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Editorial Review

Review

Thirty years after its original publication, *Surprised by Sin* remains the one indispensable book on Milton. This dazzling, high-stakes work of mind taught a generation of readers how to read anew. And, lest we thought its rigorous injunctions had been dulled or blandly assimilated by the intervening years, Fish dares us, in a formidable new preface, to think again. (Linda Gregerson, University of Michigan)

Thirty years ago, *Surprised by Sin* initiated the modern age in Milton criticism. Still the one book necessarily engaged by Milton scholars, it continues to provoke, irritate, and illuminate. Reissued now, with a substantial new preface, it clarifies in fascinating ways not only the course of Milton studies but also the continuing career of its controversial author. (Marshall Grossman, University of Maryland at College Park)

The first edition of *Surprised by Sin* revised the critical landscape of Milton studies more significantly and more influentially than any other analysis of *Paradise Lost* in modern history. The second edition contains a substantial preface, not only an apologia but also a brilliant critical manifesto in its own right. Fish thereby affirms the validity, preeminence, and timeliness of his "great argument," which will continue to inform critical debates unremittingly in the future. (Albert C. Labriola, Duquesne University)

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