

## **JEAN COCTEAU** Items available at the County of Los Angeles Public Library

### **WRITINGS OF JEAN COCTEAU**

#### **Cocteau's World: An Anthology of Writings**

Excerpts and entire novels, short stories, poems, plays, and personal essays, by a man who considered that all his work was poetry.

#### **The Difficulty of being**

Reminiscences by one of the seminal figures in 20th century literature and art, including sketches of Proust, Picasso, Gide, and Nijinsky.

#### **My Contemporaries**

Pen portraits of about twenty of his contemporary artists, actors, writers and other geniuses.

#### **Les Enfants Terribles**

The forbidden relationships between siblings and the tragic consequences that follow makes for one of Cocteau's best-known novels.

#### **The Holy Terrors**

Translation of Jean Cocteau's novel *Les Enfants Terribles*. Translation by Rosamond Lehmann.

#### **Five plays**

Contents: Orphee. Antigone. Intimate Relations. The Holy Terrors. The Eagle with Two Heads.

#### **The Hand of a Stranger: Journal d'un Inconnu**

The Diary of an Unknown Stranger. An authorized translation by Alec Brown.

#### **Infernal Machine, and Other Plays**

Contents: Infernal Machine. Orpheus. Eiffel Tower Wedding Party. Knights of the Round Table. Bacchus. Speaker's Text of Oedipus Rex.

#### **Journals**

The poet, novelist, artist, playwright, and film director tells of his life, his work, and the people he knew, from Proust to Nijinsky and Milhaud, from Picasso to Andre Gide and Raymond Radiguet.

#### **Professional Secrets: an Autobiography of Jean Cocteau**

Drawn from his lifetime writings.

#### **Round the World Again in 80 days: Mon Premier Voyage**

Jean Cocteau retraces the most celebrated round-the-world voyage of all time: that of Jules Verne's Phileas Fogg in 1873.

**Thomas l'imposteur**

A poetic novel set in World War 2.

**JEAN COCTEAU'S PHOTOGRAPHY****A Day with Picasso: Twenty-four Photographs by Jean Cocteau**

Klüver, Billy

A culmination of Klüver's efforts determining the context surrounding 24 photographs of notable modernist figures taken on August 12, 1916 by Jean Cocteau.

**LITERARY CRITICISM ON THE WORKS OF JEAN COCTEAU****Jean Cocteau**

Fowlie, Wallace

Biographical, critical-analytical study of Cocteau in all his guises, including analyses of major works.

**Jean Cocteau**

Gilson, René

An investigation into his films and philosophy..

**Jean Cocteau**

Knapp, Bettina Liebowitz,

Critical-analytical study of his works -- includes biographical and historical material.

**Scandal and Parade**

Oxenhandler, Neal

History and criticism of the theatre of Jean Cocteau.

**Jean Cocteau: The Man and the Mirror**

Sprigge, Elizabeth

Biography

**Cocteau: A Biography**

Steegmuller, Francis

A biography of the man, his work and the age.

## VIDEO

**L'Aigle à Deux Têtes** [VHS (videorecording)] The Two-headed Eagle.

Cocteau, Jean

One night an anarchist breaks into the palace to kill the young queen. He instead falls in love with her and remains for three days in her apartment while she nurses him back to health.

**Avant-garde. 3** [DVD (videorecording)]: experimental cinema, 1922-1954

Bolm, Adolf

Includes *Closed Vision* with dialogue and screen treatment by Jean Cocteau.

**La Belle et la Bête** [DVD (videorecording)]

Cocteau, Jean

Dramatized adaptation of the classic fairy tale *Beauty and the Beast*.

**Le Sang d'un Poète** [VHS (videorecording)] (The Blood of a Poet.)

Cocteau, Jean

An artist is driven mad by the sight of his own blood and a drawing of a mouth that seems to come to life. The combination sends him off on a series of bizarre adventures that strive to explain how artists become obsessed with their own works.

**Le Testament d'Orphée, ou Ne Me Demandez Pas** [VHS (videorecording)] The Testament of Orpheus, or Do not ask me why.

Cocteau, Jean

A modern account of the Orpheus myth. This was Cocteau's last film and includes images and scenes from his earlier films as well as serving as a gathering of personal friends and admirers.

## MUSIC CDs

**La Belle et la Bête** [music CD]

Glass, Philip

An opera based on the film *Beauty and the Beast* by Jean Cocteau.

**La Voix Humaine** [music CD] The Human Voice: Tragédie Lyrique en Un Acte.

Poulenc, Francis

A one-act opera based on Jean Cocteau's 1930 play involving a woman speaking on the telephone to a lover who is leaving her.