petites histoires* that may serve as tools for daily living."

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from environmental and military destruction, to use writing as an instrument of good citizenship and offer hope for the power of writing through provisional narratives are among the themes explored at length. An advanced and formal literary analysis, recommended for college library shelves.

I am an undergraduate writing a thesis on Vonnegut, specifically focusing on his moral stance in regards to *Mother Night*. I found this book very helpful, particularly the first chapter. You can download the e-book for less than \$20, so I found it to be an affordable and helpful resource for my paper and would recommend it to other students studying and writing about Vonnegut.

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