Davis reminds us that poststructuralism doesn't spell the death of philosophy or of Western civilization; rather, poststructuralism holds the door open to allow new questions to enter the unfinished project of modernity.” - - David Bockoven, Postmodern Culture. About the Author. After Poststructuralism. Book Description: Tackles the issue of providing an intellectual history of theory, given the considerable continuity between theory and the history of ideas. The editors address this challenge with thirteen essays on a variety of theorists from Derrida to Zizek. eISBN: 978-1-4426-7068-6. Those who read and deploy critical theory are accustomed to thinking (to borrow a dashing phrase from that most dashing of modernists, Virginia Woolf) that “human character changed on or about December, 1637.â€”when Descartes published the Discourse on Method that attempted to evacuate from the thinking subject all acculturated content, including naturalized culture and, via the body, nature itself. Find, read and cite all the research you need on ResearchGate. In book: International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity, edited by Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki, and Steve Smith (pp.196-218). Edition: 4th. Publisher: Oxford University Press.Â Poststructuralism directly engages these issues even though it is not a new paradigm or theory of IR. It is, rather, a critical attitude or ethos that explores the assumptions that make certain ways of being, acting, and knowing possible. This chapter details how and why poststructuralism engaged IR from the 1980s to today. It explores the interdisciplinary context of social and political theory from which poststructuralism emerged, and examines the misconceptions evident in the reception this approach received from mainstream theorists. Discover which texts fall into Poststructuralism, a Literary School of Theory. Complete with book titles, authors, and a short description of each. After all, dialogues like Phaedrus are stories about Plato's revered teacher, Socrates, and all the cool stuff he said before he was sentenced to death for "corrupting" (i.e., teaching) the youth of ancient Athens. Talk about juicy material.Â Reading it, why not ask yourself: Why does Socrates tell Phaedrus that bizarre story about Thamus and Theuth? And is Plato using any irony as he writes about the superiority of speech over writing? "The Purloined Letter" by Edgar Allan Poe (1844). Clever, contemplative, and darkly funny, "The Purloined Letter" helped spawn a genre that's still going strong.