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Between the Lines: Ballard under the Westway - 20 January 2019

<http://www.museumofwalking.org.uk/events/ballard-under-the-westway/>

References if you wish to delve deeper

Construction of the Westway

The Library Time Machine is a blog kept by Local Borough archivist, Dave Walker:

The building of the Westway 1966-71

<https://rbkcllocalstudies.wordpress.com/2013/12/05/building-the-westway-1966-1971/>

North Kensington Histories

<https://northkensingtonhistories.wordpress.com/2013/02/07/1966-and-all-that-the-demolition-of-walmer-road/>

Local history written by residents about the building of the Westway.

The Underground Map - view maps from different eras

<https://www.theundergroundmap.com/article.html?id=10414&annum=3000>

The Real Concrete Island: <http://www.ballardian.com/the-real-concrete-island>

The Way We Wore: A Life In Threads by Robert Elms (autobiography - includes descriptions of the area at the time of motorway clearances) <https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/books/reviews/the-way-we-wore-by-robert-elms-748675.html>

JG Ballard - in his own words

'Miracles of Life' was Ballard's autobiography published within a couple of years of his death. Read a review from the Observer here: <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2008/feb/10/biography.shopping>

Mike Bonsall has collated a comprehensive compendium of everything digital Ballard: <http://digital-ballard.com>

Simon Sellars looks after The Ballardian <http://www.ballardian.com>

Concrete Island is seen as part of a trilogy of books: the other two being Crash 1973 (later a film with David Cronenberg 1996) and High Rise (later a film starring Tom Hiddleston)

Crash by Harley Cokeliss was 1971, starred JG Ballard himself and Gabrielle Drake (sister of Nick Drake) and was amazingly enough, filmed for the BBC! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JinzENZA90s>

J G Ballard on the BBC and elsewhere

Many works by Ballard have successfully transferred to radio - many such programmes are unavailable - here we list available biographical or interview pieces only:

Desert Island Discs Sep 1992: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0093yf6>

World Service interview from 2002: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03m11nb>

BBC News blog 2009: Tributes from other authors: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/entertainment/8008098.stm>

The Atrocity Exhibition by Jonathan Weiss <http://www.ballardian.com/weiss-atrocity-exhibition-review>

Low Flying Aircraft [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Low-Flying_Aircraft_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Low-Flying_Aircraft_(film))

Radio plays: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVSLAgXKmb406eo2trwS5MEYN7ryvblXm>

Memory Museum by Janek Schaefer <http://audioh.com/projects/mm.html> & Inner Space Memorial <http://audioh.com/projects/InnerSpaceMemorial.html>

Ballard Landscapes by Cousin Silas https://archive.org/details/cousinsilas_ballard_landscapes

Reviews

Falvorwire May 2016: <http://flavorwire.com/574604/never-mind-high-rise-concrete-island-is-j-g-ballards-dystopic-masterpiece>

Interesting Literature <https://interestingliterature.com/2019/01/18/crusoe-in-concrete-j-g-ballards-concrete-island-review-analysis/?fbclid=IwAR0oFBjJ3njIJwdFdN4yofIGzQIMyhlzuoFud--ZRMSMocceC-1m5LOWIjM> Jan 2019

Updated: January 2018 with special thanks to Dave Walker & John Perring for their suggestions - much though we would like to guarantee that each of these resources will remain available, we cannot be held responsible for third party websites.

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