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Recitatif
A Story
Toni Morrison
Introduction by Zadie Smith

In this 1983 short story—the only short story she ever wrote—Toni Morrison keeps the two protagonists’ races ambiguous throughout. A remarkable look into how perceptions are made tangible by reality, “Recitatif” is a gift in these changing times. “Strikingly relevant. . . . We can never tell definitively which woman is White and which is Black. It shouldn’t matter, but it does. The story constantly tempts us to test our racial attitudes about clothing, food, hair, even money. . . . This is the perfect text for a country still vigorously debating the relevance of race. But the singular quality of this story makes it worthwhile, especially because the book contains a long, thoughtful introduction by Zadie Smith, who says, rightly, that ‘Recitatif’ should sit alongside ‘Bartleby, the Scrivener’ and ‘The Lottery’ as a perfect—and perfectly American—tale.”—Ron Charles, Washington Post

The Vanishing Half
Brit Bennett

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“Bennett’s gorgeously written second novel, an ambitious meditation on race and identity, considers the divergent fates of twin sisters, born in the Jim Crow South, after one decides to pass for white. Bennett balances the literary demands of dynamic characterization with the historical and social realities of her subject matter.”—The New York Times

“An important, timely examination of the impact of race on personality, experience and relationships.” —Diana Evans, the Orange Award winning author of Ordinary People

Black Cake
Charmaine Wilkerson

Eleanor Bennett’s death leaves behind a puzzling inheritance for her two children, Byron and Benny: a traditional Caribbean black cake, made from a family recipe with a long history, and a voice recording. In her message, Eleanor shares a tumultuous story about a headstrong young swimmer who escapes her island home under suspicion of murder. The heartbreaking tale Eleanor unfolds, the secrets she still holds back, and the mystery of a long-lost child, challenge everything the siblings thought they knew about their lineage, and themselves.
Mosquito
Gayl Jones

First discovered and edited by Toni Morrison, Gayl Jones has been described as one of the great literary writers of the 20th century. In Mosquito, she examines the US-Mexico border crisis through the eyes of Sojourner Nadine Jane Johnson, an African American truck driver known as Mosquito. Her journey begins after she discovers a stowaway who nearly gives birth in the back of her truck, sparking Mosquito’s accidental yet growing involvement in “the new underground railroad,” a sanctuary movement for Mexican immigrants.

Beacon Press | Paperback | 624 pages | 978-0-8070-0662-7 | $19.95

Plum Bun
A Novel without a Moral
Jessie Redmon Fauset; Foreword by Morgan Jerkins; Afterword by Deborah McDowell

Originally published in 1929 at the height of the Harlem Renaissance, Plum Bun is the story of Angela Murray, a young Black woman of mixed heritage who uses the advantages of her lighter skin to escape her own life. Thrust into a world of seduction, betrayal, love, lust, and heartbreak, Angela soon discovers that to find true fulfillment within herself, she must accept and embrace her own identity—both her race and gender.

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Fledgling
Octavia E. Butler

Fledgling, Octavia Butler’s last novel, is the story of an apparently young, amnesiac girl whose alarmingly un-human needs and abilities lead her to a startling conclusion: she is in fact a genetically modified, 53-year-old vampire. Fledgling is a captivating novel that tests the limits of “otherness” and questions what it means to be truly human.

“A master storyteller, Butler casts an unflinching eye on racism, sexism, poverty, and ignorance and lets the reader see the terror and beauty of human nature.”—Washington Post

Seven Stories Press | Hardcover | 336 pages | 978-1-64421-129-8 | $27.95

Black Cool
One Thousand Streams of Blackness
Rebecca Walker

Originally published in 2012, this collection of illuminating essays exploring the ineffable and protean aesthetics of Black Cool has been widely cited for its contribution to much of the contemporary discussion of the influence of Black Cool on culture, politics, and power around the world. This edition includes a new introduction from Rebecca Walker, a powerful meditation on the genesis, creation, completion, and subsequent impact of this landmark volume over the last decade.

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A FINALIST FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD

Memphis
Tara M. Stringfellow

Summer 1995: Joan, her mother, and her younger sister flee her father’s explosive temper and seek refuge at her mother’s ancestral home in Memphis. As she grows up, Joan finds relief in her artwork, painting portraits of the community as she begins to see how her passion, imagination, and relentless hope are, in fact, the continuation of a long matrilineal tradition. Unfolding over 70 years, Memphis paints an indelible portrait of inheritance, celebrating the full complexity of what we pass down, in a family and as a country.

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Dirty Bird Blues
Clarence Major; Foreword by Yusef Komunyakaa; Introduction by John Beckman

Set in post-World War II Chicago and Omaha, the novel features Manfred Banks, a young blues singer. Torn between his friendships with fellow musicians and nightclub life and his responsibilities to his wife and child, along with the pressures of dealing with a racist America that assaults him at every turn, Manfred seeks easy answers in “Dirty Bird” (Old Crow whiskey) and in moving on. As Manfred struggles with the oppressive constraints of society and his private turmoil, his rich inner voice resonates with the blues.

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The New Negro Aesthetic
Selected Writings
Alain Locke; Edited with an Introduction by Jeffrey C. Stewart; General Editor: Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

The essays and articles collected in this volume, by Alain Locke’s Pulitzer Prize–winning biographer, are the result of the struggle to instill the New Negro aesthetics, as Stewart calls it here, into the mind of the twentieth century. To be a New Negro poet, novelist, actor, musician, dancer, or filmmaker was to commit oneself to an arc of self-discovery of what and who the Negro was—would be—without fear that one would disappoint the white or Black bystander.

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Keisha Bush

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Marlon James

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Rudolfo Anaya; Foreword by Erika L. Sánchez; Introduction by Rudolfo Anaya

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**Neruda on the Park**  
Cleyvis Natera

The Guerreross have lived in Nothar Park, a predominantly Dominican part of New York City, for 20 years. When demolition begins on a neighboring tenement, Eusebia, an elder of the community, takes matters into her own hands to stop construction of luxury condos. Meanwhile, Eusebia’s daughter, Luz, becomes distracted by a romance with the handsome white developer. A beautifully layered portrait of family, friendship, and ambition, Neruda on the Park weaves a rich and vivid tapestry of community as well as the sacrifices we make to protect what we love most.

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Hernan Diaz

Even through the roar of the 1920s, everyone in New York has heard of Benjamin and Helen Rask. He is a Wall Street tycoon; she is the daughter of aristocrats. But at what cost have they acquired their fortune? This is the mystery at the center of Bonds, a 1937 novel that everyone seems to have read. A brilliant literary puzzle, Trust is a quest for the truth while confronting the deceptions that often live at the heart of personal relationships.


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Daphne Palasi Andreades
Welcome to Queens, New York, where young women of color like Nadira, Gabby, Naz, Trish, Angelique, and countless others, attempt to reconcile their immigrant backgrounds with the American culture in which they come of age. Here, they become friends for life—or so they vow. A blazingly original debut novel told by a chorus of unforgettable voices, Brown Girls illustrates a collective portrait of childhood, adulthood, and beyond, and is a striking exploration of female friendship, a powerful depiction of women of color attempting to forge their place in the world today.

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Eric Nguyen

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Gina Apostol

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Julie Otsuka

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“Otsuka’s spare, dreamlike writing offers readers a deeply touching exploration of the impact on Alice’s Japanese American family (particularly her daughter) of caring for a loved one with dementia. Otsuka is noteworthy for her skilled storytelling and her ability to immerse readers in her characters’ emotional journeys.”—Library Journal (starred review)

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Maxine Hong Kingston

The Woman Warrior, China Men, Tripmaster Monkey, Other Writings
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Vanessa Hua
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Joanne Greenberg; Foreword by Esmé Weijun Wang; Afterword by Joanne Greenberg

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Harry Crews; Foreword by Kevin Wilson

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Rachel Harper

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Candice Wuehle

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Speak, Okinawa
A Memoir
Elizabeth Miki Brina

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Elizbeth Miki Brina describes her journey to understanding her complicated parents—her mother an Okinawan war bride, her father a Vietnam veteran—and her cultural heritage.

“In Speak, Okinawa, Elizabeth Miki Brina beautifully combs a lifetime of memory, love, loss, and the connections that bind us to one another. In exploring how one comes to be, Brina’s prose illuminates and dazzles—and we see, in the end, what was intangible made clear in her writing.”—Bryan Washington, author of Memorial

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A Memoir
Qian Julie Wang

Here is the story of an undocumented child living in poverty in the richest country in the world. Qian Julie Wang’s memoir tells an essential American story about a family fracturing under the weight of invisibility, and a girl coming of age in the shadows, who never stops seeking the light.

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A Childhood
The Biography of a Place
Harry Crews; Foreword by Tobias Wolff

The son of a sharecropper in Georgia, Harry Crews conveys an elegiac sense of community and roots from a rural South in his moving autobiography, A Childhood. Interweaving his own memories including his bout with polio and a fascination with the Sears, Roebuck catalog, with the tales of relatives and friends, he re-creates a childhood of tenderness and violence, comedy and tragedy.

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*Tara Westover*

Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara’s older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she’d traveled too far, if there was still a way home.


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*Derek DelGaudio*
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E. V. Odle; Introduction by Annalee Newitz

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Helen Oyeyemi

The prize-winning, bestselling author of Gingerbread, Boy, Snow, Bird; and What Is Not Yours Is Not Yours returns with a vivid and inventive new novel about a couple forever changed by an unusual train voyage.

“Oyeyemi is a master of leaps of thought and inference, of shifty velocity, and the story’s long setup has the discombobulating quality of walking through a moving vehicle while carrying a full-to-the-brim cup of very hot tea.”—The New York Times Book Review

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The World Set Free
H. G. Wells; Introduction by Sarah Cole; Afterword by Joshua Glenn

Writing in 1913, on the eve of World War I’s mass slaughter and long before World War II’s mushroom cloud finale, H. G. Wells imagined a war that begins in atomic apocalypse but ends in a utopia of enlightened world government. Set in the 1950s, Wells’s neglected novel The World Set Free describes a conflict so horrific that it actually is the war that ends war. Drawing on discoveries by physicists and chemists of the time, Wells foresees both a world powered by clean, plentiful atomic energy—and the destructive force of the neutron chain reaction.

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Count Belisarius
Robert Graves

The sixth-century Roman Empire is a dangerous place, threatened on all frontiers by invaders. But soon the attacking armies of Vandals, Goths, and Persians grow to fear and respect the name of one man, Belisarius: horseman, archer, swordsman, and military commander of genius. Written in the form of a biography by Belisarius’s manservant, this epic historical novel portrays him as a lone man of honor in a corrupt world.

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Imbolo Mbue
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“How Beautiful We Were charts the ways repression, be it at the hands of a government or a corporation or a society, can turn the most basic human needs into radical and radicalizing acts. . . . Profoundly affecting.”—The New York Times Book Review

An Island
Karen Jennings
Samuel has lived alone on a small island off the coast of an unnamed African country for more than two decades. Routinely, the nameless bodies of refugees wash ashore. One day, though, he finds that one of these bodies is still breathing. As he nurses the stranger back to life, Samuel is soon swept up in memories of his former life as a political prisoner on the mainland. He begins to consider: What does it cost to have, and lose, a home?

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Translated with an Introduction by Sassan Tabatabai

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Michelle de Kretser

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**The Silentiary**

Antonio Di Benedetto; Translated by Esther Allen; Introduction by Juan José Saer

*The Silentiary* takes place in a nameless Latin American city during the early 1950s. A young man employed in middle management entertains an ambition to write a detective novel, and ponders the possibility of choosing a victim among the people he knows and planning a crime as if he himself were the killer. *The Silentiary*, along with *Zama* and *The Suicides*, is one of the three thematically linked novels by Di Benedetto that have come to be known as the Trilogy of Expectation.

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WORLD LITERATURE

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