

ABSTRACT

TRANSFERS

The protagonists of these pieces are failures at connecting to those they should be closest to. Often, what stands in the way is transference. Normal transference occurs every day when we project thoughts and powers to another person, when we let prior learning guide subsequent experiences, when we go from one bus to another. Also common is negative transfer (normally a linguistic term describing phenomena in second language acquisition), wherein past experiences prevent us from making meaningful connections with each other and within ourselves. Much that happens in these stories surrounds such lost opportunities.

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