

William Gilmore Simms

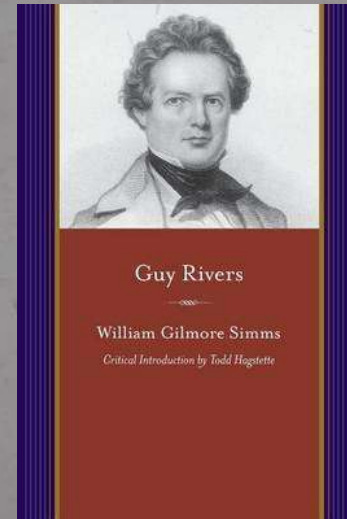
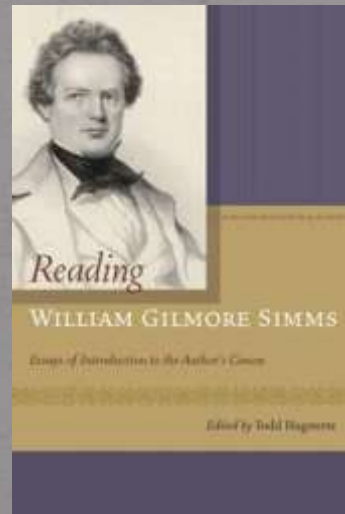
The Most Important Author You've Never Heard Of

Introductions

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- † *Simms Initiatives*
- † *Reading William Gilmore Simms*
- † *Six Critical Introductions*
- † *The Simms Review*



Simms: a Brief Biography



- 1806 — 1870
- Childhood
- Family
- Friends
- Civil War
- Death
- Legacy

So, what happened? Why is he obscure?

- William Peterfield Trent's 1892 Biography
- Changing Literary Tastes and the Death of Romance
- Unpopular Views for Modern Sentiments



Simms's Works

- *Army Corr. of Colonel John Laurens*
- *Aryetos: or, Songs of the South*
- *As Good as a Comedy*
- *Atalantis. A Story of the Sea*
- *Beauchampe*
- *Life of M.C.M. Hammond*
- *The Book of My Lady*
- *Border Beagles*
- *Carl Werner*
- *The Cassique of Accabee*
- *The Cassique of Kiawah*
- *Castle Dismal*
- *Charlemont*
- *Charleston and Her Satirists*
- *The Charleston Book*
- *Charleston: The Palmetto City*
- *The City of the Silent*
- *Confession; Or, The Blind Heart*
- *The Cosmopolitan: An Occasional*
- *Count Julian*
- *The Cub of the Panther*
- *The Damsel of Darien*
- *Donna Florida*
- *Early Lays*
- *Egeria*
- *Eutaw*
- *Father Abbot*
- *Flirtation at the Moultrie House*
- *The Forayers*
- *The Geography of South Carolina*
- *The Golden Christmas*
- *Grouped Thoughts and Scattered Fancies*
- *Guy Rivers*
- *Helen Halsey*
- *The History of South Carolina*

Simms's Works

- *Joscelyn*
- *Katherine Walton*
- *The Kinsmen*
- *Lays of the Palmetto*
- *The Life of Francis Marion*
- *The Life of Captain John Smith*
- *The Life of Chevalier Bayard*
- *The Life of Nathaniel Green*
- *The Lily and the Totem*
- *Lyrical and Other Poems*
- *Marie de Berniere*
- *Martin Faber*
- *Mellichampe*
- *Michael Bonham*
- *Monody, on The Death of Gen. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney*
- *Norman Maurice*
- *The Partisan*
- *Pelayo: A Story of the Goth*
- *Poems, Descriptive, Dramatic, Legendary, and Contemplative*
- *Poetry and the Practical*
- *The Prima Donna*
- *The Remains of Maynard Davis Richardson*
- *Richard Hurdis*
- *Sabbath Lyrics*
- *Sack and Destruction of the City of Columbia*
- *The Scout*
- *Selections from the Letters and Speeches of the Hon. James H. Hammond*
- *Slavery in America*
- *South Carolina in the Revolutionary War*
- *Southern Passages and Pictures*
- *Southward Ho! A Spell of Sunshine*
- *Stories and Tales*
- *A Supplement to the Plays of William Shakespeare*

Simms's Works

- *The Tri Color; or The Three Days of Blood, in Paris*
- *Vasconcelos*
- *Views and Reviews*
- *The Vision of Cortes*
- *Voltmeier*
- *War Poetry of the South*
- *The Wigwam and the Cabin*
- *Woodcraft*
- *The Yemassee*
- *The Letters of William Gilmore Simms, Vol. 1*
- *The Letters of William Gilmore Simms, Vol. 2*
- *The Letters of William Gilmore Simms, Vol. 3*
- *The Letters of William Gilmore Simms, Vol. 4*
- *The Letters of William Gilmore Simms, Vol. 5*
- *The Letters of William Gilmore Simms, Vol. 6*
- Estimated 4,000 fugitive pieces in periodicals and newspapers
- Poems
- Book Reviews
- Essays
- Orations
- Travel Narratives
- Notes
- &etc.



Three Major Series

Border Romances

- *Beauchampe*
- *Border Beagles*
- *Charlemont*
- *Guy Rivers*
- *Helen Halsey*
- *Richard Hurdis*
- *The Wigwam and the Cabin*
- *As Good as a Comedy*
- *Michael Bonham*
- *Norman Maurice*

Revolutionary Romances

- *Eutaw*
- *The Forayers*
- *Joscelyn*
- *Katherine Walton*
- *Mellichampe*
- *The Partisan*
- *The Scout*
- *Woodcraft*

Colonial Romances

- *The Cassique of Kiawah*
- *The Damsel of Darien*
- *Vasconcelos*
- *The Yemassee*



Other Important Segments

Poetry

- *Aryetos*
- *Atalantis*
- *The Cassique of Accabee*
- *Early Lays*
- *Lays of the Palmetto*
- *Lyrical and Other Poems*
- *Monody, on The Death of Gen. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney*
- *Poems, Descriptive, Dramatic, Legendary, and Contemplative*
- *Poetry and the Practical*
- *Sabbath Lyrics*
- *Southern Passages and Pictures*
- *War Poetry of the South*

History

- *Army Correspondence of Colonel John Laurens*
- *The Geography of South Carolina*
- *The History of South Carolina*
- *The Life of Francis Marion*
- *The Life of Captain John Smith*
- *The Life of Chevalier Bayard*
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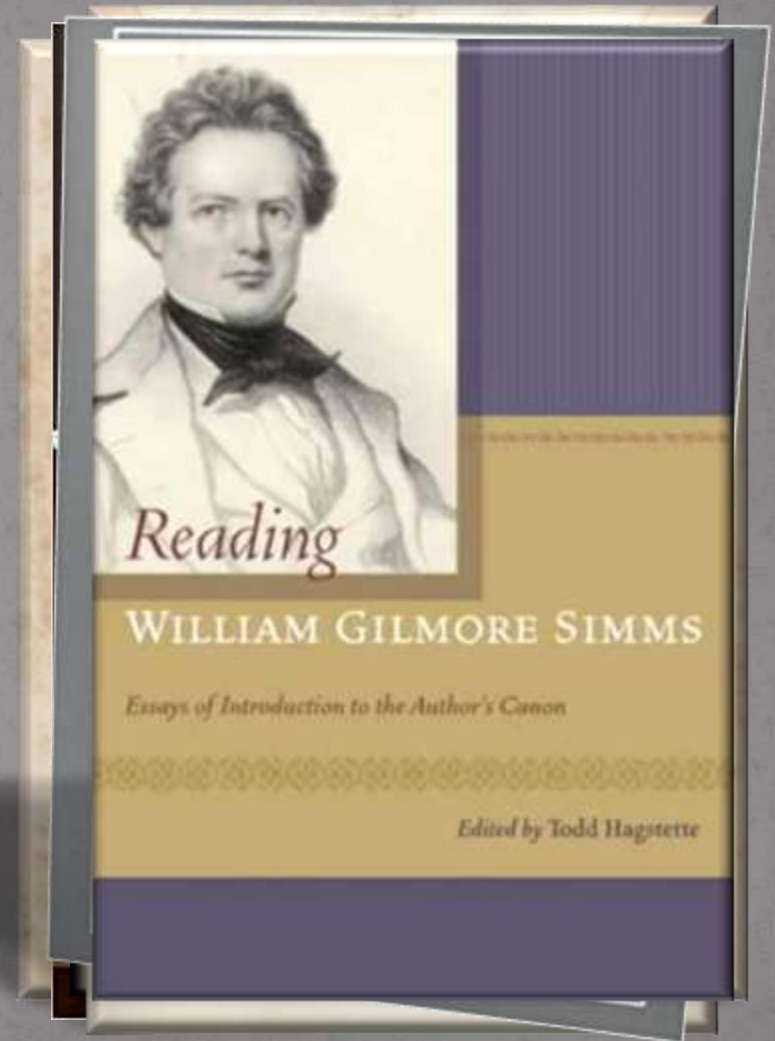
Southern Gothic

- *Carl Werner*
- *Castle Dismal*
- *Confession; Or, The Blind Heart*
- *Marie de Berniere*
- *Martin Faber*



My Goals & Approach

- Reignite popular interest in Simms and his work
- Restore a once-famous South Carolinian's reputation and regard
- Introduce Simms books that I like (and hope you will too) and that I find important (for whatever reason)



Questions?

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See You Next Week!

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