The Location of Culture

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Summary
In the Location of Culture, Homi Bhabha sets out the conceptual imperative and political consistency of the post-colonial intellectual project. In a dazzling series of essays he explains why the culture of western modernity must be relocated from the post-colonial perspective. Bhabha discusses writers as diverse as Morrison, Gordimer, Conrad and Walcott. He revisits the archives of the Indian Mutiny and the traumatic terrain of the Satanic Verses. And Bhabha rethinks questions of identity, social agency and national affiliation. In doing so he provides a theory of cultural hybridity and the 'translation' of social difference which goes beyond the polarities of Self and Other, East and West.

Review
Homi Bhabha is one of that small group occupying the front ranks of cultural theoretical thought. Any serious discussion of post-colonial/postmodern scholarship is inconceivable without referencing Mr. Bhabha. - Toni Morrison

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