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“Sohn, Abdias, gehe nun in die Welt ...”: Oedipalization, Gender Construction, and the Desire to Accumulate in Adalbert Stifter’s “Abdias”.....1

This paper applies a broadly Lacanian approach to Stifter’s difficult early novel-la “Abdias” in order to excavate central and long-overlooked aspects of the text, including oedipalization, gender construction, and a drive to accumulate. This allows for a reinterpretation of the narrative’s structure: like its hero, Stifter’s tale is caught between the demands of the Symbolic Order and the desire to escape this order.

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