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In these series of funny, unsettling, erotic, heart-breaking and sensual stories set in hotels around the world, hotel guests discover private passions, unexpected pleasures, hope, redemption, small pleasures and discover the darkest parts of themselves when faced with four anonymous walls and a bed. Q spends her weekdays working a 9 to 5 in the financial district and her weekends in elegant boutique hotels exploring her fluid sexuality; On hot summer afternoons, a teenager cools down during secret visits to an air-conditioned porn theater; an aspiring opera singer spends her wedding night in a hotel room with her husband and his best friend; and a man loses his wife, but finds her again in his erotic memories. Stories in volume one are set in New York City. Tales of horror, madness, and death, tales of fantasy and morality: these are the works of South American master storyteller Horacio Quiroga. Author of some 200 pieces of fiction that have been compared to the works of Poe, Kipling, and Jack London, Quiroga experienced a life that surpassed in morbidity and horror many of the inventions of his fevered mind. As a young man, he suffered his father's accidental death and the suicide of his beloved stepfather. As a teenager, he shot and accidentally killed one of his closest friends. Seemingly cursed in love, he lost his first wife to suicide by poison. In the end, Quiroga himself downed cyanide to end his own life when he learned he was suffering from an incurable cancer. In life Quiroga was obsessed with death, a legacy of the violence he had experienced. His stories are infused with death, too, but they span a wide range of short fiction genres: jungle tale, Gothic horror story, morality tale, psychological study. Many of his stories are set in the steaming jungle of the Misiones district of northern Argentina, where he spent much of his life, but his tales possess a universality that elevates them far above the work of a regional writer. The first representative collection of his work in English, *The Decapitated Chicken and Other Stories* provides a valuable overview of the scope of Quiroga's fiction and the versatility and skill that have made him a classic Latin American writer. "The lives of the girls and women featured in these stories are rendered with tremendous warmth, humor, and care . . . a wonderful debut." —Jamel Brinkley, author of *A Lucky Man* In her debut short story collection, *Camille Acker* unleashes the irony and tragic comedy of respectability onto a wide-ranging cast of characters, all of whom call Washington, DC, home. A "woke" millennial tries to fight gentrification, only to learn she's part of the problem; a grade school teacher dreams of a better DC, only to take out her frustrations on her students; and a young piano player wins a competition, only to learn the prize is worthless. Ultimately, they are confronted with the fact that respectability does not equal freedom. Instead, they must learn to trust their own conflicted judgment and fight to create their own sense of space and self. "An exciting literary achievement by a significant emerging talent. This flawlessly executed work reinvigorates the short fiction genre." —BUST "Equal parts funny, poignant, stirring and heartbreaking . . . This book is our collective coming-of-age story—and it's about time. The variety of characters and experiences makes *Training School* required reading for your favorite Black girl." —Essence "Acker navigates her characters' lives with humor, heart, and grace. I loved these stories." —Lisa Ko, award-winning author of *The Leavers* "A timely, welcome book." —The Millions "It's hard to believe this brilliant collection of stories is a debut, so beautifully does Camille Acker navigate difficult fictional terrain and complicated themes, including issues like gentrification, race, and 'respectability' politics." —Nylon A GOOD MORNING AMERICA BOOK CLUB PICK Shortlisted for the 2020 Women's Prize for Fiction "Through a novel with so much depth, beauty, and grace, we, like Ana, are forever changed." —Jacqueline Woodson, *Vanity Fair* "Gorgeous writing, gorgeous story." —Sandra Cisneros Fifteen-year-old Ana Cancion never dreamed of moving to America, the way the girls she grew up with in the Dominican countryside did. But when Juan Ruiz proposes and promises to take her to New York City, she has to say yes. It doesn't matter that he is twice her age, that there is no love between them. Their marriage is an opportunity for her entire close-knit family to eventually immigrate. So on New Year's Day, 1965, Ana leaves behind everything she knows and becomes Ana Ruiz, a wife confined to a cold six-floor walk-up in Washington Heights. Lonely and miserable, Ana hatches a reckless plan to escape. But at the bus terminal, she is stopped by Cesar, Juan's free-spirited younger brother, who convinces her to stay. As the Dominican Republic slides into political turmoil, Juan returns to protect his family's assets, leaving Cesar to take care of Ana. Suddenly, Ana is free to take English lessons at a local church, lie on the beach at Coney Island, see a movie at Radio City Music Hall, go dancing with Cesar, and imagine the possibility of a different kind of life in America. When Juan returns, Ana must decide once again between her heart and her duty to her family. In bright, musical prose that reflects the energy of New York City, Angie Cruz's *Dominicana* is a vital portrait of the immigrant experience and the timeless coming-of-age story of a young woman finding her voice in the world. Reflecting current debates in the intersecting fields of African American Studies and African Diaspora, these critical essays and case studies explore the articulation between the fluctuating concepts of 'race' and Diaspora and the negotiations of identities across differences. They examine in turn the developments of diasporic black (inter)nationalism, new discourses on 'postraciality' and 'postblackness', race consciousness among African American soldiers, expatriation and re-diasporization. The acknowledgement of a rejection of Africanness in societies such as the Emirates, Morocco or the Dominican Republic dialogues with examinations of artwork through the lenses of a diasporic consciousness and analyses of literary texts that

celebrate internationalism or subvert the notion of 'race'. James Baldwin thus converses with Percival Everett. *Talking Bones* is set in Ancestor's Books & Breakfast, a half empty bookstore in a small Southern town, where three generations of women, Ruth, her daughter Baybay and her grand daughter Eila, hear the ancestors through a broken hearing aid, whispers in the dark and in talking bones. The ancestors bring a message about love, faith and family. Ruth, the matriarch, needs to settle her affairs before she dies. She interprets the voices she hears as those of the ancestors guiding her. Baybay wants to be free of her mother's traditions. Eila, tries to build a bridge between the two women while creating a place for new rituals and new beginnings. It's a complex journey for all, but in the end, the ancestors can be heard whispering - joyous and hopeful. A beautifully illustrated children's book that celebrates all the family—biological and chosen alike—who keep us safe and teach us to dream In *A Family Prayer*, acclaimed novelist Shay Youngblood brings to life the prayer of a little brown girl who finds joy in asking God to keep her family safe. Young readers will celebrate every aunty, cousin, and grandmother in their life. But more than just her biological relatives, each family member is a maternal or paternal archetype, someone in her community who represents the title of mother, father, aunty, and the like. My sister is a blessing She keeps my secrets Braids my hair And helps me find my way Sisters are a blessing Keep them safe from harm My Aunty is a blessing She sings sweet songs Rocks me to sleep and whispers stories in the dark Aunties are a blessing Keep them safe from harm A Family Prayer champions the age-old wisdom that raising a family takes a village—and that the love of a community runs soul deep. New York Times notable book of the year In *Fort-de-France*, Martinique, a colorful group of musicians, street vendors, and hopeless disciples, including the author, gather under a tamarind tree to listen to legendary bard Solibo Magnificent spin tales. Suddenly, in the middle of a raucously entertaining story, Solibo drops dead. So entranced and drunken are his friends, they initially fail to realize that their hero has spoken his last word. One hysterical listener runs to find the doctor and inadvertently returns with the overly eager, sinister chief sergeant, who holds Solibo's friends under suspicion for murder. At turns a madcap murder mystery, a political satire, and a lament on the death of a treasured tradition, *Solibo Magnificent* is wildly imaginative and exuberantly lyrical. Praise for *Solibo Magnificent* "Both a meaty tale and a cry on behalf of a drowning culture . . . by a poet and a novelist with a raffishly human and lyrical touch."—Los Angeles Times "A world class author . . . whose voice and imagination are like nothing you've read before."—The Washington Post Book World In *Add Architecture*, *Stir Memory: Japan* Shay Youngblood explores, early memories of home, enduring friendship, loss and survival as seen through the lens of her visit to Japan and experience of 3/11, the 9.0 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear tragedy, ten days after her arrival in Tokyo from Texas. Fact and fiction, poetry and music, mix and mingle in interviews and narrative stories. The live performance work incorporates soundscapes, architectural drawings, animation and video. As a teenager living in Hawaii I was introduced to Japanese culture, language and food as a volunteer in a hospital working with Japanese patients who had not been home in many years. In 2011 I was selected as Japan U.S Friendship Commission Artist Fellow. During a residency in Japan, I interviewed architects (Kengo Kuma, Fumihiko Maki, Itsuko Hasegawa), designers (Kashiwa Sato, Kazuko Koike), curators and other Japanese creatives about their early memories of home. I was inspired by my conversations with them and deeply affected by the aftershocks of the earthquake, which resulted in an unexpected, new direction in my work. The second installment of Scott Westerfeld's New York Times bestselling and award-winning *Uglies* series—a global phenomenon that started the dystopian trend. Tally has finally become pretty. Now her looks are beyond perfect, her clothes are awesome, her boyfriend is totally hot, and she's completely popular. It's everything she's ever wanted. But beneath all the fun—the nonstop parties, the high-tech luxury, the total freedom—is a nagging sense that something's wrong. Something important. Then a message from Tally's ugly past arrives. Reading it, Tally remembers what's wrong with pretty life, and the fun stops cold. Now she has to choose between fighting to forget what she knows and fighting for her life—because the authorities don't intend to let anyone with this information survive. In this epic, original novel in which Hawaii's fierce, sweeping past springs to life, Kiana Davenport, author of the acclaimed *Shark Dialogues*, draws upon the remarkable stories of her people to create a timeless, passionate tale of love and survival, tragedy and triumph, survival and transcendence. In spellbinding, sensual prose, *Song of the Exile* follows the fortunes of the Meahuna family—and the odyssey of one resilient man searching for his soul mate after she is torn from his side by the forces of war. From the turbulent years of World War II through Hawaii's complex journey to statehood, this mesmerizing story presents a cast of richly imagined characters who rise up magnificent and forceful, redeemed by the spiritual power and the awesome beauty of their islands. Eden, a young African American woman, has come to Paris to write and takes a number of jobs to make ends meet. A fresh repackaging of the bestselling *Uglies* books...the series that started the whole dystopian trend! **A FRANK, FUNNY, EXPLICIT, AND INSPIRING MEMOIR ABOUT HOW DANCING NAKED IN GAY CLUBS IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL HELPED A COLLEGE PROFESSOR DISCOVER HIS TRUE SELF.** I felt that I'd made a transformation as surely as Superman slipping out of a phone booth or Wonder Woman doing a sunburst spin. I was bare-ass in a room of paying strangers, a stripper. After years of wondering what it would be like, I had done it -- faced a fear, defied expectation, embraced a taboo self. It was only the beginning.... *All I Could Bare* is the story of a mild-mannered graduate student who "took the road less clothed" -- a decision that was life changing. Seymour embarked on his journey in the 1990s, when Washington, D.C.'s gay club scene was notoriously no-holds-barred, all the while trying to keep his newfound vocation a secret from his parents and maintain a relationship with his boyfriend, Seth. Along the way he met some unforgettable characters -- the fifty-year-old divorcé who's obsessed with a twenty-one-year-old dancer, the celebrated drag diva who hailed from a small town in rural Virginia, and the many straight guys who were "gay for pay." Seymour gives us both the highs (money, adoration, camaraderie) and the lows (an ill-fated attempt at prostitution, a humiliating porn audition). Ultimately coming clean about his secret identity, Seymour breaks through taboos and makes his way from booty-baring stripper to Ph.D.-bearing academic, taking a detour into celebrity journalism and memorably crossing paths with Janet Jackson, Mariah Carey, and Mary J. Blige along the way. Hilarious, insight-ful, and touching, *All I Could Bare* proves that sometimes the "wrong decision" can lead to the right place. The *Collected Plays* of Shay Youngblood includes *Shakin' the Mess*, *Outta Misery*, *Flying Blind*, *Square Blues*, *Talking Bones* and *There are Many Houses in my Tribe*. *Septuagenarian: love is what happens when I die* is a memoir in poetic form. It is the author's journey from being a mixed-race girl who passed for white to being a woman in her seventies who understands and accepts her complex intersectional identity; and no longer has to imagine love. It is a follow-up to the author's previous memoir (prose), *Love Imagined: a mixed-race memoir*, A Minnesota Book Award finalist. Praise for Sherry Quan Lee's *Septuagenarian* In *Septuagenarian*, Sherry Quan Lee accepts her own invitation to look at life in retrospect, but with a new lens. Pulling from and expanding upon her previous body of work, she examines the version of herself that was writing at that time. The dignity and fire of

her seventy-three-year-old gaze taking in snapshots of those selves...straightens my spine and gives me a vision for myself traveling today into my future septuagenarian. --Lola Osunkoya, MA, LPCC Sherry Quan Lee writes courageously to understand herself and the world. She uses rich language and her skills as a storyteller to focus her sharp lens on what it means to have a complex, sometimes complicated identity: becoming invisible as she ages, a history of passing unseen, love and sex, grieving and celebration. She ruminates on history, which repeats itself in the current moment and widens her lens to look at the bigger, global picture to tell truths in poems that tenderly hold memory, time, rituals, trauma, mothering, fear of death and love in many forms. Her poems offer deeply personal, intimate and perceptive insights and opportunities to reflect on what it means to truly live. It feels like I've taken the journey with her, and I'm wiser for it. --Shay Youngblood, author of *Soul Kiss* and *Black Girl in Paris Septuagenarian* by Sherry Quan Lee, is a book that answers, in many different ways, the question posed in one of the poems contained within: "What does surrender look like?" Surrender looks like passion, like the banishment of shame, like truth telling. The narrator is not afraid of death, but embraces the inseparability and magnitude of opposing forces: "The world is a large body of terror where good and evil coexist, and each of us is responsible." Quan Lee's bold language makes space for living within impossibilities. It is a book that maps, often with aching beauty, many of the author's passions, desires, grief and the circularity of life at seventy, "I have lost so many people over time, but at seventy long-term memory brings them back, both the wicked and the wise...story ends where it begins." -- ? ? ? ??? Sun Yung Shin, author of *Unbearable Splendor* Learn more at [blog.SherryQuanLee.com](http://blog.SherryQuanLee.com) From Modern History Press *Winter Prophet* was inspired by the life of African American opera diva, Sisseretta Jones, known as the "Black Patti" (1869-1933). Set in the late nineteenth century, the novel follows Winter, the uniquely talented daughter of former slaves, determined to become an opera singer, and her best friend, Nathan, an undertaker's son, who dreams of becoming a boxer. Pressured by their parents to marry, the couple finally agree, but on their wedding day, bride and groom run away together setting out in opposite directions to create new paths for what will become extraordinary lives. Folksy and fresh, endearing and affecting, *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe* is a now-classic novel about two women: Evelyn, who's in the sad slump of middle age, and gray-headed Mrs. Threadgoode, who's telling her life story. Her tale includes two more women—the irrepressibly daredevilish tomboy Idgie and her friend Ruth—who back in the thirties ran a little place in Whistle Stop, Alabama, offering good coffee, southern barbecue, and all kinds of love and laughter—even an occasional murder. And as the past unfolds, the present will never be quite the same again. Praise for *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe* "A real novel and a good one [from] the busy brain of a born storyteller."—The New York Times "Happily for us, Fannie Flagg has preserved [the Threadgoodes] in a richly comic, poignant narrative that records the exuberance of their lives, the sadness of their departure."—Harper Lee "This whole literary enterprise shines with honesty, gallantry, and love of perfect details that might otherwise be forgotten."—Los Angeles Times "Funny and macabre."—The Washington Post "Courageous and wise."—Houston Chronicle "Inspirational, sexy and funny, this literary travelogue series will take you on a Buenos Aires adventure that you'll never forget and also want to recommend to other travel lovers." -Tameka Mullins, Author of *12 Hours of Daylight - A Jason Jules Novella* "Part memoir and part travel guide, *Hola, Morocha!* captures the joys and frustrations of being a woman abroad with humor and grace. As a black woman in Argentina, Jennifer Poe was indeed a stranger in a strange land - only 0.4 percent of its 41 million inhabitants identified as Afro-Argentine in 2010 - so you know immediately that this is not your typical travelogue. Accompanying Jennifer on the ups and downs of her journey helped me remember everything I loved - and hated - about living abroad. *Hola, Morocha!* made me want to hop the next plane to Buenos Aires - or at least go get an empanada." -Kathy Pulkrabek co-host and producer *XX Will Travel: A Podcast for Independent Women Travelers* "From her irreverent humor to her worries and insights, Poe has an uncanny ability to articulate her feelings through vivid actions instead of direct words. For intrepid travelers, this book is a gem and an invitation to walk down memory lane. The scenes she chose to highlight and share were so familiar to me as veteran traveler, that I began reliving my own moments of fear, anxiety, and accomplishments while traveling. Yet, newbie travelers setting out on their first solo adventure will likely find solace and inspiration in Poe's journey. It's definitely one of those "if she can do it, so can I" types of books that having read it they'll be better for it." -Davita M. McKelvey Editor-In-Chief, *Griots Republic* "In a few short pages *Hola, Morocha!* manages to capture both the humor and vulnerability of being a young, black, female expat. It is a quick, fun read with a simple message: don't let fear keep you from chasing your [international] dream." -Amanda Bates Founder and Editor of *The Black Expat* When I first heard the word "Morocha," I thought people were calling me a damn roach-granted, some exotic breed of roach that only skittered through luxury-but a roach! When I found out they were basically saying, "Hey, black girl, hey!" I took it as a term of endearment. Buenos Aires, Argentina-a city where black people are so few and far between that *Ebony* magazine once dubbed it "The Land of the Vanishing Blacks." Yet that's exactly where Jennifer Poe headed with a one-way ticket in 2007 at the age of twenty-two, fresh off a break up, desperate for a change from her New York City life, and thirsty for adventure in every form. Armed with a copy of Hemingway's *Moveable Feast* and the contact info for the only hair stylist in a fifty-mile radius who could do black hair, Jennifer landed in BA with big plans, but zero amigas and only a cave-woman grasp of the Spanish language. As culture shock set in, Jennifer found herself dealing with the hilarious (a bidet that fought back), the absurd (the Argentine customs agency that held her fifty-pound package of black hair care products hostage) and the unexpected-like realizing her black skin and hair made her stand out in the best possible ways. Funny and insightful, *Hola, Morocha!* offers readers a new twist on the "stranger in a strange land" tale. Told in a funny, blunt style, this first installment in a series reads like postcards from your quirky best friend, inviting readers to experience every heartache, frustration and hilarious misstep right alongside her. *Hola, Morocha! A Black Woman's Adventures in Buenos Aires: Culture Shock* is the travel-memoir fusion of *Awkward Black Girl* meets *Me Talk Pretty One Day* honest, intelligent, and an authentic representation of empowering female solo travel. At the end of *Specials*, the conclusion to the *Uglies* trilogy, things in Tally's futuristic world had stabilised. The walls between the social classes - the uglies, pretties and specials - had been torn down. So Tally took off to live on her own in the wild. Fast forward... Tally discovers another brand new world. In *Extras*, it's all about who you know, and how much you have. It's just like LA. Only Paris and Nicole are way dead... Nella Larsen's novels *Quicksand* (1928) and *Passing* (1929) document the historical realities of Harlem in the 1920s and shed a bright light on the social world of the black bourgeoisie. The novels' greatest appeal and achievement, however, is not sociological, but psychological. As noted in the editor's comprehensive introduction, Larsen takes the theme of psychic dualism, so popular in Harlem Renaissance fiction, to a higher and more complex level, displaying a sophisticated understanding and penetrating analysis of black female psychology. *Big Mama Stories* is set in the South in the 1960's. Daughter, whose mother died when she was very young, is raised by the women in her community,

some blood related, some not. At the age of twelve, she begins her journey to womanhood, guided by these diverse, non-traditional, older Black women. Daughter reflects on her vivid memories of growing up, recalling rituals, faith healings, storytelling and lessons she learned about survival. *New Criticism and Pedagogical Directions for Contemporary Black Women Writers* spans the contemporary era into the AfroFuture. It begins with Ann Petry, who has been forcibly mashed into masculinized critical paradigms, and ends by introducing audiences to Black speculative and Science Fiction writers. In *60s Deep South America* young Mariah Kin Santos struggles to find her identity. Living with her aunts and abandoned by her mother, she sets out to search for her father. But when she finds him she discovers more than she bargained for. Presents a collection of short stories featuring noir and crime fiction about Staten Island, New York, by such authors as Todd Craig, Linda Nieves-Powell, S. J. Rozan, and Patricia Smith. This collection chronicles the tumultuous history of landowning African American farmers from the end of the Civil War to today. Each essay provides a case study of people in one place at a particular time and the factors that affected their ability to acquire, secure, and protect their land. The contributors walk readers through a century and a half of African American agricultural history, from the strivings of black farm owners in the immediate post-emancipation period to the efforts of contemporary black farm owners to receive justice through the courts for decades of discrimination by the U.S Department of Agriculture. They reveal that despite enormous obstacles, by 1920 a quarter of African American farm families owned their land, and demonstrate that farm ownership was not simply a departure point for black migrants seeking a better life but a core component of the African American experience. "So begins this delightful story of Madeline's Christmas! The day begins like any other day. Miss Clavel takes the twelve little girls on their morning walk. They go to the zoo and then back to school for their French history lesson. Suddenly disaster strikes when everyone gets the flu! Everyone that is, except for the ever-resilient Madeline. Saddened that they may not be able to go home for Christmas, the girls and Miss Clavel take to their beds. But on Christmas Eve, the adventure begins when there is a knock at the front door. Expecting to see Santa, Madeline meets the Rug Merchant who has brought twelve very special rugs. He reminds Madeline that Christmas is the time of miracles, and that these are not ordinary rugs! Soon everyone wakes up feeling healthy. The Rug Merchant shows them that they each have a magic carpet and that they can fly home to be with their families for Christmas! After saying goodbye to the girls, Miss Clavel finds a present that the girls left for her, befriends a little mouse, and counts her many blessings singing: "Everything Is Right Tonight." Before you know it, the girls fly back to the Old House and are together again on New Year's Eve. They thank Madeline for taking care of them and making their Christmas so special!"--Publisher's Website. Originally published: New York: Riverhead, 2000.

*Black Power Barbie* vol 1. *love lives of heroes*, is a hybrid novel about Tabitha X and her younger brother, Jackson Five, the children of murdered African American Civil Rights activists, battle for Black Power Barbie as they relive vivid and frightening memories in therapy sessions in the mid 1990's. As adults, Tabitha remains psychologically wounded, living in the past, while Jackson faces the reality of living with AIDS. They both discover romantic love and struggle to hold on to it while seeking justice for their parents' murder. Written in the form of a graphic novel with cinematic sensibilities.

Harryette Mullen's fifth poetry collection, *Sleeping with the Dictionary*, is the abecedarian offspring of her collaboration with two of the poet's most seductive writing partners, Roget's Thesaurus and The American Heritage Dictionary. In her ménage à trois with these faithful companions, the poet is aware that while Roget seems obsessed with categories and hierarchies, the American Heritage, whatever its faults, was compiled with the assistance of a democratic usage panel that included black poets Langston Hughes and Arna Bontemps, as well as feminist author and editor Gloria Steinem. With its arbitrary yet determinant alphabetical arrangement, its gleeful pursuit of the ludic pleasure of word games (acrostic, anagram, homophone, parody, pun), as well as its reflections on the politics of language and dialect, Mullen's work is serious play. A number of the poems are inspired or influenced by a technique of the international literary avant-garde group Oulipo, a dictionary game called S+7 or N+7. This method of textual transformation--which is used to compose nonsensical travesties reminiscent of Lewis Carroll's "Jabberwocky"--also creates a kind of automatic poetic discourse. Mullen's parodies reconceive the African American's relation to the English language and Anglophone writing, through textual reproduction, recombining the genetic structure of texts from the Shakespearean sonnet and the fairy tale to airline safety instructions and unsolicited mail. The poet admits to being "licked all over by the English tongue," and the title of this book may remind readers that an intimate partner who also gives language lessons is called, euphemistically, a "pillow dictionary." This volume explores what it is that has brought marginalized writers together by way of Paris. Spanning from the inter-war period to the present millennium, we consider the questions that have influenced and continue to shape the realm of exiled writers who have sought refuge in Paris in order to write.

*Soul Kiss* is a coming of age novel about an African American girl, Mariah Kin Santos, who explores issues of identity, the fluid nature of sexuality, community as family and the boundaries of familial love. Until she was seven, Mariah Santos lived with her mother, and she might as well have been in heaven. Mama was love and warmth, kisses and games, long evenings of hot-plate food and blues on the radio. And Mama told Mariah stories of her father - his eyes were so black they nearly hypnotized her, she said. Now he was in Mexico, she said, painting the sky blue. But one day, out of that same blue sky, Mama decided to bring Mariah down to Georgia on the bus, to visit Aunt Faith and Aunt Merleen, who seemed so fierce and forbidding, so unlike Mama. And then Mama walked away, leaving behind a suitcase, a good-bye letter, and a little girl who would learn, through the unveiling of secrets and the slow journey to self-acceptance, to look elsewhere for the love she had lost. This stunning debut novel by Shay Youngblood is, ultimately, a love story - an unusual and unforgettable tale of the love that flows from within, that sustains us in times of trouble...that suffuses us, body and soul. "A subtly crafted reflection of both the bleak and golden shadings of Russian life . . . Its tones belong more to the realm of poetry than journalism." --The New York Times Book Review

At age twenty-five, Andrea Lee joined her husband, a Harvard doctoral candidate in Russian history, for his eight months' study at Moscow State University and an additional two months in Leningrad. Published to enormous critical acclaim in 1981, *Russian Journal* is the award-winning author's penetrating, vivid account of her everyday life as an expatriate in Soviet culture, chronicling her fascinating exchanges with journalists, diplomats, and her Soviet contemporaries. The winner of the Jean Stein Award from the National Academy of Arts and Letters--and the book that launched Lee's career as a writer--*Russian Journal* is a beautiful and clear-eyed travel-writing classic. "[Lee] takes us wherever she is, conveying a feeling of place and atmosphere that is the mark of real talent." --The Washington Post Book World

"A book of very great charm . . . [Lee] records what she saw and heard with unassuming delicacy and exactness." --Newsweek

*Floral* is a seventy-nine year old woman who has always dreamed of driving across country in the vintage Buick, Deuce and a Quarter she won in a lottery many years before. While sitting behind the wheel of the car at a Flying J Truck Stop in Surrender, Alabama waiting for her son to drive her to an assisted

living home, sixteen year old Cherry asks her for a ride and the adventure begins. Flying Blind uses blindness as a metaphor for denial, deprivation of the senses as well as the ability to turn a blind eye to brutality, ugliness, pain, war and suffering as a means of survival. Like Josephine Baker and Billie Holliday, Eden leaves the American South for artistic freedom in Paris. This is the story of a young black girl inhabiting different personae - artist's model, au pair, teacher, lover - whilst trying to discover who she is and turn her dream of writing into reality. Many people can write. But writing well enough to get published takes hours of practice, the ability to take criticism, and expert advice. Filled with stories and tips from published authors, this easy-to-use guide teaches you the basics of the writing craft. Whether you want to create poems or plays, children's books or online blogs, romance novels or a memoir, you'll learn to write more effectively and creatively. Published author, editor, and PR consultant Wendy Burt-Thomas covers all aspects of writing, including how to: Prepare to write, from planning to research to organization Properly structure your piece to fit your chosen genre Stay focused during the drafting and editing processes Work with other authors Overcome writer's block Market your writing Nicole-Marie Handy has loved all things French since she was a child. After the death of her best friend, determined to get out of her rut of ordinary living and experience something new, she goes to Paris, leaving behind work, ailing parents and a proposal from her married lover. While there, Nicole chances upon an old photo of her father--lovingly inscribed, in his hand, to a woman Nicole has never heard of. What starts as a vacation for Nicole quickly becomes an investigation into her relationship to this mystery woman. Moving back and forth in time between the sparkling Paris of today and the jazz-fueled city filled with expatriates in the 1950s, **PASSING LOVE** is the story of two women dealing with love lost, secrets, and betrayal . . . and how the City of Lights may hold all of the answers. A gorgeously illustrated picture book that is a powerful love letter to chosen families and the village that raises us. A young girl basks in the love of her community--which includes not only her mother but the many different women who make up her world. Home can be a blue house with white trim you share with your mama. But it can be bigger than that, with lots of Big Mamas to take care of you when your mom works—different houses for every day of the week. Mondays mean Nurse Louella and bike riding. Tuesdays mean eating fufu with your fingers with Miss Zikora. And Wednesdays . . . well, no matter where you are, as long as you are with your Big Mamas, you are home. A girl basks in the warmth of her community in this powerful love letter to chosen families and the villages that raise us, from Pushcart Prize-winning author Shay Youngblood and popular illustrator Lo Harris.

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