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My Gawd! and Other Stories by Fairbanks just the one word, like Moses, like Prince. My Gawd! Is that allowed? Can you write that? If it was a film, it would be rated R: adults only. But not rated X by any means; this is not erotica. That's the fun of the clever writing. Its fiction! It sometimes gets very close to the line, but then it backs off. There are only a couple of jolts in retrospect. Some stories have no sex at all. (Does sex between insects count?) This is a collection of thirteen short stories set out as one per month plus New Years. It is fun to take up the authors suggestion and read the last story first (and then again at the end). This tantalizing New Years story is written as a play, and the other one is a humorous narrative poem. The stories are full of interesting and varied characters young, old, male, female, ordinary, eccentric, naughty, and nice. Settings include the authors backyard, Central Australia, other rural backgrounds, and Canberra. Each short story is different, holding the readers interest and moving along without dragging. There are no boring bits at all. There is poetry in the prose, touching descriptions of setting and character. Two of the stories are longer, giving the reader the chance to follow an interesting plot and the characters more fully. Watch out for the famous Fairbanks twist! Lots of marketing potential with this one! Put it on your bedside table and read one story a night for fun and for titillation. The next Fifty Shades? The naughty outback Aussies version. My gawd!

Classic warped and wonderful stories from a "genius" (The New York Times) and master storyteller. Brief, intense, painfully funny, and shockingly honest, Etgar Keret's stories are snapshots that illuminate with intelligence and wit the

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hidden truths of life. As with the best writers of fiction, hilarity and anguish are the twin pillars of his work. Keret covers a remarkable emotional and narrative terrain—from a father's first lesson to his boy to a standoff between soldiers caught up in the Middle East conflict to a slice of life where nothing much happens. New to Riverhead's list, these wildly inventive, uniquely humane stories are for fans of Etgar Keret's inimitable style and readers of transforming, brilliant fiction.

These 13 stories by the author of *The Invisible Man* "approach the elegance of Chekhov" (Washington Post) and provide "early explorations of (Ellison's) lifelong fascination with the 'complex fate' and 'beautiful absurdity' of American identity" (John Callahan). First serial to *The New Yorker*. NPR sponsorship.

This vibrant book pulses with the beats of a new American South, probing the ways music, literature, and film have remixed southern identities for a post-civil rights generation. For scholar and critic Regina N. Bradley, *Outkast's* work is the touchstone, a blend of funk, gospel, and hip-hop developed in conjunction with the work of other culture creators—including T.I., Kiese Laymon, and Jesmyn Ward. This work, Bradley argues, helps define new cultural possibilities for black southerners who came of age in the 1980s and 1990s and have used hip-hop culture to buffer themselves from the historical narratives and expectations of the civil rights era. Andre 3000, Big Boi, and a wider community of creators emerge as founding theoreticians of the hip-hop South, framing a larger question of how the region fits into not only hip-hop culture but also contemporary American society as a whole. *Chronicling Stankonia* reflects the ways that culture, race, and southernness intersect in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. Although part of southern hip-hop culture remains attached to the past,

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Bradley demonstrates how younger southerners use the music to embrace the possibility of multiple Souths, multiple narratives, and multiple points of entry to contemporary southern black identity.

Alphabetically arranged entries include discussions of individual authors, literary movements, institutions, notable texts, literary developments, themes, ethnic literatures, and "topic" essays.

Definition: Jock n. (informal): A pilot or astronaut, an abbreviation of jockey as in throttle jockey or jet jockey. "Once a Jock . . . Always a Jock" is a compilation of three hundred stories written by the first postwar generation of Naval Aviators who began their training in late 1945 as teenagers fresh out of high school. A 16 week Pre-Flight school started the clock running on a two year contract where each future Navy pilot held the rank of Aviation Midshipman, USN. The clock was still running when they earned their gold wings and were assigned to fleet squadrons. These Flying Midshipmen flew every aircraft in the Navy's arsenal.

Eventually they were sworn in as commissioned officers and went on to participate in every major aviation event from the Berlin Airlift, the Korean War, and the Cold War to the conflict in Vietnam. Readers of these stories will discover what motivated 3,000 high school kids to fly for the Navy. They will learn what it was like to be a Flying Midshipman at the bottom of the pecking order aboard ship or as a pilot in an aircraft squadron. Today's young pilots will gain some useful knowledge about training mishaps and accidents that could have been avoided. They will be thrilled by accounts of My First Corsair Flight or My First Jet Flight or My First Cat Shot. They might reflect on the sobering story of Jesse Brown, the African American who broke the color barrier in Naval Aviation the same year that Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in major league baseball. Those who have flown as

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civilian or military pilots will find themselves in the narrow escapes and the humor in the aftermath of bad judgment, and above all, in their great love of flying. They will learn what it is like to land a battle damaged fighter on an aircraft carrier in bad weather or how a pilot blinded by enemy flak was guided by his friend to successful wheels-up landing. Reading these stories, veteran flyers may remember the long monotonous anti-submarine and maritime patrols that ended in moments of stark terror. Anyone who never sat in the left seat of a flying boat may be surprised to know that seaplane pilots had to supplement their flying skills with a firm knowledge of seamanship. They can read about it in Chapter 16, Flying Boat Jocks. Of course the book has stories for helicopter jocks and transport pilots and instrument pilots and flying in all kinds of climate from the arctic to the tropics. For the poetry minded, there are some of those too. These stories should appeal to anyone who has ever dreamed about flying. And most important, 100% of the proceeds from sales of the book will be directed to the Flying Midshipmen Endowment Fund for support of the Youth Aviation Training Program aboard the USS Midway Museum in San Diego.

Peter Kaufman returns with another 13 stories filled with real, but fictional, characters. There are eccentrics, petty criminals, swindlers, drunkards, MI5, MI6, OSI agents, a beautiful/romantic woman on a cruise, an Italian family, a Jewish couple engaged in daily battles of wit, the dramatic 'S' gals and victims of unforeseen circumstances.

What has it meant to be an Americanist? What did it mean to be an Americanist through fascism, war, and occupation? Nightmare Envy and Other Stories is a study of Americanist writing and institutions in the 20th century. Four chapters trace four routes through the mid-twentieth century. The first chapter is the hidden history of American Studies in the United States, Europe and Japan. The second is the strange

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career of "national character" in anthropology. The third is a contest between military occupation and cultural diplomacy in Europe. The fourth is the emergence and fate of the "American Renaissance," as the scholar and literary critic F.O. Matthiessen carried a canon of radical literature across the Iron Curtain. Each chapter culminates in the postwar period, when the ruin of postwar Europe led writers and intellectuals on both sides of the Atlantic to understand America in new ways. Many of our modern myths of the United States and Europe were formed in this moment. Some saw the United States assume the mantle of cultural redeemer. Others saw a stereotypical America, rich in civilization but poor in culture, overtake a stereotypical Europe, rich in culture and equally rich in disaster. Drawing on American and European archives, the book weaves cultural, intellectual, and diplomatic history, with portraits of Matthiessen, Margaret Mead, Ruth Benedict, David Riesman, Alfred Kazin, and Ralph Ellison. It excavates the history of the Salzburg Seminar in American Civilization, where displaced persons, former Nazis, budding Communists, and glad-handing Americans met on the common ground of American culture. Others found keys to their own contexts in American books, reading Moby-Dick in the ruins. *Nightmare Envy* and *Other Stories* chronicles American encounters with European disaster, European encounters with American fiction, and the chasms over which culture had to reach.

Adopting an interdisciplinary approach, this volume explores representations of skin in literature, art, art history, visual media, and medicine and its history. The essays collected here probe the symbolic potential of skin as a shifting sign in various historical and cultural contexts, and also examine the material

and organic properties of the body's largest organ. They deal with skin as a sensual organ, as an interface or contact zone, as the visual marker of identity, and as a lieu de memoire in different periods and media. In its material characteristics, skin is regarded as a medium, a canvas, a surface, and an object of both artistic and medical investigations. The contributions investigate representations of skin in sculpture, painting, film, and fictional, as well as non-fictional, texts from the 16th century to the present. The topics addressed here include the problematic representation of racial identity via skin colour in various media; the sensual qualities of the skin, such as smell or taste; the form and function of tattoos as markers of personal, as well as collective, identity; and scars as signifiers of personal pain and collective suffering.

An intriguing, uncensored, inside view of the not-so-friendly skies through the eyes of former flight attendant, Margo Anderson. If you are a frequent flier, or if you plan to fly in the near future, fasten your seat belt for a turbulent read! After five years of flying with a commuter airline based at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, Anderson draws on her personal experiences and conversations, painting a portrayal of life as a flight attendant--grueling twelve hour days, complaining and unfriendly passengers, and unexpected, almost unbelievable situations, especially in the days and

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weeks following 9/11. Anderson navigates the complex world of flight crews with clarity, insight, wittiness, and her own special brand of humor. Readers are given a view of flying they may never have seen before, through the lens of the workhorse of the airline industry, regarded by many as the "puddle-jumpers," the commuter airlines. Ranging widely in subject matter--from a musician's destructive narcissism to the strange effects a persistent Norwegian has on a bachelor's love life--the stories in this collection also vary in style. Both elegantly insightful and highly adventurous, these tales are inventive, deeply comic, sometimes very unsettling, and completely engaging. Learn about the evolution of flight from within Earth to outer space. This educational resource will teach your child about aviation in a fun and engaging manner. The combination of pictures and texts makes this book an excellent introduction to and/or refresher of the subject. Take home a copy today!

The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History brings together in one two-volume set the record of the nation's values, aspirations, anxieties, and beliefs as expressed in both everyday life and formal bodies of thought. Over the past twenty years, the field of cultural history has moved to the center of American historical studies, and has come to encompass the experiences of ordinary citizens in such arenas as

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reading and religious practice as well as the accomplishments of prominent artists and writers. Some of the most imaginative scholarship in recent years has emerged from this burgeoning field. The scope of the volume reflects that development: the encyclopedia incorporates popular entertainment ranging from minstrel shows to video games, middlebrow ventures like Chautauqua lectures and book clubs, and preoccupations such as "Perfectionism" and "Wellness" that have shaped Americans' behavior at various points in their past and that continue to influence attitudes in the present. The volumes also make available recent scholarly insights into the writings of political scientists, philosophers, feminist theorists, social reformers, and other thinkers whose works have furnished the underpinnings of Americans' civic activities and personal concerns. Anyone wishing to understand the hearts and minds of the inhabitants of the United States from the early days of settlement to the twenty-first century will find the encyclopedia invaluable.

Artemis the Pig isn't like the other farm animals. He wants to fly with the butterflies and he's determined to build something to let him do just that! This delightful tale teaches the importance of creativity and perseverance in pursuing goals. Recommended for ages 3-10. Makes a great bedtime story.

Phil and Muriel move into a homeowners association-

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controlled community in Florida. Their one-eyed dog, Bennie, enables them to have the last laugh on an annoying committee. Widower George Wilson moves into an adult community in Florida where the widow-widower ratio is three to one. He also meets Adriana via his computer. Life is good for a widower at the Ocean Dunes, or is it? Captain Vince Sullivan takes R & R from Vietnam in Perth, Australia. There he meets a blue lady who changes his life. Regina Kelsie leaves the cold of Worcester, Mass, to experience spring break in Panama City, Florida. Fellow Worcesterite, Jim Rancourt, rescues her from hell; but things are not as they seem. Margie O'Rourke decides to cremate her deceased husband, but her plans for his ashes are bizarre, frighteningly bizarre. Little Adela spends her first of many nights in a harem when she is only five. Grandma is led to believe that her stool is self-combusting. That is quite disturbing information for Grandma. Barney and Herb, two octogenarians, discuss cisgender and transgender issues in Dunkin Donuts over coffee. It is quite the hilarious conversation. These are just a few of the tales that make the Committee and Other Stories so uniquely enjoyable. It is a journey into the depths of the human spirit, illustrating the importance of laughter and the miracle of love.

The book that inspired the Academy Award-winning short film, from New York Times bestselling author and beloved visionary William Joyce. Morris

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Lessmore loved words. He loved stories. He loved books. But every story has its upsets. Everything in Morris Lessmore's life, including his own story, is scattered to the winds. But the power of story will save the day. Stunningly brought to life by William Joyce, one of the preeminent creators in children's literature, *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore* is a modern masterpiece, showing that in today's world of traditional books, eBooks, and apps, it's story that we truly celebrate—and this story, no matter how you tell it, begs to be read again and again.

Whether it is basketball dreams, family fiascos, first crushes, or new neighborhoods, this bold short story collection—written by some of the best children's authors including Kwame Alexander, Meg Medina, Jacqueline Woodson, and many more and published in partnership with We Need Diverse

Books—celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us. "Will resonate with any kid who's ever felt different—which is to say, every kid." —Time Great stories take flight in this adventurous middle-grade anthology crafted by ten of the most recognizable and diverse authors writing today. Newbery Medalist Kwame Alexander delivers a story in-verse about a boy who just might have magical powers; National Book Award winner Jacqueline Woodson spins a tale of friendship against all odds; and Meg Medina uses wet paint to color in one girl's world with a

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short story that inspired her Newbery award-winner *Merci Suárez Changes Gear*. Plus, seven more bold voices that bring this collection to new heights with tales that challenge, inspire, and celebrate the unique talents within us all. **AUTHORS INCLUDE:** Kwame Alexander, Kelly J. Baptist, Soman Chainani, Matt de la Peña, Tim Federle, Grace Lin, Meg Medina, Walter Dean Myers, Tim Tingle, Jacqueline Woodson “There’s plenty of magic in this collection to go around.” —Booklist, Starred “A natural for middle school classrooms and libraries.” —Kirkus Reviews, Starred “Inclusive, authentic, and eminently readable.” —School Library Journal, Starred “Thought provoking and wide-ranging . . . should not be missed.” —Publishers Weekly, Starred “Read more books by these authors.” —The Bulletin, Starred

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Ranging from the colonial era to the present day, this

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authoritative reference encompasses the full range of American literary developments as it spotlights major and popular works of fiction, nonfiction, plays, and poetry; biographical profiles of authors; literary journals; and other trends, themes, award winners, and more.

An important new collection of original essays that examine how Ellison's landmark novel, *Invisible Man* (1952), addresses the social, cultural, political, economic, and racial contradictions of America. Commenting on the significance of Mark Twain's writings, Ralph Ellison wrote that "a novel could be fashioned as a raft of hope, perception and entertainment that might help keep us afloat as we tried to negotiate the snags and whirlpools that mark our nation's vacillating course toward and away from the democratic ideal." Ellison believed it was the contradiction between America's "noble ideals and the actualities of our conduct" that inspired the most profound literature -- "the American novel at its best." Drawing from the fields of literature, politics, law, and history, the contributors make visible the political and ethical terms of *Invisible Man*, while also illuminating Ellison's understanding of democracy and art. Ellison hoped that his novel, by providing a tragicomic look at American ideals and mores, would make better citizens of his readers. The contributors also explain Ellison's distinctive views on the political tasks and responsibilities of the novelist, an especially relevant

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topic as contemporary writers continue to confront the American incongruity between democratic faith and practice. Ralph Ellison and the Raft of Hope uniquely demonstrates why Invisible Man stands as a premier literary meditation on American democracy.

A brief, but, elegant, & interesting story about a young woman, new African American flight attendant, entering the job as a scab breaker, during a strike. Hired on the spot, during an intensive interview and trained in Miami, Florida. She leaves a job from the steel industry wearing a hard hat, work uniform, and steel toed shoes, and takes on the elegance of wearing a flight attendant uniform, graceful cap, and high heel shoes. Flying across the country with a secret plan to make large amounts of money doing the wrong thing. But, somehow, her plan works. She begins a relationship with a secret service agent, he hires her, and keeps her out of trouble, and she becomes one of the largest drug/money carriers in the USA-legally. She has fun. But every plan has a beginning, a middle, and an end. School is out and Filbert, a young gray whale is looking for adventure. Like any other eight year old, Filbert just wants to have fun. Unfortunately, all the other gray whale children reject him because he's a little different. Stuck with his tattletale twin brother, Roger as his only companion, Filbert is bored and desperate for excitement. Just as the summer looks

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to be a complete loss, a mysterious genie grants Filbert a single wish. Join Filbert on his hilarious exploration of the surface world where he is hounded by the very people he went there to meet, has a confrontation with a group of industrious squirrels, and befriends the inhabitants of a bizarre chicken farm. Added at the end of the book are 12 illustrations for you to color in, as you see fit!

From the author of *In Her Shoes* and the forthcoming *Who Do You Love* comes a story of a mother and two daughters rebuilding their lives ... Sylvie Woodruff has spent the last 30 or so years being the ideal politician's wife and raising two daughters. When her world crashes down around her after a painful, public betrayal, she retreats to her grandmother's rambling seaside home to wait for the scandal to blow over.

Sylvie's eldest daughter, Diana, married out of friendship and respect, not love... then years later, finds herself falling for a most unsuitable man. When the affair ends badly, she sets off in search of a new beginning. Lizzie, Diana's younger sister, who caused her parents such heartache as a teenager, is finally getting her life together. When a summer fling leaves her pregnant, and her charming boyfriend turns violent, she too heads out of town.

She emerged as innocent as any newborn. The party of starbursts and sparkles came to a standstill. In awe, millions of heavenly beings paused. Shine Star, Princess of the Universe, was the most

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precious and rare of all creations. As an expression of perfect happiness, thus was the king's daughter born. A magical love story unfolds in Vikrant Malhotra's wondrous debut, *The Stories of Goom'pa: Book One*. Meet Goom'pa. He is a Poofy, a small furry creature who resides on Earth in a place called Palidon, on the edge of the Miron National Forest. His world is a quiet one-until he spies Shine Star, a glorious star in the sky and the daughter of Prime Ray, the king of the universe. Enchanted by her elegance, Goom'pa knows he is willing to do anything to win the love of this celestial beauty. As the two meet and fall in love, Shine Star's father worries about his only daughter. Exploiting that concern is the Star Lord, Rath, who wants nothing more than to wrestle control of the universe away from Prime Ray. Will Goom'pa and Shine Star find a way to be together? Or will Rath's evil plan doom them all?

Jimmy McFly and his friends are headed on their summer vacation. At the airport they decide to play an epic game of hide and go seek. While hiding in his favorite spot Jimmy gets hit in the head making him forget everything...even his name! Join us on this exciting adventure to see where Jimmy will end up! "You either love Andrea Camilleri or you haven't read him yet. Each novel in this wholly addictive, entirely magical series, set in Sicily and starring a detective unlike any other in crime fiction, blasts the brain like a

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shot of pure oxygen. Aglow with local color, packed with flint-dry wit, as fresh and clean as Mediterranean seafood — altogether transporting. Long live Camilleri, and long live Montalbano.” A.J. Finn, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Woman in the Window*

Twenty-one short stories spanning the beloved Inspector Montalbano's career Inspector Montalbano has charmed readers in nineteen popular novels, and now in *Montalbano's First Case and Other Stories*, Andrea Camilleri has selected twenty-one short stories, written with his trademark wit and humor, that follow Italy's famous detective through highlight cases of his career. From the title story, featuring a young deputy Montalbano newly assigned to Vigàta, to “Montalbano Says No,” in which the inspector makes a late-night call to Camilleri himself to refuse an outlandish case, this collection is an essential addition to any Inspector Montalbano fan's bookshelf and a wonderful way to introduce readers to the internationally bestselling series.

Esteemed critic Blanche Gelfant's brilliant companion gathers together lucid essays on major writers and themes by some of the best literary critics in the United States. Part 1 is comprised of articles on stories that share a particular theme, such as “Working Class Stories” or “Gay and Lesbian Stories.” The heart of the book, however, lies in Part 2, which contains more than one hundred pieces on individual writers and their work, including Fitzgerald, Hemingway, Richard Ford, Raymond Carver, Eudora Welty, Andre Debus, Zora Neal Hurston, Anne Beattie, Bharati Mukherjee, J. D. Salinger, and Jamaica Kincaid, as well as engaging

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pieces on the promising new writers to come on the scene.

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When Emanuel becomes frightened in bed one night, his Mom comes and sings him his favorite song. Before long, Emanuel is fast asleep, but then, that is when things take a strange and unexpected turn! A mysterious owl named Mr. Kitch transports Emanuel to the strange and peculiar "Bouncy Land." There, Emanuel experiences a thrilling adventure, with underground rivers, a pink dolphin, a pangolin and a flying shark called Dani Zuckow, who sees Emanuel as a threat and wants him dead! Can Emanuel survive? Will he find his way home in the end? Find out in this thrilling adventure with a twist. Ideal for young children and packed full of beautiful imagery.

The Structure of Argument covers critical thinking, reading, writing, and research. It is concise but thorough and presents everything students need in an affordable, compact format. The Structure of Argument includes questions, exercises, and writing assignments, and a full semester's worth of readings. Now presenting Aristotelian and Rogerian as well as Toulmin argument, it includes many fresh readings and additional support for academic writing to help students stake their claim. Its emphasis on Toulmin argument makes Structure highly teachable, since the approach fits with the goals of the composition course. An electronic edition is available at half the price of the print book.

20 selections, all lovingly translated from the Yiddish, include among others "Progress in Kasrilevke," "Summer

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Romances," "Birth," "There's No Dead," "Three Widows," "Homesick," "On America," and "A Home Away from Home."

When Vivian left town for a three-month residency, she had no idea that she'd come back to find her life turned upside down.

The casual boyfriend who'd seemed ready to commit?
Changed his mind.

The job she'd loved so much? Gone.

The parents she'd assumed would be there for emotional support? Off on the adventure of their lives.

When she realizes that she's essentially homeless, jobless and boyfriend-less, Vivian knows something has to change. She needs to take charge.

Inspired by her aunt's idea that a girl has to kiss at least fifty frogs to find her prince, Vivian comes up with a plan: she's going to go on a series of first dates only, and each one must end in a kiss. She'll chronicle each date--the good, the bad and the downright unbelievable--and turn the stories into an in-depth magazine series about the realities of dating in the twenty-first century.

While none of the frogs she meets--and kisses--make her heart leap, there's a guy closer to home who

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definitely does . . . and despite the fact that Charlie always seems to catch Vivian at her most awkward and embarrassing moments, she can't help wondering if it's time to ditch the plan . . . and kiss just one more frog. Ralph Ellison's classic 1952 novel *Invisible Man* is one of the most important and controversial novels in the American canon and remains widely read and studied. This Companion provides an introduction to this influential and significant novelist and critic and to his masterpiece. It features essays by leading scholars, a chronology and a guide to further reading. The essays reveal alternative dimensions of Ellison's art radiating out from *Invisible Man* into other domains - technology, political theory, law, photography, music, religion - and recover the compelling urgency and relevance of Ellison's political and artistic vision. Since Ellison's death his published oeuvre has been expanded by several major volumes - his collected essays, the fragment of a novel, *Juneteenth* (1999), letters and short stories - examined here in the context of his life and work. Students and scholars of Ellison and of American and African-American literature will find this an invaluable and accessible guide.

Broad-based survey of trans-Atlantic black culture
Newest book in the popular Black Atlantic series
Radical Narratives of the Black Atlantic is a multi-faceted and interdisciplinary take on trans-Atlantic black culture. Alan Rice engages fully with Paul Gilroy's paradigm of the Black Atlantic through examination of a broad array of cultural genres including music, dance, folklore and oral literature, fine art, material culture, film

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and literature. The aspects of black culture under discussion range from black British gravesites to sea shanties, from the novels of Toni Morrison to the paintings of the Zanzibar born black British artist Lubaina Himid and from King Kong to the travels of Frederick Douglass and Paul Robeson. The book places such figures as the African American traveller and Barbary slave narrator Robert Adams and the West Indian slave narrator Mary Prince in a Black Atlantic context that explicates them fully. A chapter on the Titanic disaster shows how diasporan Africans composed oral poems about the disaster to criticise the discriminatory practices of its owners and racial imperialism. Overall, the book argues for the crucial importance of Black Atlantic cultures in the formation of our modern world. Moreover, it argues that looking at Black culture and history through a national lens is distorting and reductive.

Lots of Kids write letters to Santa, but those delivered to the North Pole are answered by a group of dedicated volunteers who call themselves The Elves. *Blame It On Mistletoe* – Abby Baxter has spent the year since her husband’s death trying to hold on. When she discovers her son is missing, her entire world trembles— until her husband’s best friend appears at her door. Secretly in love with Abby for years, Frank Machado is determined to see JD back in his mother’s arms. Sparks fly, hearts warm, love—and Christmas—are in the air. Should they Blame it on Mistletoe? *If Only In My Dreams* – Jilted in North Pole, Alaska, café owner Amelia Beckett’s bad man-karma has struck again! She wants out of this cutesy town—until a snarling, injured fox in her backyard

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sends her running to strong, silent neighbor and café regular, Wes Curtis. Wes moved to Alaska after his wife died, not expecting he'd need to brush up admittedly rusty dating skills. But moonlit nights spent helping beautiful, skittish Amelia and the fox relax and heal make him determined to convince Amelia she belongs in Alaska—with him What Child is This? - Hope Grayson's six-year-old daughter clearly wants a daddy for Christmas. Eli Thompson has never forgotten Hope, realizing just how much he's missed her. When he unexpectedly shows up to help in the clinic, Hope is stunned. She wants to protect her daughter and her heart, but is it possible Eli is the perfect Christmas present for them both?

Author, intellectual, and social critic, Ralph Ellison (1914-94) was a pivotal figure in American literature and history and arguably the father of African American modernism. Universally acclaimed for his first novel, *Invisible Man*, a masterpiece of modern fiction, Ellison was recognized with a stunning succession of honors, including the 1953 National Book Award. Despite his literary accomplishments and political activism, however, Ellison has received surprisingly sparse treatment from biographers. Lawrence Jackson's biography of Ellison, the first when it was published in 2002, focuses on the author's early life. Powerfully enhanced by rare photographs, this work draws from archives, literary correspondence, and interviews with Ellison's relatives, friends, and associates. Tracing the writer's path from poverty in dust bowl Oklahoma to his rise among the literary elite, Jackson explores Ellison's important

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relationships with other stars, particularly Langston Hughes and Richard Wright, and examines his previously undocumented involvement in the Socialist Left of the 1930s and 1940s, the black radical rights movement of the same period, and the League of American Writers. The result is a fascinating portrait of a fraternal cadre of important black writers and critics--and the singularly complex and intriguing man at its center. This is Valerie's first book of short stories. Born in Melbourne, the family moved to Brisbane in 1979. She enjoys a great relationship with her three children and five grand children and has lived on the Sunshine Coast with her partner for the past 19 years. Here is a short reference to the stories. *Julia's Secret* begins in 1895 in Melbourne. At 16 years of age, all photo's and knowledge of Julia vanished. Her Great Great Grand-daughter Paula, searches and finds the shocking truth. *The Dream Weaver*. A story of a twisted psychologist, who is on a mission that involves seeing how far you can push a person to commit suicide or murder. *The Girls Club* reflects the tenuous and disjointed relationships of four school friends in later life. *The Mistake*. A trip to a deserted old town where a murder goes horribly wrong. *Just Deserts* is about a married guy whose latest affair brings him undone.

A selection of essays and reviews published over the past twenty-five years in the *Berkshire Eagle*, *Chicago Review*, the *Chicago Tribune*, *Magill's Literary Annual*, *The World & I*, and other journals and collections, *Voices and Visions* offers engaging discussions of a wide range of modern and contemporary American and European

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writers.

This is an English-language anthology dedicated to the short stories of Kurahashi Yumiko (1935-), a Japanese novelist of profound intellectual powers. The eleven stories included in this volume suggest the breadth of the author's literary production, ranging from parodies of classical Japanese literature to cosmopolitan avant-garde works, from quasi-autobiography to science fiction. Her subversive fiction defies established definitions of "literature", "Japan", "modernity" and "femininity", and represents an important intellectual aspect of modern Japanese women's literature.

An in-depth analysis of the composition of *Invisible Man* and Ralph Ellison's move away from the radical left during his writing of the novel between 1945 and 1952.

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