

The Golden Notebook by Doris Lessing

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references to 50's

Themes

- emotions 63, 189
- authoress?
- red notebook
- communism
- the sexes
- yellow notebook
- novel writing 105
- class

narrative

- structure
 - 4 notebooks + golden
 - omniscient narrator
 - yellow
 - novel
 - 617 Anna's life: "ball jiggling on water jets"
 - 619: Anna craves order: "fit things together"
 - 1st person narrator
 - blue
 - diary
 - 242 dream
 - red
 - political
 - golden
 - life with lover
 - autobiographical?
 - black
 - reminiscences
 - Africa
- sense
 - differentiate fact / fiction
 - golden
 - writers & relationship
 - 591
 - life as dream
 - life as a film
 - 3rd person
 - notebooks are a personal therapy

dialogues

- script of a play
- repartee

Characters

- Molly
 - Richard?
- Tommy
 - blind?
 - seer
- Men
 - American lovers