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Harold Bloom (born July 11, 1930) is an American professor and literary critic. Bloom was a defender of 19th-century Romantic poets at a time when their reputations were at a low ebb, the author of controversial theories of poetic influence, and an advocate of an aesthetic approach to literature against Marxist, New Historicist, Post-modernist, and other methods of academic literary criticism. He is the Sterling Professor of the Humanities at Yale University and Berg Professor of English at New York University.

I realized early on that the academy and the literary world alike -- and I don't think there really is a distinction between the two -- are always dominated by fools, knaves, charlatans and bureaucrats. And that being the case, any human being, male or female, of whatever status, who has a voice of her or his own, is not going to be liked.

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