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#### Review

I am delighted that Wade Baskin's classic translation is back in print, especially since Saussy and Meisel's judicious updating and summary of recent scholarly discoveries make this an invaluable resource for English readers.

#### Language Notes

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#### About the Author

Ferdinand de Saussure (1857–1913) received his doctorate from the University of Leipzig in 1880 and lectured on ancient and modern languages in Paris until 1891. He then taught Sanskrit and Indo-European languages at the University of Geneva until the end of his life. Among his published works is *Memoir on the Primitive System of Vowels in Indo-European Languages*, published in 1878 when Saussure was twenty-one. Wade Baskin (1924–1974) was a professor of languages at Southeastern Oklahoma State University and translated many works from French, including books by Jean-Paul Sartre. Perry Meisel is professor of English at New York University. His books include *The Myth of the Modern*, *The Literary Freud*, and *The Myth of Popular Culture*. Haun Saussy is university professor in the Department of Comparative Literature at the University of Chicago. His books include *The Problem of a Chinese Aesthetic* and *Great Walls of Discourse*.

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