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Billy Cannon A Long, Long Run

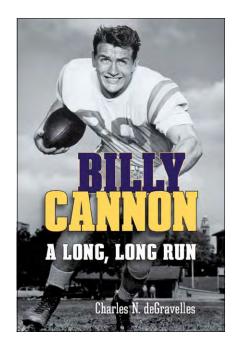
CHARLES N. DEGRAVELLES

Billy Cannon's name, his image, and his remarkable athletic career serve as emblems for Louisiana State University, the Southeastern Conference, and college football. LSU's only Heisman Trophy winner, Cannon led the Tigers to a national championship in 1958, igniting a love of the game in Louisiana and establishing a tradition of greatness at LSU.

But like many stories of lionized athletes who rise to the status of legend, there was a fall—and in the case of Billy Cannon, also redemption. For the first time, Charles N. deGravelles reveals in full the thrilling highs and unexpected lows of Cannon's life, in *Billy Cannon: A Long, Long Run.*

Through conversations with Cannon, deGravelles follows the athlete-turned-reformer from his boyhood in a working-class Baton Rouge neighborhood to his sudden rush of fame as the leading high school running back in the country. Personal and previously unpublished stories about Cannon's glory days at LSU and his stellar but controversial career in the pros, as well as details of his indictment for counterfeiting and his post-release work as staff dentist at Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, unfold in a riveting biography characterized by uncanny success, deep internal struggles, and a champion's spirit that pushed through it all.

CHARLES N. DEGRAVELLES has spent over twentyfive years ministering to the inmates of Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, including the men on death row. A deacon and teacher living in Baton Rouge, deGravelles has published in literary journals and anthologies nationwide.



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Louisiana Wild

The Protected and Restored Lands of The Nature Conservancy

C. C. LOCKWOOD

Foreword by KEITH OUCHLEY

The scenic images that Louisiana brings to mind moss-draped cypress, lush marshlands, alligators gliding through bayous, herons coasting across an open sky—all spring from one of the most diverse and productive ecosystems on the continent. This varied and inviting landscape gives rise to one of the state's many monikers, "Sportsman's Paradise," which rings true whether you are boating on picturesque Lake Martin or bird-watching among the ancient live oaks of Lafitte Woods. From the precious maritime forests of Grand Isle to the steep contours of Tunica Hills, Louisiana's wild outdoors defines each region's sense of place and value.

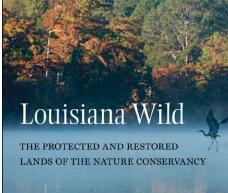
For nearly thirty years, The Nature Conservancy in Louisiana has served as a steward of these ecological riches, protecting and maintaining more than 285,000 acres of the state's land. Now, for the first time, readers can observe the vast array of flora and fauna found in these complex habitats in *Louisiana Wild*, with the awe-inspiring photography of C. C. Lockwood.

After trekking and canoeing through more than sixty properties managed by The Nature Conservancy, Lockwood presents a vivid photo narrative that journeys from the little-known Copenhagen Hills, a prairie habitat with the largest variety of woody plants in Louisiana; to the swampland lake of Cypress Island, with its massive rookery of roseate spoonbills and great egrets; to over a dozen other sites that showcase Louisiana's distinct environs.

With 220 color images, *Louisiana Wild* pays homage to the immeasurable impact of The Nature Conservancy's efforts and will delight anyone who calls Louisiana home.

C. C. LOCKWOOD, a recipient of the Sierra Club's Ansel Adams Award for Outstanding Conservation Photography and honored as a Louisiana Legend by Louisiana Public Broadcasting, has photographed the natural wonders of his home state and beyond for over four decades. His books include *Marsh Mission: Capturing the Vanishing Wetlands; C. C. Lockwood's Atchafalaya; Around the Bend: A Mississippi River Adventure; Beneath the Rim: A Photographic Journey through the Grand Canyon; Still Waters: Images, 1971–1999; and The Yucatán Peninsula.*

KEITH OUCHLEY is executive director of The Nature Conservancy of Louisiana and oversees the preservation of thousands of acres of land in the state.



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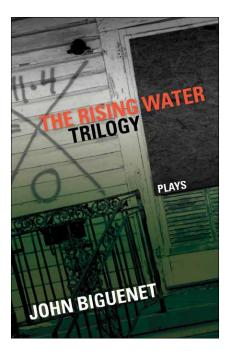
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The Rising Water Trilogy

Plays

JOHN BIGUENET Foreword by GEORGE JUDY

"Summoning up deeply set, perhaps nearly forgotten, feelings of anger, regret, and sorrow, but also hope and humor. ... [Biguenet's trilogy] may well be regarded as the finest artistic achievement expressing the personal impact the flood had—and continues to have—on our lives today."

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Widely praised by critics and hailed by audiences, the award-winning plays in John Biguenet's *The Rising Water Trilogy* examine the emotional toll of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath. Approaching the storm, the levee collapse, and subsequent socioeconomic catastrophe through the lives of three couples and their families, Biguenet conveys insights into the universal nature of trauma and feelings of loss with heart-wrenching intimacy and palliative humor.

Each play—*Rising Water, Shotgun*, and *Mold* incorporates the structure of a house as it examines the anatomy of love, moving from the hours just after the levees' collapse to four months into the flood's chaotic aftermath—and then to a year later when a family returns to their now mold-encrusted home. In aggregate, these plays employ the seemingly simple act of living together to examine questions of what *home* truly means. Biguenet also delves into the consequences of living in a city wracked by catastrophe and long-simmering racial tensions, yet so beloved by its inhabitants that even decades of federal neglect and municipal mismanagement cannot erase their emotional attachment to the place and to each other.

An O. Henry Award winner, **JOHN BIGUENET** is the author of seven books, including *The Torturer's Apprentice: Stories* and *Oyster: A Novel*, as well as six award-winning plays. Named its first guest columnist by the *New York Times*, Biguenet chronicled in both columns and videos his return to New Orleans after its flooding in 2005. Past president of the American Literary Translators Association, he is the Robert Hunter Distinguished University Professor at Loyola University in New Orleans.

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George Washington Carver

A Life

CHRISTINA VELLA

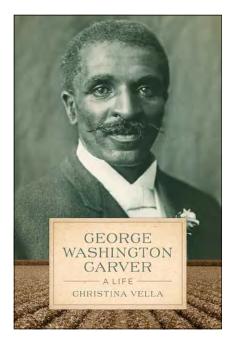
Nearly every American can cite one of the accomplishments of George Washington Carver. A national monument bears his name, a U.S. coin was minted in his honor, and his induction into the National Inventors Hall of Fame is one of many tributes honoring his contributions to scientific advancement and black history. Born into slavery, Carver earned a master's degree at Iowa State Agricultural College and went on to become the university's first black faculty member. His research into peanuts and sweet potatoes-crops that replenished the cottonleached soil of the South-helped lift multitudes of sharecroppers out of poverty. When he died in 1943, despite living during a period of systemic racial prejudice, millions of Americans mourned the passing of one of the nation's most honored and beloved scientists. Scores of children's books celebrate the contributions of this prolific botanist, but his personal life, his romantic interests, and the intersection of both with his professional career have remained largely unexamined until now.

Christina Vella offers the most thorough biography of George Washington Carver, including in-depth details of his personal relationships with family, colleagues, lovers, and friends, set in the context of the early twentieth century. Despite the exceptional trajectory of his career, Carver was not immune to the racism of the Jim Crow era or the privations and hardships of the Great Depression and two world wars. Yet throughout the tumult of this period, his scientific achievements aligned him with equally extraordinary friends, including Teddy Roosevelt, Mohandas Gandhi, Henry A. Wallace, and Henry Ford.

In pursuit of the man behind the historical figure, Vella discovers an unassuming intellectual with a quirky sense of humor, striking eccentricities, and an unwavering religious faith. She explores Carver's anguished dealings with Booker T. Washington across their nineteen years working together at the Tuskegee Institute—a relationship so fraught with jealousy that it contributed to the tragic suicide of a woman Carver loved. This affair was followed, years later, by Carver's unrequited passion for a white man.

Carver was a prodigious and generous scholar whose life was shaped by struggle and heartbreak as well as success and fame. Vella's extensively researched biography offers a complex and compelling portrait of Carver, one of the most brilliant minds of the last century.

CHRISTINA VELLA received a PhD in Modern European and U.S. history from Tulane University, where she is a Visiting Professor. A consultant for the U.S. State Department, she lectures widely on historical and biographical topics.



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The Photojournalism of Del Hall

New Orleans and Beyond, 1950s–2000s

RICHARD CAMPANELLA

Del Hall stands as one of the few journalists able to chart their careers through the milestones and icons of the late twentieth century—the civil rights movement, Vatican II, the Beatles' arrival in the United States, Martin Luther King, Jr., John F. Kennedy, the 1968 Chicago Riots, the Vietnam War, the rise and fall of the Berlin Wall. Hall's humble beginnings on the gritty downtown streets of Depression-era New Orleans proved an ample launching pad for a six-decade profession documenting key moments in world affairs, all while staying ahead of the many technological shifts that revolutionized news media.

With the aid of previously unpublished photographs and stills, critically acclaimed geographer and author Richard Campanella turns the focus around to the Emmy Award–winning photojournalist and presents the life of a quiet observer who captured critical episodes in American history. From Hall's start in New Orleans at WWL-TV covering lunch-counter sit-ins and the integration of schools in the Ninth Ward to his lauded work for CBS News, filming Walter Cronkite, *60 Minutes*, and Charles Kuralt, Campanella commemorates Hall's remarkable contributions to journalism as the field expanded from print to television.

This visually captivating and lively biography follows Hall as he is chased by the Ku Klux Klan, shot at by the Viet Cong, journeys to Moscow to cover President Nixon's historic visit, and almost dies in a helicopter crash at the America's Cup race. Campanella traces the life of a tireless documentarian and pioneer who not only photographed history as it happened, but also filmed one of the first full-color TV documentaries and redefined nonlinear computerized editing.

The Photojournalism of Del Hall: New Orleans and Beyond, 1950s–2000s serves as a testament

to the immense impact of the oft-overlooked and uncredited role of the cameraman, rightfully placing Del Hall in the vanguard of the profession.

RICHARD CAMPANELLA, a geographer with the Tulane School of Architecture, is the author of eight books about New Orleans, including *Bourbon Street: A History, Bienville's Dilemma*, and *Geographies of New Orleans*. A two-time winner of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Book of the Year Award, Campanella has also received the Louisiana Library Association's Literary Award, the Williams Prize for Louisiana History, and the Monroe Fellowship from Tulane's New Orleans Center for the Gulf South.



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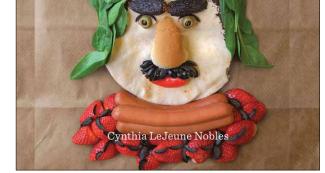


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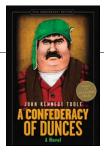


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A Confederacy of Dunces

CYNTHIA LEJEUNE NOBLES

In John Kennedy Toole's iconic novel, Ignatius J. Reilly is never short of opinions about food or far away from his next bite. Whether issuing gibes such as "canned food is a perversion," or taking a break from his literary ambitions with "an occasional cheese dip," this lover of Lucky Dogs, café au lait, and wine cakes navigates 1960s

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For the novel's millions of fans, Cynthia LeJeune Nobles's "A Confederacy of Dunces" Cookbook offers recipes inspired by the delightfully commonplace and always delicious fare of Ignatius and his cohorts. Through an informative narrative and almost 200 recipes, Nobles explores the intersection of food, history, and culture found in the Pulitzer Prize– winning novel, opening up a new avenue into New

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A lighthearted yet impeccably researched look at the food of the 1960s, "A Confederacy of Dunces" Cookbook reaffirms the singularity and timelessness of both New Orleans cuisine and Toole's comic tour de force.

Author of *The "Delta Queen" Cookbook* and series editor for The Southern Table, **CYNTHIA LEJEUNE NOBLES** is a food columnist for the *Advocate* of Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Acadiana, and a member of the Newcomb College Culinary History Writers Group. She lives in Baton Rouge with her husband.

Postmark Bayou Chene

A Novel

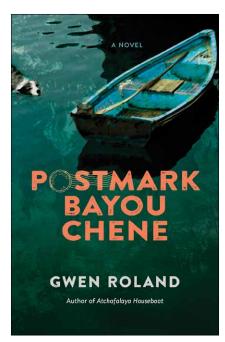
GWEN ROLAND

In the heart of Louisiana's Atchafalaya Basin, a letter sent from an isolated settlement, addressed to Hautes-Pyrénées, France, and marked undeliverable, shows up at the Bayou Chene post office. That same day locals find a dog, nearly dead and tethered to an empty skiff. Odd yet seemingly trivial, the arrival of a masterless dog and a returned letter trigger a series of events that will dramatically change the lives of three friends and affect all of the residents of Bayou Chene.

Gwen Roland's debut novel, set in 1907 in a secluded part of Louisiana, follows young adults Loyce Snellgrove, her cousin Lafayette "Fate" Landry, and his friend Valzine Broussard as they navigate between revelations about the past and tensions in the present. Forces large and small—the tragedies of the Civil War, the hardships of swamp life, family secrets, as well as unfailing humor—create a prismatic depiction of Louisiana folklife at the turn of the twentieth century and provide a realistic setting for this enchanting drama.

Roland anchors her work in historical fact and weaves a superb tale of vivid characters. In *Postmark Bayou Chene* she uses the captivating voice that described the beauty and challenges of the swamp to legions of readers in her autobiographical *Atchafalaya Houseboat*. Her ear for dialogue and eye for detail bring the now-vanished community of Bayou Chene and the realities of love and loss on the river back to life in a well-crafted, bittersweet tribute.

GWEN ROLAND is the author of *Atchafalaya Houseboat: My Years in the Louisiana Swamp*, published by LSU Press. She continues to write about agriculture and self-sufficient lifestyles from her homestead in Georgia.

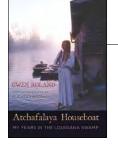


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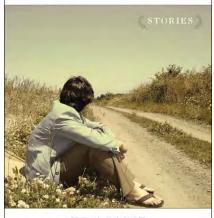
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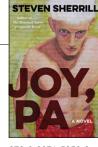
The insightful and provocative stories in Tom Paine's collection spring from a series of seismic events that rocked the post-millennium world. News headlines from the last decade—the fall of Baghdad, the Occupy Wall Street movement, and the BP oil spill—not only inspire the settings but also raise ethical questions that percolate throughout this ominous and timely work.

A stark reminder of the challenges and resultant anxiety facing a global society, *A Boy's Book of Nervous Breakdowns* depicts the simultaneously dreamlike and brutally real experience of witnessing contemporary political and environmental catastrophes. Paine approaches the second U.S. invasion of Iraq through the eyes of a CBS radio journalist and her desperate Iraqi translator as they report the opening months of the attack and dodge danger with a newborn in tow. In other stories, a father blames global warming for the drowning death of his daughter and journeys by horseback across the last of the Montana glaciers; a Japanese reggae band struggles under the radioactive umbrella of the Fukushima nuclear disaster; and a genius at Goldman Sachs invents a money-making algorithm, then ends his days with a tribe of headhunters in the Amazon.

Paine masterfully orchestrates these episodic depictions of a failing civilization, however unnerving, through a wide array of perspectives, each tied to the other by Cassandra-like prophecies. Immediately compelling, *A Boy's Book of Nervous Breakdowns* confronts the harsh realities of our time with imaginative and moving vignettes that reinforce the fragility, greed, and heartache of the human condition.

TOM PAINE, author of *The Pearl of Kuwait* and *Scar Vegas*, is associate professor in the MFA program at the University of New Hampshire. He has published work in the *New Yorker*, *Harper's*, *Zoetrope*, *Glimmer Train*, and *Story*, among others, and has been featured in anthologies for *The O. Henry Awards*, *The Pushcart Prize*, and *New Stories from the South*: *The Year's Best*.

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JOSHUA CLEGG CAFFERY

Many recurring motifs found in south Louisiana's culture spring from the state's rich folklore. Influenced by settlers of European and African heritage, celebrated customs like the Courir de Mardi Gras and fabled creatures like the Loup-Garou are outgrowths of the region's distinctive oral traditions. Joshua Clegg Caffery's *In the Creole Twilight* draws from this vibrant and diverse legacy to create an accessible reimagining of traditional storytelling and song.

A scholar and Grammy-nominated musician, Caffery borrows from the syllabic structures, rhyme schemes, narratives, and settings that characterize Louisiana songs and tales to create new verse that is both well-researched and refreshingly inventive. Paired with original pen-and-ink illustrations as well as notes that clarify the origins of characters and themes, Caffery's compositions provide a link to the old worlds of southern Louisiana while constructing an entirely new one.

They tied me in ribbons and spun me around (white, red, and yellow as a candy cane), rolling over the muddy ground in an ox-drawn hack down the country lane. While you wrestled with Doucet down in the ditch,

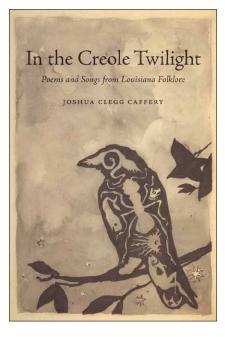
I wrestled the ribbons off of my hips,

and the only one who saw me cry was the handsome fiddler with the hazel eyes. The whole way home, he held my gaze, walking backward while he led the parade.

Now I'm sitting on the banks of the Tennessee, and that fiddler man sleeps close by me, bound for Baltimore and Aunt Eulalie. They said you were a carpenter, a solid trade, but I've cast in the current the cross you made, whittled from cypress, soft and red. I never once wore it around my head.

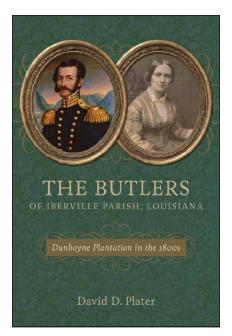
-from "A Letter to Pierre Grouillet"

JOSHUA CLEGG CAFFERY, author of *Traditional Music in Coastal Louisiana*, is a native of Franklin, Louisiana, and is currently a visiting professor in folklore at Indiana University in Bloomington. He was a founding member of the Red Stick Ramblers and a longtime member of the Louisiana French band Feufollet. In addition to being nominated for a Grammy for his work on the Feufollet album *En Couleurs*, he served as the 2013–14 Alan Lomax Fellow in Folklife Studies at the John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress.



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The Butlers of Iberville Parish, Louisiana

Dunboyne Plantation in the 1800s

DAVID D. PLATER

In 1833, Edward G. W. and Frances Parke Butler moved to their newly constructed plantation house, Dunboyne, on the banks of the Mississippi River near the village of Bayou Goula. Their experiences at Dunboyne over the next forty years demonstrated the transformations that many land-owning southerners faced in the nineteenth century, from the evolution of agricultural practices and commerce, to the destruction wrought by the Civil War and the transition from slave to free labor, and finally to the social, political, and economic upheavals of Reconstruction. In this comprehensive biography of the Butlers, David D. Plater explores the remarkable lives of a Louisiana family during one of the most tumultuous periods in American history.

Born in Tennessee to a celebrated veteran of the American Revolution, Edward Butler pursued a military career under the mentorship of his guardian, Andrew Jackson, and, during a posting in Washington, D.C., met and married a grand-niece of George Washington, Frances Parke Lewis. In 1831, he resigned his commission and relocated Frances and their young son to Iberville Parish, where the couple began a sugar cane plantation. As their land holdings grew, they amassed more enslaved laborers and improved their social prominence in Louisiana's antebellum society. A staunch opponent of abolition, Butler voted in favor of Louisiana's withdrawal from the Union at the state's Secession Convention. But his actions proved costly when the war cut off agricultural markets and all but destroyed the state's plantation economy, leaving the Butlers in financial ruin. In 1870, with their plantation and finances in disarray, the Butlers sold Dunboyne and resettled in Pass Christian, Mississippi, where they resided in a rental cottage with the financial support of Edward J. Gay, a wealthy Iberville planter and their daughter-in-law's father. After Frances died in 1875, Edward Butler moved in with his son's family in St. Louis, where he remained until his death in 1888.

Based on voluminous primary source material, *The Butlers of Iberville Parish, Louisiana* offers an intimate picture of a wealthy nineteenth-century family and the turmoil they faced as a system based on the enslavement of others unraveled.

DAVID D. PLATER is a retired maritime lawyer and history teacher, and the former manager of Acadia Plantation in Thibodaux, Louisiana.

Damn Yankees!

Demonization and Defiance in the Confederate South

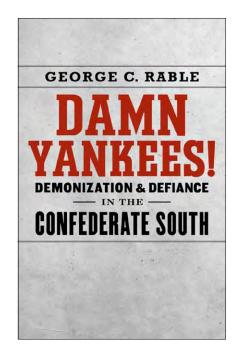
GEORGE C. RABLE

During the Civil War, southerners produced a vast body of writing about their northern foes, painting a picture of a money-grubbing, puritanical, and infidel enemy. *Damn Yankees!* explores the proliferation of this rhetoric and demonstrates how the perpetual vilification of northerners became a weapon during the war, fostering hatred and resistance among the people of the Confederacy.

Drawing from speeches, cartoons, editorials, letters, and diaries, *Damn Yankees!* examines common themes in southern excoriation of the enemy. In sharp contrast to the presumed southern ideals of chivalry and honor, Confederates claimed that Yankees were rootless vagabonds who placed profit ahead of fidelity to religious and social traditions. Pervasive criticism of northerners created a framework for understanding their behavior during the war. When the Confederacy prevailed on the field of battle, it confirmed the Yankees' reputed physical and moral weakness. When the Yankees achieved military success, reports of depravity against vanquished foes abounded, stiffening the resolve of Confederate soldiers and civilians alike to protect their homeland and the sanctity of their women from Union degeneracy.

From award-winning Civil War historian George C. Rable, *Damn Yankees!* is the first comprehensive study of anti-Union speech and writing, the ways these words shaped perceptions of and events in the war, and the rhetoric's enduring legacy in the South after the conflict had ended.

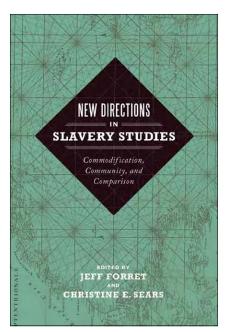
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New Directions in Slavery Studies

Commodification, Community, and Comparison

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In this landmark essay collection, twelve contributors chart the contours of current scholarship in the field of slavery studies, highlighting three of the discipline's major themes—commodification, community, and comparison—and indicating paths for future inquiry.

New Directions in Slavery Studies addresses the various ways in which the institution of slavery reduced human beings to a form of property. From the coastwise domestic slave trade in international context to the practice of slave mortgaging to the issuing of insurance policies on slaves, several essays reveal how southern whites treated slaves as a form of capital to be transferred or protected. An additional piece in this section contemplates the historian's role in translating the fraught history of slavery into film.

Other essays examine the idea of the "slave community," an increasingly embattled concept born of revisionist scholarship in the 1970s. This section's contributors examine the process of community formation for black foreigners, the crucial role of violence in the negotiation of slaves' sense of community, and the effect of the Civil War on slave society. A final essay asks readers to reassess the longstanding revisionist emphasis on slave agency and the ideological burdens it carries with it.

Essays in the final section discuss scholarship on comparative slavery, contrasting American slavery with similar, less restrictive practices in Brazil and North Africa. One essay negotiates a complicated tripartite comparison of secession in the United States, Brazil, and Cuba, while another uncovers subtle differences in slavery in separate regions of the American South, demonstrating that comparative slavery studies need not be transnational.

New Directions in Slavery Studies provides new examinations of the lives and histories of enslaved people in the United States.

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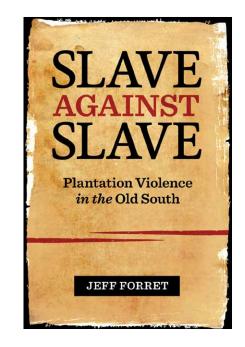
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In the first-ever comprehensive analysis of violence between slaves in the antebellum South, Jeff Forret challenges persistent notions of slave communities as sites of unwavering harmony and solidarity. Though existing scholarship shows that intraracial black violence did not reach high levels until after Reconstruction, contemporary records bear witness to its regular presence among enslaved populations. Slave against Slave explores the roots of and motivations for such violence and the ways in which slaves, masters, churches, and civil and criminal laws worked to hold it in check. Far from focusing on violence alone, Forret's work also adds depth to our understanding of morality among the enslaved, revealing how slaves sought to prevent violence and punish those who engaged in it.

Forret mines a vast array of slave narratives, slaveholders' journals, travelers' accounts, and church and court records from across the South to approximate the prevalence of slave-against-slave violence prior to the Civil War. A diverse range of motives for these conflicts emerges, from tensions over status differences, to disagreements originating at work and in private, to discord relating to the slave economy and the web of debts that slaves owed one another, to courtship rivalries, marital disputes, and adulterous affairs. Forret also uncovers the role of explicitly gendered violence in bondpeople's constructions of masculinity and femininity, suggesting a system of honor among slaves that would have been familiar to southern white men and women, had they cared to acknowledge it.

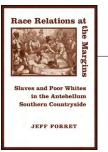
Though many generations of scholars have examined violence in the South as perpetrated by and against whites, the internal clashes within the slave quarters have remained largely unexplored. Forret's analysis of intraracial slave conflicts in the Old South examines narratives of violence in slave communities, opening a new line of inquiry into the study of American slavery.

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Voodoo and Power The Politics of Religion in New Orleans, 1881–1940

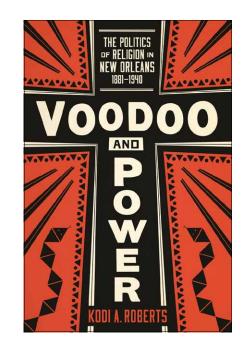
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The racialized and exoticized cult of Voodoo occupies a central place in the popular image of the Crescent City. But as Kodi A. Roberts argues in *Voodoo and Power*, the religion was not a monolithic tradition handed down from African ancestors to their American-born descendants. Instead, a much more complicated patchwork of influences created New Orleans Voodoo, allowing it to move across boundaries of race, class, and gender. By employing late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century firsthand accounts of Voodoo practitioners and their rituals, Roberts provides a nuanced understanding of who practiced Voodoo and why.

Voodoo in New Orleans, a mélange of religion, entrepreneurship, and business networks, stretched across the color line in intriguing ways. Roberts's analysis demonstrates that what united professional practitioners, or "workers," with those who sought their services was not a racially uniform folk culture, but rather the power and influence that Voodoo promised. Recognizing that social immobility proved a common barrier for their patrons, workers claimed that their rituals could overcome racial and gendered disadvantages and create new opportunities for their clients.

Voodoo rituals and institutions also drew inspiration from the surrounding milieu, including the privations of the Great Depression, the city's complex racial history, and the free-market economy. Money, employment, and business became central concerns for the religion's practitioners: to validate their work, some began operating from recently organized "Spiritual Churches," entities that were tax exempt and thus legitimate in the eyes of the state of Louisiana. Practitioners even leveraged local figures like the mythohistoric Marie Laveau for spiritual purposes and entrepreneurial gain. All the while, they contributed to the cultural legacy that fueled New Orleans's tourist industry and drew visitors and their money to the Crescent City.

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The separation of white and black schools remained largely unquestioned and unchallenged in North Carolina for the first half of the twentieth century, yet by the end of the 1970s, the Tar Heel State operated the most thoroughly desegregated school system in the nation. In *Race and Education in North Carolina* John E. Batchelor, a former North Carolina school superintendent, offers a robust analysis of this sea change and the initiatives that comprised the gradual, and often reluctant, desegregation of the state's public schools.

In a state known for relative racial moderation, North Carolina government officials generally steered clear of fiery rhetorical rejections of *Brown v. Board of Education*, in contrast to the position of leaders in most other parts of the South. Instead, they played for time, staving off influential legislators who wanted to close public schools and provide vouchers to support segregated private schools, instituting policies that would admit a few black students into white schools, and continuing to sanction segregation throughout most of the public education system. Litigation—primarily initiated by the NAACP—and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 created stronger mandates for progress and forced government officials to accelerate the pace of desegregation. Batchelor sheds light on the way local school districts pursued this goal while community leaders, school board members, administrators, and teachers struggled to balance new policy demands with deeply entrenched racial prejudice and widespread support for continued segregation.

Drawing from case law, newspapers, interviews with policy makers, civil rights leaders, and attorneys involved in school desegregation, as well as previously unused archival material, *Race and Education in North Carolina* presents a richly textured history of the legal and political factors that informed, obstructed, and finally cleared the way for desegregation in the North Carolina public education system.

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Brown v. Board and the Transformation of American Culture

Education and the South in the Age of Desegregation

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Brown v. Board of Education, which ended legally sanctioned segregation in American public schools, brought issues of racial equality to the forefront of the nation's attention. Beyond its repercussions for the educational system, the decision also heralded broad changes to concepts of justice and national identity. "Brown v. Board" and the Transformation of American Culture examines the prominent cultural figures who taught the country how to embrace new values and ideas of citizenship in the aftermath of this groundbreaking decision.

Through the lens of three cultural "first responders," Ben Keppel tracks the creation of an American culture in which race, class, and ethnicity could cease to imply an inferior form of citizenship. Psychiatrist and social critic Robert Coles, in his Pulitzer Prize–winning studies of children and schools in desegregating regions of the country, helped citizens understand the value of the project of racial equality in the lives of regular families, both white and black. Comedian Bill Cosby leveraged his success with gentle, family-centric humor to create televised spaces that challenged the idea of whiteness as the cultural default. Public television producer Joan Ganz Cooney designed programs like *Sesame Street* that extended educational opportunities to impoverished children, while offering a new vision of urban life in which diverse populations coexisted in an atmosphere of harmony and mutual support.

Together, the work of these pioneering figures provided new codes of conduct and guided America through the growing pains of becoming a truly pluralistic nation. In this cultural history of the impact of *Brown v. Board*, Keppel paints a vivid picture of a society at once eager for and resistant to the changes ushered in by this pivotal decision.

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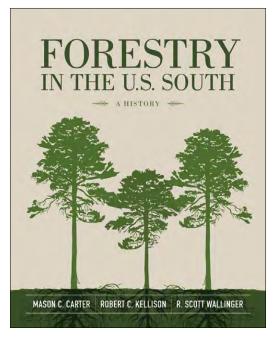


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Forestry in the U.S. South

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During the second half of the twentieth century, the forest industry removed more than 300 billion cubic feet of timber from southern forests. Yet at the same time, partnerships between public and private entities improved the inventory, health, and productivity of this vast and resilient resource. A comprehensive and multilayered history, *Forestry in the U.S. South* explores the remarkable commercial and environmental gains made possible through the collaboration of industry, universities, and other agencies.

This authoritative assessment starts by discussing the motives and practices of early lumber companies, which, having exhausted the forests of the Northeast by the turn of the twentieth century, aggressively began to harvest the virgin pine of the South, with production peaking by 1909. The rapidly declining supply of old-growth southern pine triggered a threat of timber famine and inspired efforts to regulate the industry. By mid-century, however, industrial forestry had its own profit incentive to replenish harvested timber. This set the stage for a unique alliance between public and private sectors, which conducted cooperative research on tree improvement, fertilization, seedling production, and other practices germane to sustainable forest management.

By the close of the 1990s, concerns about an inadequate timber supply gave way to questions about how to utilize millions of acres of pine plantations approaching maturity. No longer concerned with the future supply of raw material, and facing mounting global competition, the U.S. pulp and paper industry consolidated, restructured, and sold nearly 20 million acres of forests to Timber Investment Management Organizations (TIMOs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), resulting in an entirely new dynamic for private forestry in the South.

Incomparable in scope, *Forestry in the U.S. South* spotlights the people and organizations responsible for empowering individual forest owners across the region, tripling the production of pine stands and bolstering the livelihoods of thousands of men and women across the South.

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Values in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design

Finding Center in Theory and Practice

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The successful realization of diversity, resilience, usefulness, profitability, or beauty in landscape design requires a firm understanding of the stakeholders' values. This collection, which incorporates a wide variety of geographic locations and cultural perspectives, reinforces the necessity for clear and articulate comprehension of the many factors that guide the design process.

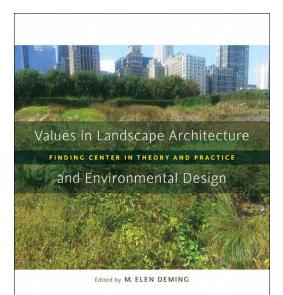
As the contributors to this collection reveal, dominant and emerging social, political, philosophical, and economic concerns perpetually assert themselves in designed landscapes, from manifestations of class consciousness in Napa Valley vineyards to recurring themes and conflicts in American commemorative culture as seen in designs for national memorials. One essay demonstrates the lasting impact of the doctrine of Manifest Destiny on the culture and spaces of the Midwest, while another considers the shifting historical narratives that led to the de-domestication and subsequent re-wilding of the Oostvaardersplassen in the Netherlands. These eleven essays help foster the ability to conduct a balanced analysis of various value systems and produce a lucid visualization of the necessary tradeoffs.

Offering an array of case studies and theoretical arguments, *Values in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design* encourages professionals and educators to bring self-awareness, precision, and accountability to their consideration of landscape designs.

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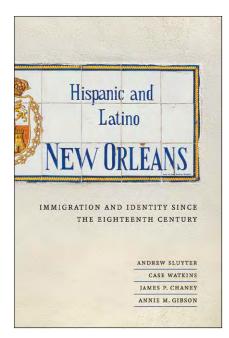
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Often overlooked in historic studies of New Orleans, the city's Hispanic and Latino populations have contributed significantly to its development. *Hispanic and Latino New Orleans* offers the first scholarly study of these communities in the Crescent City. This trailblazing volume not only explores the evolving role of Hispanics and Latinos in shaping the city's unique cultural identity but also reveals how their history informs the ongoing national debate about immigration.

As early as the eighteenth century, the Spanish government used incentives of land and money to encourage Spaniards from other regions of the empire—particularly the Canary Islands—to settle in and around New Orleans. Though immigration from Spain declined markedly in the wake of the Louisiana Purchase, the city quickly became the gateway between the United States and the emerging independent republics of Latin America. The burgeoning trade in coffee, sugar, and bananas attracted Cuban and Honduran immigrants to New Orleans, while smaller communities of Hispanics and Latinos from countries such as Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Brazil also made their marks on the landscapes and neighborhoods of the city, particularly in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Combining accessible historical narrative, interviews, and maps that illustrate changing residential geographies, *Hispanic and Latino New Orleans* is a landmark study of the political, economic, and cultural networks that produced these diverse communities in one of the country's most distinctive cities.

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Music Theater and Popular Nationalism in Spain, 1880–1930

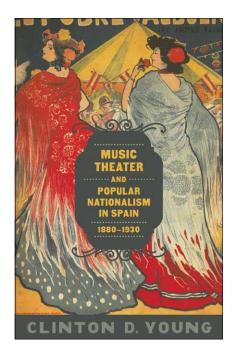
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From its earliest appearance in the mid-1600s, the lyric theater form of *zarzuela* captivated Spanish audiences with its witty writing and lively musical scores. Clinton D. Young's *Music Theater and Popular Nationalism in Spain, 1880–1930* persuasively links zarzuela's celebration of Spanish history and culture to the development of concepts of nationalism and national identity at the dawn of the twentieth century.

As a weak Spanish government focused its energy on preventing a recurrence of mid-nineteenth-century political upheavals, the project of articulating a national identity occurred at the popular level, particularly in cultural venues such as the theater. Zarzuela suited this aim well, depicting the lives of everyday citizens amid the rapidly changing norms brought about by industrialization and urbanization. It also integrated regional differences into a unified vision of Spanish national identity: a zarzuela performance set in Madrid could incorporate forms of music and folk dancing native to areas of the country as far distant as Andalucía and Catalonia. A true "music of the people" (*música popular*), zarzuela offered its audiences an image of what a more modern Spain might look like.

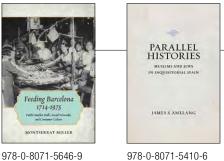
Zarzuela alone could not create a unified concept of Spanish identity, particularly with competition from new forms of mass culture and the rise of the Primo de Rivera dictatorship in the 1920s. Yet, as this riveting study shows, it made an indelible contribution to popular culture and nationalism. Young's history brings to life the stories, songs, and evolving contexts of a uniquely Spanish art form.

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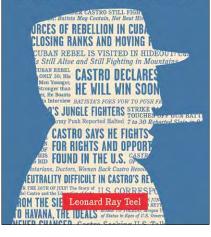


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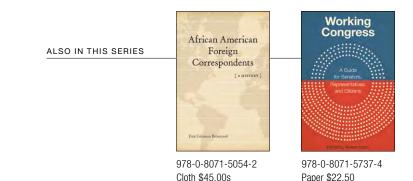
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Political Belief in France, 1927–1945

Gender, Empire, and Fascism in the Croix de Feu and Parti Social Français

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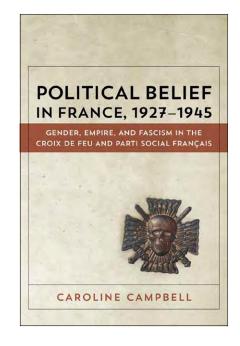
In the interwar era, the rise of the largest political movement in modern French history, the powerful Croix de Feu (1927–1936), and its successor, the Parti Social Français, or PSF (1936–1945), led to a sharp rightward turn in France's political culture. *Political Belief in France*, 1927–1945 traces the central role of women in this shift, arguing that they transformed the Croix de Feu/PSF from a paramilitary league for veterans into a social reform movement that sought to remake the politics, society, and culture of the French Republic.

Following the creation of a Women's Section in 1934, the women of the Croix de Feu/PSF developed a wide array of social programs, including welfare services, youth development, and health-care initiatives. At a time of economic depression and high unemployment, these popular programs tempered the organization's fearsome reputation as a violent paramilitary group. While the efforts of the Women's Section had the veneer of moderation, they accentuated the long-standing conservative image of France as a deeply Christian society and sought to assimilate people of different ethnoreligious backgrounds into the dominant national community. Croix de Feu/PSF women promoted their social agenda as a religious and patriotic duty, a reflection of the individual's responsibility to make personal sacrifices on behalf of their vision for France's Christian civilization.

The Croix de Feu/PSF's ethnoreligious nationalism circulated throughout the French imperial nation-state, making the movement the premier defender of an empire at the height of its power. But women in North African branches faced substantial marginalization, and the movement remained dangerously sectarian in the Maghreb, driving indigenous activists from reformism to anticolonialism. The Croix de Feu/PSF thus set the stage for both the authoritarian, anti-Semitic Vichy regime and the decolonization that followed the war.

The first book on women of the French far right in the age of fascism, *Political Belief in France*, 1927– 1945 contributes to the fields of French history, gender studies, the history of fascism, and the history of empire.

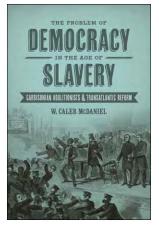
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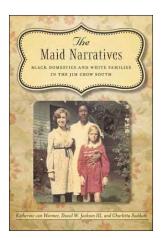
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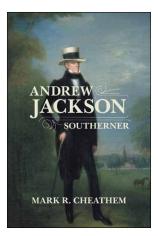
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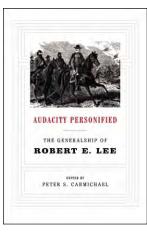
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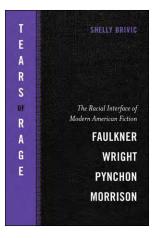
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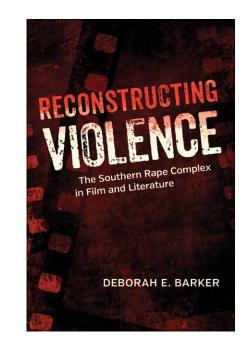
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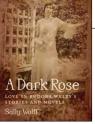
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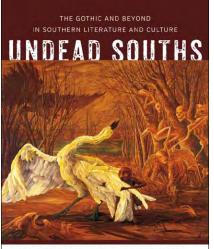
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New Approaches to *Gone with the Wind* Edited by JAMES A. CRANK

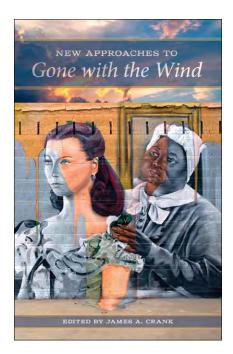
Since its publication in 1936, *Gone with the Wind* has held a unique position in American cultural memory, both for its particular vision of the American South in the age of the Civil War and for its often controversial portrayals of race, gender, and class. *New Approaches to "Gone with the Wind"* offers neither apology nor rehabilitation for the novel and its Oscar-winning film adaptation. Instead, the nine essays provide distinct, compelling insights that challenge and complicate conventional associations.

Racial and sexual identity form a cornerstone of the collection: Mark C. Jerng and Charlene Regester each examine Margaret Mitchell's reframing of traditional racial identities and the impact on audience sympathy and engagement. Jessica Sims mines Mitchell's depiction of childbirth for what it reveals about changing ideas of femininity in a postplantation economy, while Deborah Barker explores transgressive sexuality in the film version by comparing it to the depiction of rape in D. W. Griffith's earlier silent classic, *Birth of a Nation*.

Other essays position the novel and film within the context of their legacy and their impact on national and international audiences. Amy Clukey and James Crank inspect the reception of *Gone with the Wind* by Irish critics and gay communities, respectively. Daniel Cross Turner, Keaghan Turner, and Riché Richardson consider its aesthetic impact and mythology, and the ways that contemporary writers and artists, such as Natasha Trethewey and Kara Walker, have engaged with the work. Finally, Helen Taylor sums up the pervading influence that *Gone with the Wind* continues to exert on audiences in both America and Britain.

Through an emphasis on intertextuality, sexuality, and questions of audience and identity, these essayists deepen the ongoing conversation about the cultural impact and influence of this monumental work. Flawed in many ways yet successful beyond its time, *Gone with the Wind* remains a touchstone in southern studies.

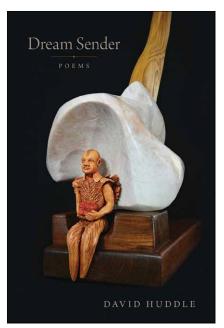
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DAVID HUDDLE

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"Huddle is a source of light in an often gray world."-Booklist

"[Huddle's poetry is] luminous and majestic."—Philip Deaver, *The Southern Review*

An account of spiritual survival through the practice of literary art, the poems in David Huddle's eighth collection, *Dream Sender*, move among a variety of poetic forms and voices. Here, a bear wonders why he could not have been a raccoon, a bird, or a meadow; and a five-year-old thrills to the forbidden taste of whiskey as he eavesdrops on his parents' after-dinner conversation. By turns outrageous and pragmatic, Huddle's poems acknowledge the powerful and disturbing currents of the contemporary world as they also explore the comfort and familiarity we find there.

Huddle's poems illuminate the nature of relationships between family, friends, and even animals, celebrating their shortcomings, embarrassments, and eccentricities. At once frank and compassionate, *Dream Sender* finds both humor and poignancy in human imperfections. A native of Ivanhoe, Virginia, **DAVID HUDDLE** has lived in Vermont for over four decades. He is the author of nineteen novels, short story collections, essays, and volumes of poetry, including *Glory River* and *Blacksnake at the Family Reunion*. He teaches at the Bread Loaf School of English and the Rainier Writing Workshop.

Practice

For Jack White

Reek of valve oil, stink of reeds and spitty brass when we lifted our horns from their cases, discord beginning with *squeak bam blat thump honk* we'd warm up even making our way to our seats with cacophony swelling toward crescendo until Mr. White reached the podium and tapped the music stand with his baton.

Backs straight, waiting in a half circle, a hundred kids with clarinets, trombones, French horns, saxes, trumpets, tubas—then snares, bass drums, tympani, and cymbals: When that man lifted his baton, we obliged him with the ridiculously gorgeous noise of our growing up. Sometimes he'd smile, sometimes whisper, *Oh kid, play that horn, make me cry.*

Small Mothers of Fright

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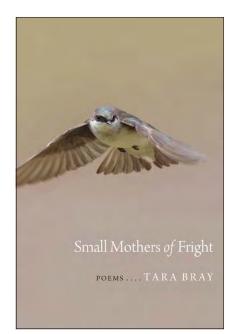
TARA BRAY

In *Small Mothers of Fright*, Tara Bray draws on her experiences as a mother struggling to strike a balance between protecting her daughter from the world's perils and dazzling her with its many wonders. The birds that fill these pages convey a sense of fragility and uncertainty, while the rhythm of the seasons provides a comfort that promises the old will be made new again.

In a precise yet accessible style, Bray writes about fleeting actions and thoughts that, in sum, create the memorable, lasting moments of life. In one poem, a woman reflects on "the way the young self rushes in" as she blasts music from her past on the car radio, deliberately calling forth the contrast between past pain and present satisfactions. It is the world of the simple and overlooked—crows, wrens, food, tea, sermons, ragged coyotes, runners, yogis, poppies that serves as something to hold to in spite of loss, human frailty, and unease. **TARA BRAY** has published poems in *Shenandoah*, *The Southern Review, Agni, The Hudson Review, Poetry*, and elsewhere. She is also the author of *Mistaken for Song.* She is a recipient of a State of Nevada Individual Artist Fellowship and resides in Richmond, Virginia, with her husband and daughter.

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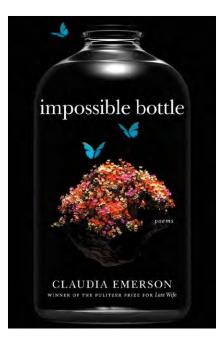
Forgive the occurrence the dark spin of a trinket the small nest infested. Forgive the itch in the crest of the titmouse, a frown's severity, and me holding something burned with something soft.



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This posthumous volume of poetry from Pulitzer Prize winner Claudia Emerson explores the suspended state of existence that illness imposes upon its sufferers—what she calls the "impossible bottle." With a strong will and a self-deprecating awareness of the instinct to seek meaning in metaphor, she confronts the indignities, fears, and moments of grace in a struggle with cancer. Her poems forge unlikely connections between the present reality and memories of the past, such as an MRI scan conjuring up images of a June expedition through a tunnel under a Maryland mountain.

Rooted equally in the sterility of the hospital and the vitality of the natural world, *Impossible Bottle* mines the trappings of illness, showing how disease attempts to rob us of our humanity even as it reminds us of our mortality.

CLAUDIA EMERSON published six poetry collections with LSU Press, including *Late Wife, Secure the Shadow*, and *The Opposite House*. A professor of English and member of the creative writing faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Emerson served as the poet laureate of Virginia and won numerous awards for teaching and writing—including the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry—before her death in 2014.

I am not this, not here, this time. I am what I mistook for a shadow

in our walled garden, gathered beneath the concrete bench, concrete also the sky,

like the cold, sorrowful bottom of something; it is a collared shadow, though—a stray cat

I see us feeding in the afternoon. And I will watch it eat from a dish

on the back stoop, then bathe in the open doorway of the garage, in that narrow shaft

of afternoon light, where I will be also, and also behind it, where I am

the body of light that swings from the rafters. —from "Infusion Suite"

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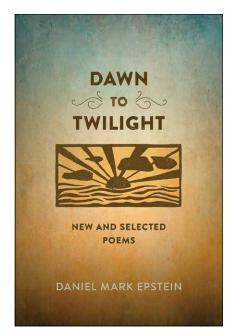
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DANIEL MARK EPSTEIN is the author of eight prizewinning books of poetry and six highly acclaimed biographies, including *The Ballad of Bob Dylan*. His honors include the Rome Prize in 1978, a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1984, and an Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 2006. He lives in Baltimore, Maryland.

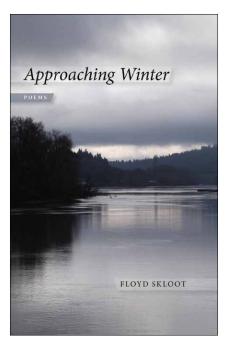
In the salt marsh near my ancestral home, I know the constant transience of things. The disc of sun nods at the close of day, Blood-red, more blood than light. The hum Of wind is not wind but the beating wings Of silver birds frightened into flight By the sight of an eagle. Nothing is quite What it seems. The elements mingle so In this place where wetland meets the sea, I know all blood is my blood, the wind my breath. And if I have no heart to hunt today, My friend, it's not to slight good company But because, in my mood, predator and prey Have become partners in the dance of death. —from "Sundown, Newport Creek"



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Traveling from Portland's Willamette River, which borders Skloot's home, to the hushed landscapes of the afterlife, the poems in this collection acknowledge the passage of time and the inevitable darkness that lies ahead. Yet Skloot also remains attuned to the urgency of the present moment, as he admires the plumage of the local birds in the short days before their journey south for the winter. By turns whimsical and meditative, *Approaching Winter* gives voice to the struggle to find coherence in a fragmented world.

FLOYD SKLOOT's seven previous poetry collections include *The End of Dreams*, a finalist for the Paterson Poetry Prize, and *The Snow's Music*. His work has won three Pushcart Prizes and the PEN USA Literary Award in Creative Nonfiction. He lives in Portland, Oregon.

Sightings

I saw my brother in the sunstruck glass of a nearby high-rise on the September morning he would have turned seventy-two. It was as though he had escaped the past and all I could no longer remember. I knew he was that flash of reflected light, dazzling with life, in the same way I knew he was the sudden gust of wind last night that woke me as it spoke of things he did not live to do. The waning summer moon snagged in the river was him till he hid from me behind the cloud that soon gathered what glow remained. Wind-borne songs he never heard reach me here. dense with echoes of his raw baritone. warmer than ever, unforgettably clear.

All Souls Essential Poems

BRENDA MARIE OSBEY

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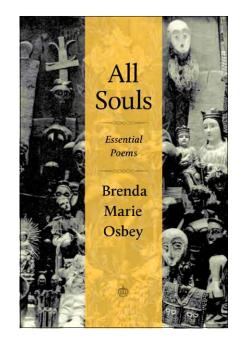
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Dynamic and unflinching, the poems in *All Souls* speak of a world with many secrets, known "only through having learned them / the hardest way."

BRENDA MARIE OSBEY, a native New Orleanian, is a poet and essayist working in English and French, and is Poet Laureate Emerita of Louisiana. She is the author of five previous volumes of poetry, including *All Saints: New and Selected Poems* and *History and Other Poems*.

at some point the silence deepens. the dark deepens looses itself upon the city —remorse desire regret possibility the dark comes and shuts down upon us like a window —the single steaming solitary night i say it is then that we act.

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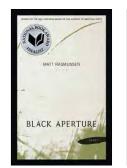
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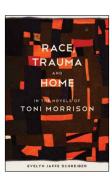


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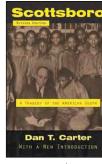


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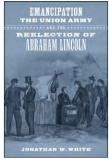
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