

Do you see a duck or rabbit? : The Truth is Relative



Responsibility

Who holds the responsibility when there is misrepresentation? The obvious answer would be to blame the author or publisher, however in many cases a genuine attempt has been made. We could penalised the interpretation of the reader, but the diversity in reception of texts is what makes literature so great. Contextual positioning in terms of society could be blamed, just like how some great works of literature were not acknowledged before due to conservative values.

Representation

Representation against the truth can be a very tricky balance. No one can tell someday else's story and get every single detail right. We can only represent accurately as much as we know. We can also only represent our truth completely and do it justice. Nowadays literature and media makes more of an attempt to represent everyone's truth accurately to appreciate the diversity in the world.

Relativity

Whether or not you see a duck or a rabbit here makes you interpret the image differently. It goes to show that based on our personal experiences and bias, we also see different things. Everyone can have their version of the truth, but ultimately they are all equally valid.

Truth

Although this is not exactly about English, I think English attempts to make the truth more interesting. I believe truth is our attempt to see things as objectively as possible, but English and expression brings in an element of emotion to that which cannot be true at all points.

Bob Dylan

Bob Dylan's pieces exposed the truth of the world quite a lot, though he claimed he was only portraying his own truth. He tried to tell version of events the way that they are, but not how everyone might see them, to introduce a fresh perspective.