Suggested Readings

There is so much to read and enjoy in the novel itself, that when I teach the Proust seminar I do not require a lot of extra reading. The list of works on Proust and his novel is huge so I will list in the Proust Online Course Folder for each volume a few books that I consider particularly interesting and useful for the volume that we are reading. Sometimes, as is the case for *Swann’s Way*, these may be chapters in a book. Since this is our first lecture, here are a few titles that apply to the entire novel.

*In Search of Lost Time*

My favorite for a general introduction to *In Search of Lost Time* remains Roger Shattuck’s *Marcel Proust*, which won the National Book Award in 1974. (All of Shattuck’s writings on Proust were revised by him and collected in a single volume: *Proust’s Way: A Field Guide to In Search of Lost Time*, New York: W. W. Norton, 2000.


You will find my books listed on our website: Proust-Ink.com. The one in which I discuss *In Search of Lost Time* exclusively, as opposed to biography, is *The Proustian Quest*, New York, New York University Press, 1992.

Wilson, Edmund. *Axel’s Castle*. New York: Scribners, 1931. This work contains an excellent chapter on Proust’s novel: Marcel Proust, pages 132-190. Wilson was the first distinguished American critic to write an important essay on Proust.

*Swann’s Way*

The following books contain excellent chapters on *Swann’s Way* and/or its major themes:

