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Constructions of Caribbean American Identity and Paradigms for Reading Paule Marshall's Brown Girl, Brownstones, and Praisesong for the Widow Sep 26 2020

Brown Girl, Brownstones Oct 20 2022 The story of the coming of age of the daughter of Barbadian immigrants living in Brooklyn during the Depression and the Second World War. She realizes that only by accepting the dreams of both her parents can she gain independence. The author has previously written Praisesong for the Widow .

The Fisher King Jun 23 2020 Old secrets and bitter memories are brought to light when a young boy travels to Brooklyn to honor his musical grandfather.

Brown Girl, Brownstones Feb 24 2023 Set in Brooklyn during the Depression and World War II, this 1953 coming-of-age novel centers on the daughter of Barbadian immigrants. "Passionate, compelling." — Saturday Review. "Remarkable for its courage." — The New Yorker.

The Search for Identity in Paule Marshall's Novels Brown Girl, Brownstones and The Fisher King Nov 09 2021

Myal Jan 19 2020 Jamaican-born novelist and sociologist Erna Brodber describes Myal as “an exploration of the links between the way of life forged by the people of two points of the black diaspora—the Afro-Americans and the Afro-Jamaicans.” Operating on many literary levels—thematically, linguistically, stylistically—it is the story of women’s cultural and spiritual struggle in colonial Jamaica. The novel opens at the beginning of the 20th century with a community gathering to heal the mysterious illness of a young woman, Ella, who has returned to Jamaica after an unsuccessful marriage abroad. The Afro-Jamaican religion myal, which asserts that good has the power to conquer all, is invoked to heal Ella, who has been left "zombified” and devoid of any black soul. Ella, who is light skinned enough to pass for white, has suffered a breakdown after her white American husband produced a black-face minstrel show based on the stories of her village and childhood. This cultural appropriation is one of a series Ella encountered in her life, and parallels the ongoing theft of the labor and culture of colonized peoples for imperial gain and pleasure. The novel’s rich, vivid language and vital characters earned it the Commonwealth Writers’ Prize for Canada and the Caribbean. The novel links nicely with Brodber’s coming-of-age story, *Jane & Louisa Will Soon Come Home*, also from Waveland Press, for its similar images, themes, and specific Jamaican cultural references to colonialism, religion, slavery, gender, and identity. Both novels are Brodber’s way of telling stories outside of published history to point out the whitewashing and distortion of black history through religion and colonialism.

Pick of the Crop Jul 25 2020 Leroi Baines is a young man with a real gift for music, especially Calypso. When he is invited to audition for the Uprising Calypso tent, and makes it to the finals for the Pick of the Crop competition, everything seems to be going his way. He must learn how to handle popularity - and counter threats.

The female characters in Paule Marshall's Brown girls, brownstones and Toni Morrison's Tar baby Dec 18 2019

Daughters Aug 18 2022 Paule Marshall's acclaimed, ground-breaking novel *Brown Girl, Brownstones* established her as a writer of enormous ability with a talent for bringing emotional truths to life. Her long-awaited new novel, *Daughters*, big and bittersweet, captures the jangle of the city and the musical lilt of the Caribbean as it cuts back and forth from New York to the Islands, from present to past, and back again. At its center is Ursa Beatrice MacKenzie, a well-educated, good-hearted young black woman who is struggling to make a career and life for herself in New York. But swirling around her are several crises, including an abortion, a decision to break up with her boyfriend, the start of a new job, and, finally, the need to come to terms with her family back home -- her father, a crusading politician known as the PM, and her mother, Estelle, a former teacher from Hartford. Paule Marshall evokes every intimate detail and passionate feeling of this extraordinary family, creating a vivid, many-layered portrait of colorful, complex women and men trying to find themselves -- and one another -- in an ever-changing world.

Exploring Paule Marshall's Theory of the Mechanics of Physical Voice from Brown Girl, Brownstones Oct 28 2020

A Human Necklace May 03 2021 Argues that Paule Marshall’s work collectively constitutes a multigenerational saga of the African diaspora across centuries and continents. From *Brown Girl, Brownstones* (1959) to *The Fisher King* (2000), Paule Marshall’s novels, novellas, and short stories include a rich cast of unforgettable men, women, and children who forge spiritual as well as emotional and geographical paths toward their ancestors. In this, the first critical study to address all of Marshall’s fiction, Moira Ferguson argues that Marshall’s work collectively constitutes a multigenerational saga of the African diaspora across centuries and continents. In creating a space for her characters’ interrupted lives and those of their elders and ancestors, Ferguson argues, Marshall trains a spotlight on slavery’s wake and engages her fiction in the service of healing deep global wounds. “In sophisticated yet accessible discussions, Ferguson places Marshall’s work in a variety of contexts that are at the center of diasporic and postcolonial studies. By producing this comprehensive examination of Marshall’s fiction, she captures the way in which Marshall not only writes about diasporic experiences but, through the interconnected themes of her novels, is crafting a diasporic saga on the subject.” — Sharon M. Harris, author of *Dr. Mary Walker: An American Radical, 1832–1919*

Is ethnicity destiny? Apr 02 2021 Seminar paper from the year 2013 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 1.0, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (English Department), course: Caribbean Seminar, language: English, abstract: “Know who you are and you know what to do!” (Japtok 305). But if you do not know who you are, you will not know what to do. This is what characterizes Selina Boyce, the protagonist in Paule Marshall’s *Brown Girl, Brownstones* who displays the difficulties that emerge for an individual who lives between two cultures. Born and raised in New York City during the interwar years, she is an immigrant in second generation from Barbados. On the one hand her family is not able to give her the feeling of belonging to anywhere, which is caused by her parents’ different ideas of the American Dream. On the other hand she experiences the fact that within the Barbadian society she is only accepted if she follows certain prescribed ethnic convictions towards life in general. Furthermore, she realizes that she has to confront racism within American society, which restricts her in her personal development. The unique position of the second generation immigrants can either be a positive and fulfilling experience or a negative one, depending on how those immigrants confront their situation. The individuals have to make a decision from different options presented to them. Typically they incorporate themselves into one of the two cultures and reject the other or they accept what is best from both cultures and create a new consciousness, a new identity. Selina, however, is neither able to find her identity as a Barbadian immigrant nor as an American which eventually leads to an inner and external resignation. After all she recognizes that the only possibility to find her identity is to distance herself from her environment. The protagonist Selina Boyce displays the challenge of finding an identity which immigrants in second generation have to face. Nonetheless, she seeks to find her identity on her own and rejects people who try to determine her identity by prescribed ethnic norms or by prejudices.

Among Others Jan 31 2021 Della, a West Indian, moved to Brooklyn with her parents in the 1960s.

Hunting in Harlem Dec 10 2021 Horizon Realty is bringing Harlem back to its Renaissance. With the help of Cedric, Bobby, and Horus-three ex-cons trying to forge a new life-Horizon clears out the rubble and the rabble, filling once-dilapidated brownstones with black professionals handpicked for their shared vision of Harlem as a shining icon for the race. And fate seems to be working in Horizon's favor: Harlem's undesirable tenants seem increasingly clumsy of late, meeting early deaths by accident. As an ambitious reporter, Piper Goines, begins to investigate the neighborhood's extraordinarily high accident rate, Horizon's three employees find themselves fighting for their souls and their very lives-against a backdrop of some of the most beautiful brownstones in all of Manhattan.

Brown Girl, Brownstones Nov 28 2020 "Set in Brooklyn during the Depression and World War II, this is the story of a Selina Boyce, the daughter of Barbadian immigrants. She is caught between the struggles of her hard-working, ambitious mother, who wants to "buy house" and educate her daughters, and her father, who longs to return to the land in Barbados. Selina seeks to define her own identity and values as she struggles to surmount the racism and poverty that surround her."--Page 4 of cover.

American Literature in Transition, 1950–1960 Aug 26 2020 American Literature in Transition, 1950–1960 explores the under-recognized complexity and variety of 1950s American literature by focalizing discussions through a series of keywords and formats that encourage readers to draw fresh connections among literary form and concepts, institutions, cultures, and social phenomena important to the decade. The first section draws attention to the relationship between literature and cultural phenomena that were new to the 1950s. The second section demonstrates the range of subject positions important in the 1950s, but still not visible in many accounts of the era. The third section explores key literary schools or movements associated with the decade, and explains how and why they

developed at this particular cultural moment. The final section focuses on specific forms or genres that grew to special prominence during the 1950s. Taken together, the chapters in the four sections not only encourage us to rethink familiar texts and figures in new lights, but they also propose new archives for future study of the decade.

Brown Girl, Brownstones Dec 22 2022 A vivid and bittersweet classic coming-of-age tale, set in immigrant Brooklyn. "Remarkable for its courage, its color, and its natural control." --The New Yorker "An unforgettable novel written with pride and anger, with rebellion and tears." --New York Herald Tribune Set in Brooklyn during the Great Depression and World War II, *Brown Girl, Brownstones* chronicles the efforts of Barbadian immigrants to surmount poverty and racism and to make their new country home. Selina Boyce is torn between the opposing aspirations of her parents: her hardworking, ambitious mother longs to buy a brownstone row house while her easygoing father prefers to dream of effortless success and his native island's lushness. Featuring a new foreword by Edwidge Danticat, this coming-of-age tale grapples with identity, sexuality, and changing values in a new country, as a young woman must reconcile tradition with potential and change.

Behind the Mountains Jun 04 2021 First Person Fiction is dedicated to the immigrant experience in modern America. In "Behind the Mountains" Edwidge Danticat tells the story of Celiane and her family's struggles in Haiti and New York. It is election time in Haiti, and bombs are going off in the capital city of Port-au-Prince. During a visit from her home in rural Haiti, Celiane Espérance and her mother are nearly killed. Looking at her country with new eyes, Celiane gains a fresh resolve to be reunited with her father in Brooklyn, New York. The harsh winter and concrete landscape of her new home are a shock to Celiane, who witnesses her parents' struggle to earn a living, her brother's uneasy adjustment to American society, and her own encounters with learning difficulties and school violence.

Brown Girl, Brownstones Jan 23 2023 Selina Boyce, the daughter of immigrants from Barbados, becomes aware of her passions as she grows to womanhood in Brooklyn and experiences the conflict between two cultures.

Praise Song for the Widow Jun 16 2022 Featuring a new original introduction by Opal Palmer Adisa Avey Johnson--a Black, middle-aged, middle-class widow given to hats, gloves, and pearls--has long since put behind her the Harlem of her childhood. Then on a cruise to the Caribbean with two friends, inspired by a troubling dream, she senses her life beginning to unravel--and in a panic packs her bag in the middle of the night and abandons her friends at the next port of call. The unexpected and beautiful adventure that follows provides Avey with the links to the culture and history she has so long disavowed. Originally published in 1983, *Praisesong for the Widow* was a recipient of the Before Columbus Foundation American Book Award, and is presented here in a beautiful new hardcover edition as the second title in McSweeney's *Of the Diaspora* series. Astonishingly moving. -Anne Tyler, *The New York Times Book Review* About *Of the Diaspora* McSweeney's *Of the Diaspora* is a series of previously published works in Black literature whose themes, settings, characterizations, and conflicts evoke an experience, language, imagery and power born of the Middle Passage and the particular aesthetic which connects African-derived peoples to a shared artistic and ancestral past. Wesley Brown's *Tragic Magic*, the first novel in the series, was originally published in 1978 and championed by Toni Morrison during her tenure as an editor at Random House. This *Of the Diaspora* edition features a new introduction written by Brown for the series. *Tragic Magic* will be followed by Paule Marshall's novel of a Harlem widow claiming new life. *Praisesong for the Widow* was originally published in 1983 and was a recipient of the Before Columbus Foundation American Book Award. The series is edited by writer Erica Vital-Lazare, a professor of creative writing and *Marginalized Voices* in literature at the College of Southern Nevada. Published in collectible hardcover editions with original cover art by Sunra Thompson, the first three works hail from Black American voices defined by what Amiri Baraka described as strong feeling getting into new blues, from the old ones. *Of the Diaspora-North America* will be followed by series from the diasporic communities of Europe, the Caribbean and Brazil.

A quest for identity in Paule Marshall's "Brown Girl, Brownstones" Apr 14 2022

Create Dangerously Dec 30 2020 A New York Times Notable Book A Miami Herald Best Book of the Year In this deeply personal book, the celebrated Haitian-American writer Edwidge Danticat reflects on art and exile. Inspired by Albert Camus and adapted from her own lectures for Princeton University's Toni Morrison Lecture Series, here Danticat tells stories of artists who create despite (or because of) the horrors that drove them from their homelands. Combining memoir and essay, these moving and eloquent pieces examine what it means to be an artist from a country in crisis. BONUS MATERIAL: This edition includes an excerpt from Edwidge Danticat's *Claire of the Sea Light*.

The Sea, The Sea (Vintage Classics Murdoch Series) Feb 18 2020 "I saw a monster rising from the waves." **A BBC BETWEEN THE COVERS BIG JUBILEE READ PICK** **Winner of the Man Booker Prize 1978** Charles Arrowby has determined to spend the rest of his days in hermit-like contemplation. He buys a mysteriously damp house on the coast, far from the heady world of the theatre where he made his name, and there he swims in the sea, eats revolting meals and writes his memoirs. But then he meets his childhood sweetheart Hartley, and memories of her lovely, younger self crowd in - along with more recent lovers and friends - to disrupt his self-imposed exile. So instead of 'learning to be good', Charles proceeds to demonstrate how very bad he can be. WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY DAISY JOHNSON VINTAGE CLASSICS MURDOCH: Funny, subversive, fearless and fiercely intelligent, Iris Murdoch was one of the great writers of the twentieth century. To celebrate her centenary Vintage Classics presents special editions of her greatest and most timeless novels.

Reena and Other Stories Jul 17 2022 This collection of Paule Marshall's short works illustrates the growth of a remarkable writer. For the first time these stories, long out of print or difficult to obtain, appear together in a single volume. Introducing the volume is Marshall's much acclaimed autobiographical essay, "From the Poets in the Kitchen" from the *New York Times Book Review's* series called "The Making of a Writer." This collection included newly written autobiographical headnotes to each story and "Merle," a novella excerpted from Marshall's 1969 novel, *The Chosen Place, The Timeless People*, and extensively reshaped and rewritten for this collection. It stands as an independent story about one of the most memorable women in contemporary fiction.

Brown Girl, Brownstones Nov 21 2022 Selina Boyce, the daughter of immigrants from Barbados, becomes aware of her passions as she grows to womanhood in Brooklyn and experiences the conflict between two cultures.

The Fisher King Feb 12 2022 Paule Marshall, the highly acclaimed author of the classic *Brown Girl, Brownstones*, returns to a Brooklyn setting in this moving and revelatory story of jazz, class, and family conflict over four generations. In 1949, Sonny-Rett Payne, a jazz pianist, fled New York for Paris to escape both his family's disapproval of his music and the racism that shadowed his career. Now, decades later, his eight-year-old grandson is brought to Payne's old Brooklyn neighborhood to attend a memorial concert in his honor. The child's visit reveals the persistent family and community rivalries that drove his grandfather into exile. *The Fisher King*—a moving story of jazz, love, family conflict, and the artists' struggles in society—offers hope in the healing and redemptive power of one memorable boy.

They Were Sisters (Persephone Classic) Nov 16 2019

The Fiction of Paule Marshall Jul 05 2021 Introduction : anatomy of an aesthetic : the African cultural base -- 1. Challenging the American norm : the gendered sensibility in the Valley between -- 2. Beyond bildungsroman : constructions of gender and culture in *Brown girl, brownstones* -- 3. Cultural expansion and masculine subjectivity : Soul clap hands and sing -- 4. Maturation and multiplicity in consciousness : the short stories -- 5. Changing the present order : personal and political liberation in *The chosen place, the timeless people* -- 6. Recognition and recovery : diasporan connections in *Praisesong for the widow* -- 7. Transformation and re-creation of female identity in *Daughters*.

Boss of Black Brooklyn Mar 21 2020 *Boss of Black Brooklyn* presents a riveting and untold story about the struggles and achievements of the first black person to hold public office in Brooklyn. Bertram L. Baker immigrated to the United States from the Caribbean island of Nevis in 1915. Three decades later, he was elected to the New York state legislature, representing the Bedford Stuyvesant section. A pioneer and a giant, Baker has a story that is finally revealed in intimate and honest detail by his grandson Ron Howell. *Boss of Black Brooklyn* begins with the tale of one man's rise to prominence in a fascinating era of black American history, a time when thousands of West Indian families began leaving their native islands in the Caribbean and settling in New York City. In 1948, Bert Baker was elected to the New York state assembly, representing the growing central Brooklyn neighborhood of Bedford Stuyvesant. Baker loved telling his fellow legislators that only one other Nevisian had ever served in the state assembly. That was Alexander Hamilton, the founding father. Making his own mark on modern history, Baker pushed through one of the nation's first bills outlawing discrimination in the sale or rental of housing. Also, for thirty years, from 1936 to 1966, he led the all-black American Tennis Association, as its executive secretary. In that capacity he successfully negotiated with white tennis administrators, getting them to accept Althea Gibson into their competitions. Gibson then made history as the first black champion of professional tennis. Yet, after all of Baker's wonderful achievements, little has been written to document his role in black history. Baker represents a remarkable turning point in the evolution of modern New York City. In the 1940s, when he won his seat in the New York state assembly, blacks made up only 4 percent of the population of Brooklyn. Today they make up a third of the population, and there are scores of black elected officials. Yet Brooklyn, often called the capital of the Black Diaspora, is a capital under siege. Developers and realtors seeking to gentrify the borough are all but conspiring to push blacks out of the city. A very important and long-overdue book, *Boss of Black Brooklyn* not only explores black politics and black organizations but also penetrates Baker's inner life and reveals themes that resonate today: black fatherhood, relations between black men and black women, faithfulness to place and ancestry. Bertram L. Baker's story has receded into the shadows of time, but *Boss of Black Brooklyn* recaptures it and inspires us to learn from it.

The Strange Careers of the Jim Crow North Jan 11 2022 Did American racism originate in the liberal North? An inquiry into the system of institutionalized racism created by Northern Jim Crow Jim Crow was not a regional sickness, it was a national cancer. Even at the high point of twentieth century liberalism in the North, Jim Crow racism hid in plain sight. Perpetuated by colorblind arguments about "cultures of poverty," policies focused more on black criminality than black equality. Procedures that diverted resources in education, housing, and jobs away from poor black people turned ghettos and prisons into social pandemics. Americans in the North made this history. They tried to unmake it, too. Liberalism, rather than lighting the way to vanquish the darkness of the Jim Crow North gave racism new and complex places to hide. The twelve original essays in this anthology unveil Jim Crow's many strange careers in the North. They accomplish two goals: first, they show how the Jim Crow North worked as a system to maintain social, economic, and political inequality in the nation's most liberal places; and second, they chronicle how activists worked to undo the legal, economic, and social inequities born of Northern Jim Crow policies, practices, and ideas. The book ultimately dispels the myth that the South was the birthplace of American racism, and presents a compelling argument that American racism actually originated in the North.

Conversations with Paule Marshall Sep 07 2021 The first collection of interviews with the acclaimed African American/Afro-Caribbean author of *Triangular Road*; *The Chosen Place, the Timeless People*; and *Brown Girl, Brownstones*

A General Theory of Oblivion Apr 21 2020 WINNER OF THE INTERNATIONAL DUBLIN LITERARY AWARD 2017 A finalist for the Man Booker International Prize 2016 The brilliant new novel from the winner of the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize. On the eve of Angolan independence, Ludo bricks herself into her apartment, where she will remain for the next thirty years. She lives off vegetables and pigeons, burns her furniture and books to stay alive and keeps herself busy by writing her story on the walls of her home. The outside world slowly seeps into Ludo's life through snippets on the radio, voices from next door, glimpses of a man fleeing his pursuers and a note attached to a bird's foot. Until one day she meets Sabalu, a young boy from the street who climbs up to her

terrace.

Triangular Road Sep 19 2022 In Triangular Road, famed novelist Paule Marshall tells the story of her years as a fledgling young writer in the 1960s. A memoir of self-discovery, it also offers an affectionate tribute to the inimitable Langston Hughes, who entered Marshall's life during a crucial phase and introduced her to the world of European letters during a whirlwind tour of the continent funded by the State Department. In the course of her journeys to Europe, Barbados, and eventually Africa, Marshall comes to comprehend the historical enormity of the African diaspora, an understanding that fortifies her sense of purpose as a writer. In this unflinchingly honest memoir, Paule Marshall offers an indelible portrait of a young black woman coming of age as a novelist in a literary world dominated by white men.

Study Guide May 15 2022 SuperSummary, a modern alternative to SparkNotes and CliffsNotes, offers high-quality study guides for challenging works of literature. This 68-page guide for "Brown Girl, Brownstones" by Paule Marshall includes detailed chapter summaries and analysis covering 24 chapters, as well as several more in-depth sections of expert-written literary analysis. Featured content includes commentary on major characters, 25 important quotes, essay topics, and key themes like The 1940s and the 1950s and Coming of Age.

Wild Meat and the Bully Burgers Aug 06 2021 Her name is Lovey Nariyoshi, and her Hawai'i is not the one of leis, pineapple, and Magnum P.I. In the blue collar town of Hilo, on the Big Island, Lovey and her eccentric Japanese-American family are at the margins of poverty, in the midst of a tropical paradise. With her endearing, effeminate best friend Jerry, Lovey suffers schoolyard bullies, class warfare, Singer sewing classes, and the surprisingly painful work of picking on a macadamia nut plantation, all while trying to find an identity of her own. At once a biting funny satire of haole happiness and a moving meditation on what is real, if ugly at times, but true, *Wild Meat and the Bully Burgers* crackles with the language of pidgin--Hawai'i Creole English--distinguishing one of the most vibrant voices in contemporary culture. Stories from this enduring novel have been adapted into the film *Fishbowl*, by groundbreaking director Kayo Hatta.

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A Meaningful Life Oct 08 2021 L.J. Davis's 1971 novel, *A Meaningful Life*, is a blistering black comedy about the American quest for redemption through real estate and a gritty picture of New York City in collapse. Just out of college, Lowell Lake, the Western-born hero of Davis's novel, heads to New York, where he plans to make it big as a writer. Instead he finds a job as a technical editor, at which he toils away while passion leaks out of his marriage to a nice Jewish girl. Then Lowell discovers a beautiful crumbling mansion in a crime-ridden section of Brooklyn, and against all advice, not to mention his wife's will, sinks his every penny into buying it. He quits his job, moves in, and spends day and night on demolition and construction. At last he has a mission: he will dig up the lost history of his house; he will restore it to its past grandeur. He will make good on everything that's gone wrong with his life, and he will even murder to do it.

Masterpieces of African-American Literature May 23 2020 A unique and vital guide that summarizes, explains and evaluates the greatest works of African-American literature -- including articles on writings from James Baldwin, W. E. B. DuBois, Langston Hughes, Malcolm X, Toni Morrison and many more.

Well-Read Black Girl Oct 16 2019 NOMINATED FOR AN NAACP IMAGE AWARD • An inspiring collection of essays by black women writers, curated by the founder of the popular book club Well-Read Black Girl, on the importance of recognizing ourselves in literature. "Yes, Well-Read Black Girl is as good as it sounds. . . . [Glory Edim] gathers an all-star cast of contributors—among them Lynn Nottage, Jesmyn Ward, and Gabourey Sidibe."—O: The Oprah Magazine Remember that moment when you first encountered a character who seemed to be written just for you? That feeling of belonging remains with readers the rest of their lives—but not everyone regularly sees themselves in the pages of a book. In this timely anthology, Glory Edim brings together original essays by some of our best black women writers to shine a light on how important it is that we all—regardless of gender, race, religion, or ability—have the opportunity to find ourselves in literature. Contributors include Jesmyn Ward (*Sing, Unburied, Sing*), Lynn Nottage (*Sweat*), Jacqueline Woodson (*Another Brooklyn*), Gabourey Sidibe (*This Is Just My Face*), Morgan Jerkins (*This Will Be My Undoing*), Tayari Jones (*An American Marriage*), Rebecca Walker (*Black, White and Jewish*), and Barbara Smith (*Home Girls: A Black Feminist Anthology*) Whether it's learning about the complexities of femalehood from Zora Neale Hurston and Toni Morrison, finding a new type of love in *The Color Purple*, or using mythology to craft an alternative black future, the subjects of each essay remind us why we turn to books in times of both struggle and relaxation. As she has done with her book club—turned—online community Well-Read Black Girl, in this anthology Glory Edim has created a space in which black women's writing and knowledge and life experiences are lifted up, to be shared with all readers who value the power of a story to help us understand the world and ourselves. Praise for Well-Read Black Girl "Each essay can be read as a dispatch from the vast and wonderfully complex location that is black girlhood and womanhood. . . . They present literary encounters that may at times seem private and ordinary—hours spent in the children's section of a public library or in a college classroom—but are no less monumental in their impact."—The Washington Post "A wonderful collection of essays."—Essence

B-Side Books Mar 01 2021 There are the acknowledged classics of world literature: the canonical works assigned in schools, topping every must-read list . . . and then there are the B-Sides. These are the books that slipped through the cracks, went unread, missed their rightful appointment with posterity. They were ahead of their times or behind their times or on a whole different schedule than the rest of the universe. What do you do when a book that you love has been neglected or dismissed by everyone else? In *B-Side Books*, leading writers, critics, and scholars show why their favorite forgotten books deserve a new audience. From dusty westerns and far-out science fiction to obscure Czech novelists and romance-novel precursors, the contributors advocate for the unsung virtues of overlooked books. They write about unheralded novels, poetry collections, memoirs, and more with understanding, respect, passion, and love. In these thoughtful, often personal essays, contributors—including Stephanie Burt, Caleb Crain, Merve Emre, Ursula K. Le Guin, Carlo Rotella, and Namwali Serpell—read books by writers such as Helen DeWitt, Shirley Jackson, Stanislaw Lem, Dambudzo Marechera, Paule Marshall, and Charles Portis.

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