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The Clearing - James S McBride 1996-05

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In this collection of essays, autobiographical narratives and performance pieces, the author probes the meaning of all these identities with humour, passion and conviction, as she works out what it means to be queer and happy in a world still arguing about what it means to be queer.

**The Right to Sex** - Amia Srinivasan 2021-08-19  
A SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER BLACKWELL'S BOOK OF THE YEAR 2021 SHORTLISTED FOR THE ORWELL PRIZE 2022 Essential lessons on the world we live in, from one of our greatest young thinkers - a guide to what everybody is talking about today 'Unparalleled and extraordinary . . . A bracing revivification of a

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----- How should we talk about sex? It is a thing we have and also a thing we do; a supposedly private act laden with public meaning; a personal preference shaped by outside forces; a place where pleasure and ethics can pull wildly apart. Since #MeToo many have fixed on consent as the key framework for achieving sexual justice. Yet consent is a blunt tool. To grasp sex in all its complexity - its deep ambivalences, its relationship to gender, class, race and power - we need to move beyond 'yes and no', wanted and unwanted. We need to interrogate the fraught relationships between discrimination and preference, pornography and freedom, rape and racial injustice, punishment and accountability, pleasure and power, capitalism and liberation. We need to rethink sex as a political phenomenon. Searching, trenchant and extraordinarily original, *The Right to Sex* is a landmark examination of the politics and ethics of sex in this world, animated by the hope of a different one.

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**Lost Memory of Skin** - Russell Banks  
2011-09-29

Suspended in a strangely modern-day version of limbo, a young man must create a life for himself in the wake of incarceration. Known only as the Kid, and on probation after doing time for a liaison with an underage girl, he is shackled to a GPS monitoring device and forbidden to live within 2,500 feet of anywhere children might gather. With nowhere else to go, the Kid takes up residence in a makeshift encampment with other convicted sex offenders. Barely beyond childhood himself, the Kid is in many ways an innocent, trapped by impulses and foolish

choices. Enter the Professor, a man who has built his own life on secrets and lies. A university sociologist of enormous size and intellect, he finds in the Kid the perfect subject for his research on homelessness and reoffending sex offenders. The two men forge a tentative partnership. But when the Professor's past resurfaces and threatens to destroy his carefully constructed world, the balance in the two men's relationship shifts. Suddenly, the Kid must reconsider everything he has come to believe, and choose what course of action to take when faced with a new kind of moral decision.

**Black Like Me** - John Howard Griffin  
2006-04-01

This American classic has been corrected from the original manuscripts and indexed, featuring historic photographs and an extensive biographical afterword.

Bastard Out of Carolina - Dorothy Allison  
2012-08-02

'About as close to flawless as any reader could ask for' The New York Times Book Review 'For anyone who has ever felt the contempt of a self-righteous world, this book will resonate within you like a gospel choir. For anyone who hasn't, this book will be an education' Barbara Kingsolver Carolina in the 1950s, and Bone - christened Ruth Anna Boatwright - lives a happy life, in and out of her aunt's houses, playing with her cousins on the porch, sipping ice tea, loving her little sister Reece and her beautiful young mother. But Glen Waddell has been watching them all, wanting her mother too, and when he promises a new life for the family, her mother gratefully accepts. Soon Bone finds herself in a different, terrible world, living in fear, and an exile from everything she knows. Bastard Out of Carolina is a raw, poignant tale of fury, power, love and family. This edition contains an introduction by the author. Dorothy Allison was awarded the 2007 Robert Penn Warren Award for Fiction, and has been likened to Flannery O'Connor, William Faulkner and Harper Lee.

**Cavedweller** - Dorothy Allison 1998

A Georgia woman who abandoned her family to become a singer in California, returns 10 years later. It happens after Delia Byrd's new man dies in an accident, leaving her with a child. The novel describes the family's adjustment, including that of her teen daughters. By the

author of Bastard Out of Carolina.

**Two Or Three Things I Know for Sure** - Dorothy Allison 1995

An autobiographical work written for the stage explores such topics as love and loss, beauty and terror, and the intricacies of family love and hatred, while illuminating the rural poverty of the South.

**Luso-American Literature** - Robert Henry Moser 2011

Portuguese and Cape Verdean immigrants have had a significant presence in North America since the nineteenth century. Recently, Brazilians have also established vibrant communities in the U.S. This anthology brings together, for the first time in English, the writings of these diverse Portuguese-speaking, or "Luso-American" voices. Historically linked by language, colonial experience, and cultural influence, yet ethnically distinct, Luso-Americans have often been labeled an "invisible minority." This collection seeks to address this lacuna, with a broad mosaic of prose, poetry, essays, memoir, and other writings by more than fifty prominent literary figures--immigrants and their descendants, as well as exiles and sojourners. It is an unprecedented gathering of published, unpublished, forgotten, and translated writings by a transnational community that both defies the stereotypes of ethnic literature, and embodies the drama of the immigrant experience.

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**Two or Three Things I Know for Sure** - Dorothy Allison 1996-08-01

*Bastard Out of Carolina*, nominated for the 1992 National Book Award for fiction, introduced Dorothy Allison as one of the most passionate and gifted writers of her generation. Now, in *Two or Three Things I Know for Sure*, she takes a probing look at her family's history to give us a lyrical, complex memoir that explores how the gossip of one generation can become legends for the next. Illustrated with photographs from the author's personal collection, *Two or Three Things I Know for Sure* tells the story of the Gibson women -- sisters, cousins, daughters, and aunts -- and the men who loved them, often abused them, and, nonetheless, shared their destinies. With luminous clarity, Allison explores how desire surprises and what power feels like to a young girl as she confronts abuse. As always, Dorothy Allison is provocative, confrontational, and brutally honest. *Two or Three Things I Know for Sure*, steeped in the hard-won wisdom of experience, expresses the strength of her unique vision with beauty and eloquence.

**In My Skin** - Kate Holden 2006

Called "Quite simply in a class of its own . . . the work of astunningly talented writer who both graces and surpasses her material"(Guardian), this is the frank, harrowing, and true story of one youngwoman's descent into heroin addiction and prostitution and the long,arduous struggle to redeem her life that made her stronger. A shy, bookishcollege graduate from a solid middle-class home, Kate Holden was uncertainof her way in life. When she decided to try her first hit of heroin as aone-time adventure with friends, she did not anticipate that the drug wouldtake over. She lost her job and apartment and stole from her family.Desperation drove her first to offer her body on the streets and then inhigh-class brothels, where she discovered hidden strengths as well as partsof herself that

frightened her. With the acceptance and unyielding love of a family that never abandoned her, Kate Holden ultimately defeated the drug and left her netherworld behind.

*Skin Shows* - Judith Halberstam 1995

Parasites and perverts: an introduction to gothic monstrosity -- Making monsters: Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* -- Gothic surface, gothic depth: the subject of secrecy in Stevenson and Wilde -- Technologies of monstrosity: Bram Stoker's *Dracula* -- Reading counterclockwise: paranoid gothic or gothic paranoia? -- Bodies that splatter: queers and chain saws -- *Skinflick*: posthuman gender in Jonathan Demme's *The Silence of the Lambs* -- Conclusion: serial killing.

*The Women who Hate Me* - Dorothy Allison 1983

*A Little Life* - Hanya Yanagihara 2016

Moving to New York to pursue creative ambitions, four former classmates share decades marked by love, loss, addiction, and haunting elements from a brutal childhood.

**Sexual Politics** - Kate Millett 2016-02-16

A sensation upon its publication in 1970, *Sexual Politics* documents the subjugation of women in great literature and art. Kate Millett's analysis targets four revered authors—D. H. Lawrence, Henry Miller, Norman Mailer, and Jean Genet—and builds a damning profile of literature's patriarchal myths and their extension into psychology, philosophy, and politics. Her eloquence and popular examples taught a generation to recognize inequities masquerading as nature and proved the value of feminist critique in all facets of life. This new edition features the scholar Catharine A. MacKinnon and the *New Yorker* correspondent Rebecca Mead on the importance of Millett's work to challenging the complacency that sidelines feminism.

*Trash* - Dorothy Allison 1988

Preface: Deciding to live -- River of names -- "The meanest woman ever left Tennessee"--Mama -- Gospel song -- I'm working on my charm -- Steal away -- Monkeybites -- Don't tell me you don't know -- Demon lover -- Her thighs -- The muscle of the mind -- Violence against women begins at home -- A lesbian appetite.

*Trash* - Dorothy Allison 2002-09-24

*Trash*, Allison's landmark collection, laid the groundwork for her critically acclaimed *Bastard*

Out of Carolina, the National Book Award finalist that was hailed by The New York Times Book Review as "simply stunning...a wonderful work of fiction by a major talent." In addition to Allison's classic stories, this new edition of Trash features "Stubborn Girls and Mean Stories," an introduction in which Allison discusses the writing of Trash and "Compassion," a never-before-published short story. First published in 1988, the award-winning Trash showcases Allison at her most fearlessly honest and

startlingly vivid. The limitless scope of human emotion and experience are depicted in stories that give aching and eloquent voice to the terrible wounds we inflict on those closest to us. These are tales of loss and redemption; of shame and forgiveness; of love and abuse and the healing power of storytelling. A book that resonates with uncompromising candor and incandescence, Trash is sure to captivate Allison's legion of readers and win her a devoted new following.

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