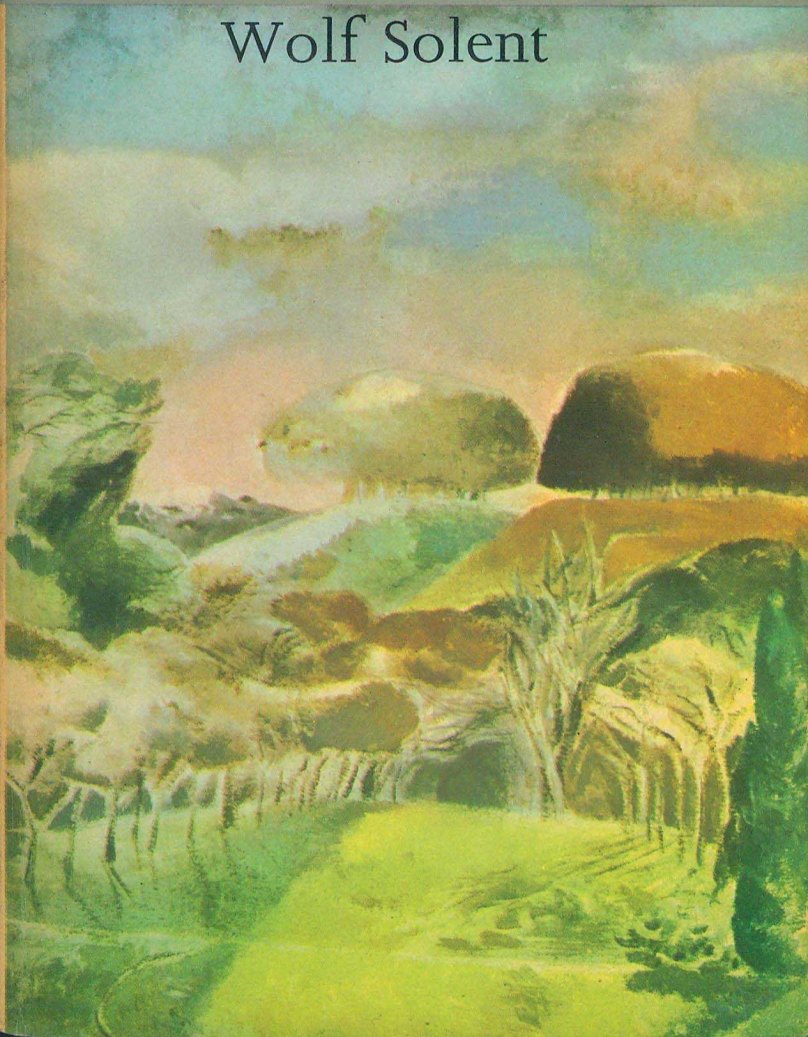




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A descendant of the poet William Cowper, John Cowper Powys was born in Shirley, Derbyshire, in 1872, and educated at Sherborne and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He became a lecturer in English Literature in about 1895, and continued this work, mainly in the United States, until 1934, when he returned to England and settled in North Wales, where he died in 1963. His first book, a volume of poems, appeared in 1896 and was followed by others – poems, essays, philosophical commentary – but his success came when he turned to fiction. His other novels include *Wood and Stone* (1915), *Rodmoor* (1916), and *Ducdame* (1925).

In 1958 John Cowper Powys's stature as a major figure in European literature was recognized by the award to him of the Bronze Plaque of the Free Academy of Arts in Hamburg, a recognition endorsed by the telegram of appreciation sent to him from the gathering of the Prix Formentor judges in 1962. He was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters by the University of Wales.

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