COURSE NUMBER: ENG329H5S

COURSE TITLE: Contemporary British Fiction

INSTRUCTOR: M. Crimmins

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will examine representative fictions by contemporary British authors, including William Golding's Free Fall; Martin Amis's Einstein's Monsters; Julian Barnes's A History of the World in 10 ½ Chapters; Hanif Kureishi's The Buddha of Suburbia; Nicola Barker's Clear; Ian McEwan's Saturday, and Zadie Smith's The Autograph Man.

REQUIRED READING: William Golding: Free Fall (1959); Martin Amis: Einstein's Monsters (1987); Julian Barnes: A History of the World in 10 ½ Chapters (1989); Hanif Kureishi: The Buddha of Suburbia (1991); Zadie Smith: The Autograph Man (2002); Nicola Barker: Clear (2004); Ian McEwan: Saturday (2005).

FIRST THREE TEXTS/AUTHORS TO BE STUDIED: Golding, Amis, Barnes

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION: Lecture and discussion

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

2 Short Papers: 20% each Midterm Test: 25%

Final Test: 25% Participation 10%