

## Aurora Junot Diaz

Presents a collection of stories that explores the heartbreak and radiance of love as it is shaped by passion, betrayal, and the echoes of intimacy.

Through the examination of literary works by twentieth and twenty-first century American authors, this book shows how literature can allow us to cope with difficult periods of history (slavery, the Great Depression, the AIDS crisis, etc.) and give hope for a brighter future when those realities are confronted head-on.

This translation of the well-received "Escrituras de Desencuentro en la Republica Dominicana" examines the writings of Dominican and Dominican-American authors such as Junot Diaz, Julia Alvarez, Josafina Baez, Manuel Rueda, Rita Hernandez, Aurora Arias, and Silvio Torres-Saillant. The author posits that this work is a radical aesthetic enterprise challenging the Dominican cultural establishment. These writers represent Dominicanness as a diverse and heterogeneous cultural identity, complicating the purported homogeneity of the Dominican Republic.

In this collection of crime stories, readers will be delighted to find Dr. Patrick Grant making a welcome re-appearance. Also included are stories about a long held grudge and a wrongdoing with unforeseen later consequences, and others, all on a par with Margaret Yorke's much admired full length works.

Esmeralda Santiago's story begins in rural Puerto Rico, where her childhood was full of both tenderness and domestic strife, tropical sounds and sights as well as

poverty. Growing up, she learned the proper way to eat a guava, the sound of tree frogs in the mango groves at night, the taste of the delectable sausage called morcilla, and the formula for ushering a dead baby's soul to heaven. As she enters school we see the clash, both hilarious and fierce, of Puerto Rican and Yankee culture. When her mother, Mami, a force of nature, takes off to New York with her seven, soon to be eleven children, Esmeralda, the oldest, must learn new rules, a new language, and eventually take on a new identity. In this first volume of her much-praised, bestselling trilogy, Santiago brilliantly recreates the idyllic landscape and tumultuous family life of her earliest years and her tremendous journey from the barrio to Brooklyn, from translating for her mother at the welfare office to high honors at Harvard.

Please note this is a 'Palgrave to Order' title (PTO). Stock of this book requires shipment from an overseas supplier. It will be delivered to you within 12 weeks. This is the first compilation of essays to bring together the most important U.S. Latino/a literary criticism of the last decade. This timely text has been long in coming as U.S. Latino/a literary criticism has grown exponentially throughout U.S universities since 1995.

Octavia E. Butler's bestselling literary science-fiction masterpiece, *Kindred*, now in graphic novel format. More than 35 years after its release, *Kindred* continues to draw in new readers with its deep exploration of the violence and loss of humanity caused by slavery in the United States, and its complex and lasting impact on the present day. Adapted by celebrated academics and

comics artists Damian Duffy and John Jennings, this graphic novel powerfully renders Butler's mysterious and moving story, which spans racial and gender divides in the antebellum South through the 20th century.

Butler's most celebrated, critically acclaimed work tells the story of Dana, a young black woman who is suddenly and inexplicably transported from her home in 1970s California to the pre-Civil War South. As she time-travels between worlds, one in which she is a free woman and one where she is part of her own complicated familial history on a southern plantation, she becomes frighteningly entangled in the lives of Rufus, a conflicted white slaveholder and one of Dana's own ancestors, and the many people who are enslaved by him. Held up as an essential work in feminist, science-fiction, and fantasy genres, and a cornerstone of the Afrofuturism movement, there are over 500,000 copies of *Kindred* in print. The intersectionality of race, history, and the treatment of women addressed within the original work remain critical topics in contemporary dialogue, both in the classroom and in the public sphere. Frightening, compelling, and richly imagined, *Kindred* offers an unflinching look at our complicated social history, transformed by the graphic novel format into a visually stunning work for a new generation of readers.

Explores the lives of those who shed their ethnic identity in pursuit of the American dream with a different character in each chapter, including Hector, a day laborer who witnesses a murder, and Felicia, who survives a drive-by shooting.

A multicultural collection of stories about growing up in

today's America covers a wide range of issues, from identity and sexuality to solitude and conflict, in a volume that includes Lan Samantha Chang's "The Eve of the Spirit Festival" and Emily Rabateau's "Mrs. Turner's Lawn Jockeys." Original.

A young adult anthology featuring fictional stories of everyday resistance.

Through an ingenious structure that jumps from narrator to narrator and spans decades, *Call Me Brooklyn* follows the life of Gal Ackerman, a Spanish orphan adopted during the Spanish Civil War and raised in Brooklyn, NY. A hymn to mystery and to the power of fiction, *Call Me Brooklyn* meanders through a series of settings: from Manhattan to haunts of writers and artists to the bar in Madrid where we learn the truth about Ackerman's past. Through an ingenious structure that jumps from narrator to narrator and spans decades, *Call Me Brooklyn* follows the life of Gal Ackerman, a Spanish orphan adopted during the Spanish Civil War and raised in Brooklyn, NY. Moving from the secret tunnels that shelter the forgotten residents of Manhattan to the studio where Mark Rothko put an end to his life, from the jazz clubs frequented by Thomas Pynchon to the bar in Madrid where we learn the truth about Ackerman's past, *Call Me Brooklyn* draws upon a rich tradition that includes Nabokov's *Pale Fire*, Bellow's *Humbolt's Gift*, and the novels of Felipe Alfau—a hymn to mystery and to the power of fiction.

Things have never been easy for Oscar. A ghetto nerd living with his Dominican family in New Jersey, he's sweet but disastrously overweight. He dreams of becoming the next J.R.R. Tolkien and he keeps falling hopelessly in love. Poor Oscar may never get what he wants, thanks to the Fukú - the curse that has haunted his family for generations. With dazzling energy and insight Díaz immerses us in the tumultuous lives of Oscar: his runaway sister Lola; their

beautiful mother Belicia; and in the family's uproarious journey from the Dominican Republic to the US and back. Rendered with uncommon warmth and humour, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* is a literary triumph, that confirms Junot Díaz as one of the most exciting writers of our time.

Achy Obejas writes stories about uprooted people. Some, like herself, are Latino immigrants and lesbians; others are men (gay and straight), people with AIDS, addicts, people living marginally, just surviving. As omniscient narrator to her characters' lives, Obejas generously delves into her own memories of exile and alienation to tell stories about women and men who struggle for wholeness and love.

Mexican-born Cuauhtemoc and Pilar Martinez came to America so that their children Julia, Francisco, Marcos and Ismael could make something of themselves. While the children experience different journeys, at the center lay all the love and teachings from their parents that bind them together. With *El Paso* and *Ysleta* as the backdrop (though family members also find themselves in Boston, New Mexico, Jerusalem, Iraq...), this book offers a blend of short stories in chronological form to showcase the struggles of the Martinez family and explore issues of assimilation, immigration, religion, politics and war.

Alfredo y su papá deben cruzar la frontera en un viaje difícil de México a los Estados Unidos. ¿Encontrarán el nuevo hogar que están buscando en el otro lado? Basándose en hechos reales, esta historia cobra vida gracias a la ilustradora Mexicana Claudia Navarro, y está repleta de notas al final del texto para iniciar conversaciones sobre inmigración.

From the beloved and award-winning author Junot Díaz, a spellbinding saga of a family's journey through the New World. A coming-of-age story of unparalleled power, *Drown* introduced the world to Junot Díaz's exhilarating talents. It

also introduced an unforgettable narrator— Yuniors, the haunted, brilliant young man who tracks his familys precarious journey from the barrios of Santo Domingo to the tenements of industrial New Jersey, and their epic passage from hope to loss to something like love. Here is the soulful, unsparring book that made Díaz a literary sensation.

“The literary ‘Oscars’ features twenty outstanding examples of the best of the best in American short stories.” —Shelf Awareness for Readers The Best American Short Stories 2016 will be selected by Pulitzer Prize winner Junot Díaz. He brings "one of the most distinctive and magnetic voices in contemporary fiction: limber, streetwise, caffeinated and wonderfully eclectic" (Michiko Kakutani, The New York Times) to the collection.

Dominican American author and Pulitzer Prize–winner Junot Díaz has gained international fame for his blended, cross-cultural fiction. Reading Junot Díaz is the first study to focus on his complete body of published works. It explores the totality of his work and provides a concise view of the interconnected and multilayered narrative that weaves throughout Díaz’s writings. Christopher González analyzes both the formal and thematic features and discusses the work in the context of speculative and global fiction as well as Caribbean and Latino/a culture and language. Topics such as race, masculinity, migration, and Afro-Latinidad are examined in depth. González provides a synthesis of the prevailing critical studies of Díaz and offers many

new insights into his work.

How did a 50-year-old successful businesswoman become an award-winning artist? The answer? It was an accident! One thing for sure is, she wouldn't be where she is today without her mentors. This is the story of how Susan Soffer Cohn grew into the artist she is today with the help of her mentors, her peers, and a small push by her loving husband. In this must-read book, *The Art of the Mentor*, find out what makes a great mentor, how they can help you achieve things that you never thought possible and how to differentiate the good from the great. Sharing unique insights into her colorful life, Susan's story will inspire you to get out of your comfort zone and achieve things you never thought possible. It is time for *The Art of the Mentor*.

In this intelligent monograph for women's studies, literature and Latin American studies, Lyn Di Iorio Sandin asserts that there is a significant ambivalence surrounding identity that is present in the works of Latino writers such as Cristina Garcia, Edward Rivera, and Abraham Rodriguez. Sandin incorporates the theories of allegory and 'double identity' to talk about fragmentation of the Latino psyche. What Sandin finds compelling is that in all of the works of this diverse group of writers, there is a common theme of anxiety about origins that manifests itself through the symbols of dead women, ghosts, or madwomen. Using specific examples from

literature ranging from Cuban American Cristina Garcia's *The Aguero Sisters* to Puerto Rican Rosario Ferré's *Maldito amor*, Sandin finds that fragmented ethnic identification is an area that is just beginning to be explored within the analysis of U.S. Latino fiction.

The best-selling story anthology includes both old and new talent, including Tobias Wolff, Donald Hall, Robert Stone, Cynthia Ozick, and Junot Diaz, and features works divided into such categories as "Perceived Social Values." Simultaneous.

- Recipient of a 2015 PEN/Hemingway Award Honorable Mention • “Chiusano . . . [has] formidable talents. It will be worth watching what he does when he leaves the neighborhood.”—John Williams, *The New York Times*

An astute, lively, and heartfelt debut story collection by an exciting new voice in contemporary fiction *Marine Park*—in the far reaches of Brooklyn, train-less and tourist-free—finds its literary chronicler in Mark Chiusano. Chiusano’s dazzling stories delve into family, boyhood, sports, drugs, love, and all the weird quirks of growing up in a tight-knit community on the edge of the city. In the tradition of Junot Díaz’s *Drown*, Stuart Dybek’s *The Coast of Chicago*, and Russell Banks’s *Trailerpark*, this is a poignant and piercing collection—announcing the arrival of a distinct new voice in American fiction. The central figure of this novel is a young man whose parents were executed for conspiring to steal



atomic secrets for Russia. His name is Daniel Isaacson, and as the story opens, his parents have been dead for many years. He has had a long time to adjust to their deaths. He has not adjusted. Out of the shambles of his childhood, he has constructed a new life—marriage to an adoring girl who gives him a son of his own, and a career in scholarship. It is a life that enrages him. In the silence of the library at Columbia University, where he is supposedly writing a Ph.D. dissertation, Daniel composes something quite different. It is a confession of his most intimate relationships—with his wife, his foster parents, and his kid sister Susan, whose own radicalism so reproaches him. It is a book of memories: riding a bus with his parents to the ill-fated Paul Robeson concert in Peekskill; watching the FBI take his father away; appearing with Susan at rallies protesting their parents' innocence; visiting his mother and father in the Death House. It is a book of investigation: transcribing Daniel's interviews with people who knew his parents, or who knew about them; and logging his strange researches and discoveries in the library stacks. It is a book of judgments of everyone involved in the case—lawyers, police, informers, friends, and the Isaacson family itself. It is a book rich in characters, from elderly grandmothers of immigrant culture, to covert radicals of the McCarthy era, to hippie marchers on the Pentagon. It is a book that spans the quarter-century of

American life since World War II. It is a book about the nature of Left politics in this country—its sacrificial rites, its peculiar cruelties, its humility, its bitterness. It is a book about some of the beautiful and terrible feelings of childhood. It is about the nature of guilt and innocence, and about the relations of people to nations. It is *The Book of Daniel*.

“An elegant page-turner of nineteenth-century detective fiction.” –*The Washington Post Book World*

One rainy morning in 1871 in lower Manhattan, Martin Pemberton a freelance writer, sees in a passing stagecoach several elderly men, one of whom he recognizes as his supposedly dead and buried father. While trying to unravel the mystery, Pemberton disappears, sending McIlvaine, his employer, the editor of an evening paper, in pursuit of the truth behind his freelancer’s fate. Layer by layer, McIlvaine reveals a modern metropolis surging with primordial urges and sins, where the Tweed Ring operates the city for its own profit and a conspicuously self-satisfied nouveau-riche ignores the poverty and squalor that surrounds them. In E. L. Doctorow’s skilled hands, *The Waterworks* becomes, in the words of *The New York Times*, “a dark moral tale . . . an eloquently troubling evocation of our past.” “Startling and spellbinding . . . The waters that lave the narrative all run to the great confluence, where the deepest issues of life and death are borne along on the swift, sure vessel of

[Doctorow's] poetic imagination." –The New York Times Book Review "Hypnotic . . . a dazzling romp, an extraordinary read, given strength and grace by the telling, by the poetic voice and controlled cynical lyricism of its streetwise and world-weary narrator."

–The Philadelphia Inquirer "A gem of a novel, intimate as chamber music . . . a thriller guaranteed to leave readers with residual chills and shudders."

–Boston Sunday Herald "Enthralling . . . a story of debauchery and redemption that is spellbinding from first page to last."

–Chicago Sun-Times "An immense, extraordinary achievement." –San Francisco Chronicle

"These stories will last," said Raymond Carver of *Shiloh* and *Other Stories* when it was first published, and almost two decades later this stunning fiction debut and winner of the PEN/Hemingway Award has become a modern American classic. In *Shiloh*, Bobbie Ann Mason introduces us to her western Kentucky people and the lives they forge for themselves amid the ups and downs of contemporary American life, and she poignantly captures the growing pains of the New South in the lives of her characters as they come to terms with feminism, R-rated movies, and video games.

"Bobbie Ann Mason is one of those rare writers who, by concentrating their attention on a few square miles of native turf, are able to open up new and surprisingly wide worlds for the delighted reader," said Robert Towers in *The New York Review of Books*.

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Esquire, BuzzFeed, San Francisco Chronicle, Cosmopolitan, The Huffington Post, The A.V. Club, The Root, Harper's Bazaar, Paste, Bustle, Kirkus Reviews, Electric Literature, LitHub, New York Post, Los Angeles Review of Books, and Bust "The debut novel of the year." —Vogue "Like so many stories of the black diaspora, *What We Lose* is an examination of haunting." —Doreen St. Félix, *The New Yorker* "Raw and ravishing, this novel pulses with vulnerability and shimmering anger." —Nicole Dennis-Benn, *O, the Oprah Magazine* "Stunning. . . . Powerfully moving and beautifully wrought, *What We Lose* reflects on family, love, loss, race, womanhood, and the places we feel home." —Buzzfeed "Remember this name: Zinzi Clemmons. Long may she thrill us with exquisite works like *What We Lose*. . . . The book is a remarkable journey." —Essence From an author of rare, haunting power, a stunning novel about a young African-American woman coming of age—a deeply felt meditation on race, sex, family, and country Raised in Pennsylvania, Thandi views the world of her mother's childhood in Johannesburg as both impossibly distant and ever present. She is an outsider wherever she goes, caught between being black and white, American and not. She tries to connect these dislocated pieces of her life, and as her mother succumbs to cancer, Thandi searches for an anchor—someone, or something, to love. In arresting and unsettling prose, we watch Thandi's life unfold, from losing her mother and learning to live without the person who has most profoundly shaped her existence, to her own encounters with romance and unexpected motherhood. Through exquisite and emotional vignettes, Clemmons creates a stunning portrayal of what it means to choose to live, after loss. An elegiac distillation, at once intellectual and visceral, of a young woman's understanding of absence and identity that spans continents and decades, *What We Lose* heralds the arrival of

a virtuosic new voice in fiction.

An alluring new collection from the author of the New York Times Notable Book, *Midnight Robber* Nalo Hopkinson (Brown Girl in the Ring, *The Salt Roads*, *Sister Mine*) is an internationally-beloved storyteller. Hailed by the Los Angeles Times as having "an imagination that most of us would kill for," her Afro-Caribbean, Canadian, and American influences shine in truly unique stories that are filled with striking imagery, unlikely beauty, and delightful strangeness. In this long-awaited collection, Hopkinson continues to expand the boundaries of culture and imagination. Whether she is retelling *The Tempest* as a new Caribbean myth, filling a shopping mall with unfulfilled ghosts, or herding chickens that occasionally breathe fire, Hopkinson continues to create bold fiction that transcends boundaries and borders.

'What a saga! Scifi with honest, complex humanity, physics, biology, sociology' - Tom Hanks 'Aurora is a magnificent piece of writing, certainly Robinson's best novel since his mighty Mars trilogy, perhaps his best ever' - Guardian Our voyage from Earth began generations ago. Now, we approach our destination. A new home. Aurora. Brilliantly imagined and beautifully told, Aurora is the work of a writer at the height of his powers. 'An accessible novel packed with big ideas, wonders, jeopardy and, at the end, a real emotional punch' SFX 'Aurora is Robinson's best book yet . . . Heart-wrenching, provocative' Scientific American 'Kim Stanley Robinson is one of science fiction's greats' Sunday Times  
Novels by Kim Stanley Robinson: *Icehenge* *The Memory of Whiteness* *A Short, Sharp Shock* *Antarctica* *The Years of Rice and Salt* *Galileo's Dream* 2312 *Shaman* *Aurora* New York 2140 *Red Moon*

Winner of: The Pulitzer Prize The National Book Critics Circle Award The Anisfield-Wolf Book Award The Jon Sargent, Sr. First Novel Prize A Time Magazine #1 Fiction Book of the

Year One of the best books of 2007 according to: The New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle, New York Magazine, Entertainment Weekly, The Boston Globe, Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, People, The Village Voice, Time Out New York, Salon, Baltimore City Paper, The Christian Science Monitor, Booklist, Library Journal, Publishers Weekly, New York Public Library, and many more... Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's The Great American Read Oscar is a sweet but disastrously overweight ghetto nerd who—from the New Jersey home he shares with his old world mother and rebellious sister—dreams of becoming the Dominican J.R.R. Tolkien and, most of all, finding love. But Oscar may never get what he wants. Blame the fukú—a curse that has haunted Oscar's family for generations, following them on their epic journey from Santo Domingo to the USA. Encapsulating Dominican-American history, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* opens our eyes to an astonishing vision of the contemporary American experience and explores the endless human capacity to persevere—and risk it all—in the name of love.

Presents a collection of crime and noir stories set in Delhi, India.

A collection of short narratives captures the vital routine of coming into manhood in America and experiencing and becoming involved with the world around

Innocence is lost to unforgettable experience in these brilliant stories by E. L. Doctorow, as full of mystery and meaning as any of the longer works by this American master. In "The Writer in the Family," a young man learns the difference between lying and literature after he is induced into deceiving a relative through letters. In "Wili," an early-twentieth-century idyll is destroyed by infidelity. In "The Foreign Legation," a girl and an act of political anarchy collide with devastating

results. These and other stories flow into the novella “Lives of the Poets,” in which the images and themes of the earlier stories become part of the narrator’s unsparing confessions about his own mind, offering a rare look at the creative process and its connection to the heart.

Originally published in 1997, *Drown* instantly garnered terrific acclaim. Moving from the barrios of the Dominican Republic to the struggling urban communities of New Jersey, these heartbreaking, completely original stories established Díaz as one of contemporary fiction's most exhilarating new voices. 'There's a new excitement in *Drown*, the fierce, sharp-edged, painful stories of a young Dominican-American writer, Junot Díaz: a dazzling talented first book'. Hermione Lee, *Independent on Sunday*, Books of the Year 'A voice so original and compelling as to reach far beyond his immediate environment. It has put Díaz at the forefront of American writing'. *GQ* 'He has that rare gift of delineating a recognizable trademark world of his own with just a few deft strokes'. *Guardian* 'Wrings the heart with finely calibrated restraint'. *New York Times*

Designed to mentor writers at all levels, from beginning to quite advanced, *The Writer’s Portable Mentor* offers a wealth of insight and crafting models from the author’s twenty-plus years of teaching and creative thought. The book provides tools for structuring a book, story, or essay. It trains writers in

observation and in developing a poet's ear for sound in prose. It scrutinizes the sentence strategies of the masters and offers advice on how to publish. This second edition is updated to account for changes in the publishing industry and provides hundreds of new craft models to inspire, guide, and develop every writer's work.

An assortment of short fiction ranges across America, from Alaska to the District of Columbia, as it explores the complexities of modern life in such stories as "Jolene: a Life," "A House on the Plains," "Baby Wilson," and "Walter John Harmon."

At last, the first collection of poems from the Pulitzer Prize and Lambda Literary Award winning Cuban-American author Achy Obejas. The poems in *This Is What Happened In Our Other Life* form a handbook of desire, navigating a course through the often-rocky landscapes of loving and living, while also charting the complexities of identity as the author explores her relationship to her lovers, her roots, her history, herself. As in her novels, Obejas' poems are often concerned with memory - the physical memories of the body, the ache of wanting - and of finding a way home again.

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