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Fiction. African American Studies. From the opening sentence--Heat mauled the upturned faces.---on, *WITHOUT A NAME* burns forward with graceful, poetic power. Set in Zimbabwe, this novel tracks a young woman's journey for refuge while her country is in the midst of guerrilla war. Vera is the author of the short story collection *WHY DON'T YOU CARVE OTHER ANIMALS* and the novel *NEHANDA*, both short-listed for the Commonwealth Writers Award Africa Region.

Expanded from the award-winning Chicano poet's 1977 original, this poetry collection explores the hardships and joys of migrant workers in California. A timely new edition

of a pioneering work in Latino literature, National Book Award-nominee Gary Soto's first collection (originally published in 1977) draws on California's fertile San Joaquin Valley, the people, the place, and the hard agricultural work done there by immigrants. In these poems, joy and anger, violence and hope are placed in both the metaphorical and very real circumstances of the Valley. Rooted in personal experiences--of the poet as a young man, his friends, family, and neighbors--the poems are spare but expansive, with Soto's voice as important as ever. This welcome new edition has been expanded with a crucial selection of complementary poems (some previously unpublished) and a new introduction by the au-

thor. Praise for *The Elements of San Joaquin* "A response to the charged, ideologically defiant voices from the seventies, *The Elements of San Joaquin* forever changed the course of Latino literature, redirecting us toward the mundane and ephemeral. The poet's only commitment, Gary Soto seemed to suggest, is to life itself. His teacher and role model was Philip Levine, who encouraged him to see his own neighborhood, indeed his own backyard, as a kingdom. The result was a type of poetry that weathered inclement times in ways that scores of other instant "hits" couldn't. It was new yet as old as the Bible and it still is. The word "classic" is overused these days. Not in this case." --Ian Stavans, Lewis-Sebring Professor in the

Humanities, Latin American and Latino Culture at Amherst College, and general editor of The Norton Anthology of Latino Literature "In the original The Elements of San Joaquin, Gary Soto defined the Chicano character as an underrepresented part of the American whole, the identity that would serve as foundation for my life's work. My parents and grandparents had crossed borders, but Soto rooted me, us, here—in the daily poverty of mejicano vecindades—on all those rural "Braly Streets" of Fresno, Brawley, and Salinas. His elements of sun, wind, stars, and field shadowed my own destiny to bring justice there, to the people of the hoe and harvest." —José Padilla, Executive Director of California Rural Legal Assistance

Lincoln se hab a mudado de un barrio urbano, de San Francisco, a Sycamore, un suburbio con calles arboladas. Al principio a Lincoln le gust la tranquilidad del nuevo vecindario, pero ahora lo ve a de otra manera. Extra aba su vieja escuela y el murak donde aparec an muchachos morenos, negros y amarillos abraz ndose en actitud amistosa, y extra aba a sus amigos. An exuberant celebration of everyday life from an award-winning team.

This radical anthology is concerned with what Robert Lowell called 'this sweet volcanic cone', our human planet. The book is dedicated to the rake, an age-old implement which connects the earth to our hands, and the landscape with the sky. Alice Oswald has chosen poems which lie along the line of encounter between the personal and the natural world - from work poems at one end of the scale (songs for lowering anchors, or for cutting cotton) to metamorphic poems in which, at the other extreme, the human has crossed entirely over into non-human. In between, there are any number of portraits of the intermediate state in which most of us spend our lives. Including poems by William Barnes, John Clare, Robert Frost, Gerard Manley Hopkins, W. H. Auden, Stevie Smith, Hugh MacDiarmid, John Ashbery and many others, this anthology engages restlessly with the many-centred energies of the natural world, variously reflecting Hopkins's intuition that 'million-fuel d, nature's bonfire burns on'.

A hard-hitting short story collection takes a hard look at teens and preteens on the edge.

In order to look more like his father, Ricky

borrow a mustache from a school costume, but when he loses it on the way home his father comes up with a replacement.

This modern classic celebrates the tradition of tamales and family bonding at Christmas. Christmas Eve started out so perfectly for Maria. Snow had fallen and the streets glittered. Maria's favorite cousins were coming over and she got to help make the tamales for Christmas dinner. It was almost too good to be true when her mother left the kitchen for a moment and Maria got to try on her beautiful diamond ring . . . This is the story of a treasure thought to be lost in a batch of tamales; of a desperate and funny attempt by Maria and her cousins to eat their way out of trouble; and the warm way a family pulls together to make it a perfect Christmas after all. Also available in Spanish as ¡Qué montón de tamales!

The first broad overview and detailed analysis of female reading audiences in this period.

Scores of talented and dedicated people serve the forensic science community, performing vitally important work. However,

they are often constrained by lack of adequate resources, sound policies, and national support. It is clear that change and advancements, both systematic and scientific, are needed in a number of forensic science disciplines to ensure the reliability of work, establish enforceable standards, and promote best practices with consistent application. *Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward* provides a detailed plan for addressing these needs and suggests the creation of a new government entity, the National Institute of Forensic Science, to establish and enforce standards within the forensic science community. The benefits of improving and regulating the forensic science disciplines are clear: assisting law enforcement officials, enhancing homeland security, and reducing the risk of wrongful conviction and exoneration. *Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States* gives a full account of what is needed to advance the forensic science disciplines, including upgrading of systems and organizational structures, better training, widespread adoption of uniform and enforceable best practices, and mandatory certification and accreditation programs. While

this book provides an essential call-to-action for congress and policy makers, it also serves as a vital tool for law enforcement agencies, criminal prosecutors and attorneys, and forensic science educators. *The Latinx Urban Condition* brings interdisciplinary cultural theory and U.S. Latinx urban literature into conversation, focusing on the realities and urban experiences of Latinx living in major cities in the United States from the 1960's to the present. As a cultural studies analyst of U.S. Latinx urban literature and culture, the book focuses on analyzing the works of Latinx authors who write about the cities in which they were raised and how growing up in these environments shaped their lives, their communities, and their future. Their fictional work helps us understand how the human and cultural tapestry of the Latinx community is inextricably connected to the spatial transformations taking place in many cities across the country, most notably within the cities in which the narratives take place. The main purpose is to analyze the symbolic realities lived by the characters in order to understand how Latino families and communities are experiencing displacement under instituted neoliber-

al policies, a process known as development and progress or gentrification. These processes are experienced through aspects of privatization, deregulation, homelessness, residential segregation, inequality, unemployment, and poverty. *Everyday*, around the world, women who work in the Third World factories of global firms face the idea that they are disposable. Melissa W. Wright explains how this notion proliferates, both within and beyond factory walls, through the telling of a simple story: the myth of the disposable Third World woman. This myth explains how young women workers around the world eventually turn into living forms of waste. *Disposable Women and Other Myths of Global Capitalism* follows this myth inside the global factories and surrounding cities in northern Mexico and in southern China, illustrating the crucial role the tale plays in maintaining not just the constant flow of global capital, but the present regime of transnational capitalism. The author also investigates how women challenge the story and its meaning for workers in global firms. These innovative responses illustrate how a politics for confronting global capitalism must include the

many creative ways that working people resist its dehumanizing effects.

A collection of essays covering a variety of subjects and locations. It includes a vivid series of attempts to strip away the exhausted mythologies of the writer's own country. Reprint; first published in 1992.

This book reads Frost's poetry within a theoretical perspective generated, but not limited by feminist analysis.

To see Britain through the eyes of Firdaus Kanga is a rare revelation. It is a view, as he says himself, gained "from one eye misted with Anglophilia and the other clear and wide open". Firdaus arrived in London for the first time prior to publication of his first autobiographical novel, "Trying To Grow", an account of a Parsee childhood in Bombay in which a congenital condition characterized by brittle bones left him disabled but undaunted.; Firdaus has always found that one of the bizarre consequences of his situation is that people tend to tell him things about themselves that they would not readily tell anyone else. As evidenced in "Heaven on Wheels", this proved the case everywhere from London literary circle to Bradford Pakistani

community centre, from Birkenhead ferry to Edinburgh gay bar. In return, Firdaus has not hesitated to speak as he finds Britain in this unprecedented tour by rail and wheelchair round historic places, regional politics, colour and cultural prejudice, disabled facilities and bookshops - general, gay and Glastonbury-spiritualist. It is a journey through England, Wales and Scotland that branches out unpredictably - ideologically and geographically - with

"This book is for Lesbians. This book is by Lesbians. This book is about Lesbian spirit work. It starts and ends in a context that is explicitly Lesbian, undeniably dykey. It examines the resources of individual Lesbians and Lesbian communities for spiritual work. It presents the challenge in a precise Lesbian context. We all are engaged in spirit work for the life of the species and all species, the life of the earth. All spirit work is not Lesbian spirit work. Each must find the work of her spirit, find where her spirit bonds. Earth healing requires of each her part. If your bond is Lesbian, your spirit work is Lesbian. If it is not, find your community and explore authenticity for yourself in your most exact identity."--p. 9.

Recounts and examines the goals, challenges, and accomplishments of profeminist men's groups.

The best country-by-country assessment of human rights. The human rights records of more than ninety countries and territories are put into perspective in Human Rights Watch's signature yearly report. Reflecting extensive investigative work undertaken by Human Rights Watch staff, in close partnership with domestic human rights activists, the annual World Report is an invaluable resource for journalists, diplomats, and citizens, and is a must-read for anyone interested in the fight to protect human rights in every corner of the globe. Beyond Contractual Morality looks at current debates over the meaning of liberalism by reexamining their roots in eighteenth-century texts, which demonstrate the historical intertwining of political, legal and moral problems in their extension of social contract theory into various realms of public and private lives. Writers such as Rousseau, Voltaire, Sade, and Montesquieu are discussed. In light of contemporary debates over liberalism, and informed by the problems of contemporary democratic, pluralistic culture, Beyond Con-

tractual Morality reexamines the roots of these current discussions in eighteenth-century texts. Enlightenment texts demonstrate the historical intertwining of political, legal and moral problems in their extension of social contract theory into various realms of private and public life. Specifically, these texts point to an over-reliance on the notion of contract to resolve ethical dilemmas. A range of issues and authors is discussed, including: the historical development of social contract theory from Hobbes to Rousseau; conflicting conceptions of education in Rousseau's writings; the rise of professional ethics; the concept of tolerance as discussed by Montesquieu, Voltaire, and Rousseau; the divide between the public and private realms in the writings of Charriere and Sade. Beyond Contractual Morality concludes with a reemphasis on the contemporary context of debate and proposes a defense of a revised version of liberalism that can take account of positive duties without sacrificing individual autonomy. Julia Simon is Associate Professor of French at the Pennsylvania State University. This sustained study of post-devolution Scottish society considers the establish-

ment of the Scottish parliament, data from the 1997 general elections, the new cultural iconography of Scotland, and Scotland as a European society.

On the mean streets of southeast Fresno, 19-year-old Eddie is just trying to get by. All he wants is to forget his violent past, hold down a job, and walk a straight line. But after his cousin's murder, Eddie finds himself drawn back into the cycle of violence.

Developers looking to enhance Web and other applications with dynamic PDF document generation and/or manipulation will find this book unique in content and readability.

In the process, each woman's negotiations with poetic authority and tradition call into question the relationship of poetic father and daughter.

Biography, autobiography, and memoir is among the best ways to teach students to appreciate nonfiction reading.

What do Gaby Lopez, Michael Robles, and Cynthia Rodriguez have in common? These three kids join other teens and tweens in Gary Soto's new short story collection, in which the hard-knock facts of growing

up are captured with humor and poignance. Filled with annoying siblings, difficult parents, and first loves, these stories are a masterful reminder of why adolescence is one of the most frustrating and fascinating times of life.

Published in 1647, these ten tales are among the earliest narratives in Western literature to focus on women's experiences and points of view in love relationships.

Malls, stadiums, and universities are actually liturgical structures that influence and shape our thoughts and affections. Humans--as Augustine noted--are "desiring agents," full of longings and passions; in brief, we are what we love. James K. A. Smith focuses on the themes of liturgy and desire in *Desiring the Kingdom*, the first book in what will be a three-volume set on the theology of culture. He redirects our yearnings to focus on the greatest good: God. Ultimately, Smith seeks to re-vision education through the process and practice of worship. Students of philosophy, theology, worldview, and culture will welcome *Desiring the Kingdom*, as will those involved in ministry and other interested readers.

A political theory/political philosophy book

which focuses on the works of the major thinkers. The text has a thematic unity, which is provided by an analysis of modernity's emergence from the classical and Christian traditions.

A provocative, profoundly moving literary debut--part personal history, part cultural commentary--that announces a writer of dazzling originality. In an emotionally charged narrative that weaves together past and present, the personal and the scholarly, a young critic and classicist takes us on a search for the meaning of identity--while showing, through remarkably fresh and accessible readings of such classical Greek and Roman writers as Catullus and Sappho, Ovid and Sophocles, how ancient stories continue to hold truths for us today. The landscapes through which Daniel Mendelsohn takes us: the deceptively quiet streets of the suburb where he grew up, torn between his mathematician father, who sought after scientific truth, and his Orthodox Jewish grandfather, who told "beautiful lies"; the Southern university, steeped in history and secret traditions, where he first experienced seductions both sexual and intellectual; In-

ternet chat rooms and the streets of Chelsea, Manhattan's newest gay ghetto, where "desire for love" competes with "love of desire"; the quiet, moonlit house where a close friend's small son teaches him the meaning of fatherhood. And, in a narrative tour de force that marks the book's conclusion, Mendelsohn's themes--desire and sexuality, the hidden meanings of classical and Hebrew writings, the restless search for cultural and personal identity--come together in a final revelation. In a neglected Jewish cemetery, the author uncovers a family secret that demonstrates the universal need for storytelling, for inventing myths of the self.

Richly poetic, Gary Soto's "sudden fiction" entertains with tales of growing Chicano in California's Central Valley

Shakespeare, National Poet-Playwright is an important book which reassesses Shakespeare as a poet and dramatist. Patrick Cheney contests critical preoccupation with Shakespeare as 'a man of the theatre' by recovering his original standing as an early modern author: he is a working dramatist who composes some of the most extraordinary poems in English. The book accounts for this form of authorship by re-

constructing the historical preconditions for its emergence, in England as in Europe, including the building of the commercial theatres and the consolidation of the printing press. Cheney traces the literary origin to Shakespeare's favourite author, Ovid, who wrote the Amores and Metamorphoses alongside the tragedy Medea. Cheney also examines Shakespeare's literary relations with his contemporary authors Edmund Spenser and Christopher Marlowe. The book concentrates on Shakespeare's freestanding poems, but makes frequent reference to the plays, and ranges widely through the work of other Renaissance writers.

In thirteen stories full of wit and energy, Gary Soto illuminates the ordinary lives of young people. Meet Angel, who would rather fork over twenty bucks than have photos of his naked body plastered all over school; Philip, who discovers he has a "mechanical mind," whatever that means; Estela, known as Stinger, who rules Jos 's heart and the racquetball court; and many other kids, all of them with problems as big as only a preteen can make them. Funny, touching, and wholly original, Local News is Gary Soto in top form.

Amy Levy was a talented Anglo-Jewish writer who committed suicide at the age of 28 in 1889. During her brief career she published essays, short stories, three novels, and three collections of poetry, but none of them is in print today and her works are to be found almost solely in the closed stacks and rare book collections of university libraries. To correct this unavailability and set the stage for a generous selection of her work, Melvyn New introduces Amy Levy as an unmarried Victorian woman and an urban intellectual, disillusioned by the mores of her culture, yet unable to abandon her identification with the English Jews who embodied so much of what she scorned. He reconstructs her world in

1880s England--a time when the president of the British Medical Association warned his colleagues that educated women would become "more or less sexless. . . . [Such women] have highly developed brains but most of them die young"--raising questions that lead to the tortured heart and mind of this "found" writer. In his engaging new collection, National Book Award finalist Gary Soto creates poems that each begin with a line from Shakespeare and then continue in Soto's fresh and accessible verse. Drawing on moments from the sonnets, Hamlet, Macbeth, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Romeo and Juliet, and others, Soto illuminates aspects

of the source material while taking his poems in directions of their own, strategically employing the color of "thee" and "thine," kings, thieves, and lovers. The results are inspired, by turns meditative, playful, and moving, and consistently fascinating for the conversation they create between the Bard's time and language and our own here and now.

Rather than concentrating on ideas and attitudes, Bayley examines the texture of the writing, and the inherent difference between one kind of exposition and another. This new translation is based on the second edition of 1868, and includes the important 'Preface', in which Zola defended himself against charges of immorality.