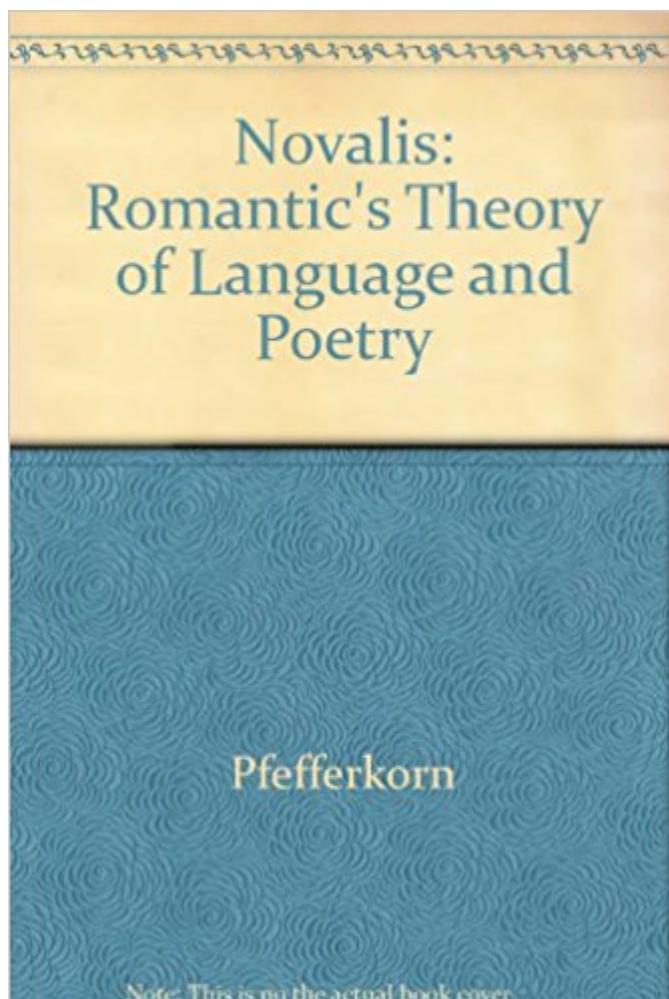


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Within this book are the best quotes from Novalis in the original German, and translated into English. The poet's perspectives on chance and non-linear reality are clearly articulated. As Novalis was studying what was essentially modern science, his groundedness in German mysticism is even more startling. Only Jacob Boehme takes the imagination further. However, the choice of quotes and the explications of their mysteries, in this volume, are very insightful. I've owned the book twice (gave it away once!).

Kristin Pfefferkorn has compiled a very useful collection of essays on the work of Novalis. This volume specializes in the philosopher/poet's theories of language, as well as his significance as a poet in early German Romanticism. Pfefferkorn provides particularly insightful analysis of Novalis' use of figurative language and the role of symbolism in his more hermetic works. Some of the discussion on the specific meaning and role of the Marchen is a bit dry, but still this is one of the more accomplished studies of Novalis in English.

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