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Grandezza e attualità di Giovanni Verga

Giovanni Verga is, along with Manzoni, the greatest Italian author of the nineteenth century and one of the most important writers of European Naturalism. Through his masterpieces, (the novels, *I Malavoglia* and *Mastro-don Gesualdo*, as well as the stories, *Vita di campi* and *Novelle rusticane*) he managed to give us an extraordinary literary representation of his homeland, Sicily. He composed an original linguistic and anthropological “translation” through which he shared the reality of his homeland with readers throughout Italy. Moreover, his works and characters are not limited to testifying their era and specific social condition. Instead, if we were to interrogate his heroes, we would discover that they “speak” to us and can enter “our lives”.

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