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A compelling and intricate novel of emigration and the effects of colonialism on a people

"To travel through the 19 works of poetry and prose in this remarkable anthology is to experience Trinidad and Tobago through a kaleidoscopic lens." —Publishers Weekly, starred review Two of Trinidad's top writers masterfully curate this literary retrospective of the nation's best writing over the past century from authors who were largely part of the literary wave that swept in with Trinidadian Independence in 1962. Though *Trinidad Noir: The Classics* encompasses a variety of moods and themes, it winds up capturing the uniquely Trinidadian character. Influenced by the waning days of the colonial world—an era rife with crime, violence, enslavement, and indentureship—the selections highlight the often heroic individuals of the underclass. In this anthology, you'll find reprints of classic stories and poems by C.L.R. James, Derek Walcott, Samuel Selvon, Eric Roach, V.S. Naipaul, Harold Sonny Ladoo, Michael Anthony, Willi Chen, Earl Lovelace, Robert Antoni, Elizabeth Nunez, Ismith Khan, Lawrence Scott, Wayne Brown, Jennifer Rahim, Elizabeth Walcott-Hackshaw, Sharon Millar, Barbara Jenkins, and Shani Mootoo. "Lovelace and Antoni offer a 'subversive' take on island culture . . . Whether history repeats itself or progress is stalled by people's infinite capacity to get in their own ways, these 19 reprinted tales offer a bittersweet perspective on the cussedness of human nature." —Kirkus Reviews "Holds strong appeal for fans of noir and literary writing." —Library Journal

It has been more than 25 years since Moses Aloetta became one of the 'Lonely Londoners' in the novel of that name. Now - though an avowed Anglophile - he hankers for Trinidad, for sunshine, Carnival, and rum punch. With characteristic irony and delicacy of

touch, Sam Selvon tells the story of Moses' re-encounter with his native land. This edition of the novel includes a new introduction to Selvon's life and work by Susheila Nasta, as well as a preface by 'Moses' that was written in 1992 for the first US edition of the work. This edition of *Moses Migrating* includes a new introduction to Selvon's life and work by Susheila Nasta, as well as a preface by 'Moses' that was written in 1992 for the first US edition of the work.

*Time, the City, and the Literary Imagination* explores the relationship between the constructions and representations of the relationship between time and the city in literature published between the late eighteenth century and the present. This collection offers a new way of reading the literary city by tracing the ways in which the relationship between time and urban space can shape literary narratives and forms. The essays consider the representation of a range of literary cities from across the world and consider how an understanding of time, and time passing, can impact on our understanding of the primary texts. Literature necessarily deals with time, both as a function of storytelling and as an experience of reading. In this volume, the contributions demonstrate how literature about cities brings to the forefront the relationship between individual and communal experience and time.

What is this thing called literature? Why should we study it? And how? Relating literature to topics such as dreams, politics, life, death, the ordinary and the uncanny, this beautifully written book establishes a sense of why and how literature is an exciting and rewarding subject to study. Bennett and Royle delicately weave an essential love of literature into an account of what literary texts do, how they work and what sort of questions and ideas they provoke. The book's three parts reflect the fundamental components of studying literature: reading, thinking and writing. The

authors use helpful, familiar examples throughout, offering rich reflections on the question 'What is literature?' and on what they term 'creative reading'. Bennett and Royle's lucid and friendly style encourages a deep engagement with literary texts. This book is not only an essential guide to the study of literature, but an eloquent defence of the discipline.

First published in 1958, this novel tells the continuing story of Tiger and Urmilla, a young Trinidadian couple struggling to lead an independent life away from traditional Indian ways. When Tiger's father claims to have a promotion as a supervisor on a sugar estate and begs his son to work as his book keeper, Tiger reluctantly agrees. The year spent working in the hated cane fields and being treated with demeaning contempt by the white overseer tests Tiger and his marriage to the core, but ultimately proves the provocation to true independence and new clarity in relation to his father, Indian tradition, and whiteness. This is a key exploration of the process of dougla identity?the Creolizing of Indo-Caribbean experience?and displays the best qualities of Selvon's seemingly casual art.

Seminar paper from the year 2006 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1, University of Innsbruck (Department of English), course: New Ways of Writing Englishness, 5 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Acculturation is a phenomenon whose importance is more and more increasing due to our modern society that is becoming more mobile and the world becoming more and more a place in which people move either freely or forced (refugees, emigrants looking for a better place to live etc.). Of course, there are certain obstacles that make this process of mobility more difficult. People from one culture leave their roots and start a new life in a new culture. As a consequence, they are forced to adapt to and to adopt

this new culture to a certain extent. This is a very complex progress that is described by cultural studies. Just like any other experience, acculturation can be dealt with in literature. Literature can serve as a mirror that reflects cultural phenomena, human experiences, events in history etc. Literary studies deal with the interpretation of these depictions (or reflections) in literary works. Since literary and cultural studies can partly deal with the same topics, there are interfaces. The focus of this research paper will be on acculturation theories and their application to Sam Selvon's *The Lonely Londoners* with a further focus on the historical background that is intended to provide a better understanding of the acculturation process Selvon's characters make through. It will also be analyzed how Selvon depicts his characters in their acculturation process, whether he uses stereotypes or a differentiated depiction and which problems the characters have to face. It will be shown in how far literature can reflect cultural phenomena and in how far this could be achieved in *The Lonely Londoners*.

Omar is a restless young Asian man, caring for his alcoholic father in the hustling London of the mid-1980s. His uncle, a keen Thatcherite, offers Omar an entrepreneurial opportunity to revamp a dingy laundrette, and ambitious Omar rolls up his sleeves, enlisting the assistance of his old school-friend Johnny, who has since fallen in with a gang of neo-fascists. Omar and Johnny soon form an unlikely alliance that leads to business success, as well as other, more intimate surprises.

*Dwelling Places* explores some of the key venues of black British literary and cultural production across the postwar period: bedsits and basements; streets and cafes; train stations and tourist landscapes; the suburbs and the city; the north and south. Extending from central London to the outskirts of Glasgow, the book pursues a "devolving" landscape in order to consider what an analysis of "dwelling" might contribute to the travelling theories of diaspora discourse. What happens, for example, when we "situate" literatures of movement and migration? There are fresh readings of work by some of the key literary figures of the postwar years, including Sam Selvon, George Lamming, Linton Kwesi Johnson, Farukh Dhondy, Hanif Kureishi, Salman Rushdie, Meera Syal and Jackie Kay. These writings are explored alongside a range of non-literary material, including photography, painting and film, in order to consider their relation to broader shifts in the politics of black representation over the past fifty years. This book will ap-

peal to students of British and postcolonial literature.

This 10-hour free course explored the depiction of migration, and of memory as a vital part of the migrant's experience, in *The Lonely Londoners*.

'A brilliant hybrid of reportage, fiction, and historical fact that tells the stories of three black men whose tragic lives speak resoundingly to the place and role of the foreigner in English society' Observer Francis Barber, 'given' to the great eighteenth-century writer Samuel Johnson, afforded an unusual depth of freedom, which, after Johnson's death, would help hasten his wretched demise.... Randolph Turpin, Britain's first black world champion boxer, who made history in 1951 by defeating Sugar Ray Robinson, and who ended his life in debt and despair... David Oluwale, a Nigerian stowaway who arrived in Leeds in 1949, the events of whose life and death would question the reality of English justice, and serve as a wake-up call for the entire nation. Each of these men's stories is told in a different, perfectly realized voice. Each illuminates the complexity and drama that lie behind the tragedy of their lives. And each explores the themes at the heart of Caryl Phillips' work - belonging, identity, and race.

At fifty, Michael thought his life was over. In his mid-thirties, David wanted his life to begin. After these fathers divorce, they meet at a support group and fall spiritually and passionately in love. Their romance forces them to fight for the love of their children and battle against bigots who refuse to understand their lives as Italian and Black British fathers who love both ways. Two families. Two cultures. One love. Martin Patrick stands out as a Black British novelist in a dominant white 'straight' publishing industry. Martin comes from an academic background as a Senior Lecturer, teaching Drama, Film, Creative Writing and Cultural Studies. He began by writing plays, and in the early stage of his career he also did public readings at events such as Free Nelson Mandela, Clause 28, LGBT gatherings, and he was the only Black man from the UK who was chosen to read at Europride in Amsterdam 1994. Out of these early experiences he has now established himself as a novelist and the Director of the Great New Writers Company, launched in the summer of 2016, where he teaches and counsels aspiring LGBT, Black, and Asian writers. Martin believes 'inspiring work', both learning from the masters and teaching protégées, is the driving force that empowers him to continue writing for a 21st century audience.

The enthralling new Sunday Times bestselling gothic novel from the author of *THE WINTER GHOSTS*, *LABYRINTH* and *THE CITY OF LIES* The clock strikes twelve. Beneath the wind and the remorseless tolling of the bell, no one can hear the scream . . . 1912. A Sussex churchyard. Villagers gather on the night when the ghosts of those who will not survive the coming year are thought to walk. And in the shadows, a woman lies dead. As the flood waters rise, Connie Gifford is marooned in a decaying house with her increasingly tormented father. He drinks to escape the past, but an accident has robbed her of her most significant childhood memories. Until the disturbance at the church awakens fragments of those vanished years . . .

This groundbreaking study of prolific Trinidadian writer Sam Selvon includes background essays, interviews with Selvon, and critical assessments of his ten novels and collected short stories. An extensive bibliography and notes on the contributors are included. In addition to Sam Selvon, the contributors to the work include Whitney Balliett, Harold Barratt, Edward Baugh, Frank Birbalsingh, E.K. Brathwaite, Edith Efron, Michel Fabre, Anson Gonzalez, Louis James, George Lamming, Bruce F. Macdonald, Peter Nazareth, V.S. Naipaul, Sandra Paquet, Jeremy Poynting, Isabel Quigley, Kenneth Ramchand, Eric Roach, Gordon Rohlehr, Andrew Salkey, Clancy Sigal, Derek Walcott, Edward Wilson, and Francis Wyndham

Shortlisted for the British Book Awards Book of the Year: Pageturners. The 2021 recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Romantic Novelists' Association. From the bestselling author of *The Man I Think I Know* comes this heart-warming novel of family, friendship and human connection. 'Hubert Bird stole my heart' Beth O'Leary, author of *The Flat-Share* and *The Switch* 'Lovely, emotional, uplifting' Libby Page, author of *The Lido* 'A heartbreaking and ultimately uplifting look at isolation' Guardian In phone calls to his daughter in Australia, widower Hubert Bird paints a picture of the perfect retirement, packed with fun and friendship. But Hubert Bird is lying. Something has made him turn his back on people, and he hardly sees a soul. So when his daughter announces she's coming to visit, Hubert faces a race against time: to make his real life resemble his fake life before he's found out. Along the way Hubert renews a cherished friendship, is given a second chance at love and even joins an audacious community scheme. But with the secret of his earlier isolation lurking in the

shadows, is he destined to always be one of the lonely people? Readers love *All The Lonely People*: 'Best book of 2021 so far' 5\* 'I absolutely adored every page' 5\* 'Wonderful, moving, emotional and very thought provoking' 5\* 'An emotional journey' 5\* 'A beautiful book' 5\* 'Heartbreaking and heartwarming' 5\*

*The Lonely Londoners*, an unforgettable account of immigrant experience and one of the great twentieth-century London novels, now in a stunning Clothbound Classics edition. At Waterloo Station, hopeful new arrivals from the West Indies step off the boat train, ready to start afresh in 1950s London. There, homesick Moses Aloetta, who has already lived in the city for years, meets Henry 'Sir Galahad' Oliver and shows him the ropes. In this strange, cold and foggy city where the natives can be less than friendly at the sight of a black face, has Galahad met his Waterloo? But the irrepressible newcomer cannot be cast down. He and all the other lonely new Londoners - from shiftless Cap to Tolroy, whose family has descended on him from Jamaica - must try to create a new life for themselves. As pessimistic 'old veteran' Moses watches their attempts, they gradually learn to survive and come to love the heady excitements of London.

Contains the dramatic text for seven one-act plays that follow Moses Aloetta, as he tries to save enough money to leave England and return to his native Trinidad, and his friends, who are determined to prevent Moses from accomplishing his goal.

'Easily one of the truest and best books I've read about what it's like to be alive now, in this country' Max Porter *Sleep*. *Sleep*. Like money, you only think about it when you have too little. Then you think about it all the time, and the less you have the more you think about it. It becomes the prism through which you see the world and nothing can exist except in relation to it. Samantha Harvey's insomnia arrived, seemingly, from nowhere; for a year she has spent her nights chasing sleep that rarely comes. She's tried everything to appease it. Nothing is helping. What happens when one of the basic human needs goes unmet? For Samantha Harvey, extreme sleep deprivation resulted in a raw clarity about life itself. Original and profound, *The Shapeless Unease* is a startlingly insightful exploration of memory, writing and influence, death and grief, and the will to survive.

*Mongrel Nation* surveys the history of the United Kingdom's African, Asian, and Caribbean populations from 1948 to the present, working at the juncture of cultural studies, literary criticism, and

postcolonial theory. Ashley Dawson argues that during the past fifty years Asian and black intellectuals from Sam Selvon to Zadie Smith have continually challenged the United Kingdom's exclusionary definitions of citizenship, using innovative forms of cultural expression to reconfigure definitions of belonging in the postcolonial age. By examining popular culture and exploring topics such as the nexus of race and gender, the growth of transnational politics, and the clash between first- and second-generation immigrants, Dawson broadens and enlivens the field of postcolonial studies. *Mongrel Nation* gives readers a broad landscape from which to view the shifting currents of politics, literature, and culture in postcolonial Britain. At a time when the contradictions of expansionist braggadocio again dominate the world stage, *Mongrel Nation* usefully illuminates the legacy of imperialism and suggests that creative voices of resistance can never be silenced. Dawson "Elegant, eloquent, and full of imaginative insight, *Mongrel Nation* is a refreshing, engaged, and informative addition to post-colonial and diasporic literary scholarship." —Hazel V. Carby, Yale University "Eloquent and strong, insightful and historically precise, lively and engaging, *Mongrel Nation* is an expansive history of twentieth-century internationalist encounters that provides a broader landscape from which to understand currents, shifts, and historical junctures that shaped the international postcolonial imagination." —May Joseph, Pratt Institute Ashley Dawson is Associate Professor of English at the City University of New York's Graduate Center and the College of Staten Island. He is coeditor of the forthcoming *Exceptional State: Contemporary U.S. Culture and the New Imperialism*.

In The Past Few Years Much Theoretical Debate Has Explored Several Cultural Issues In The Anglophone Caribbean, Focusing On The Central Experience Of Colonialism As Well As On The Contemporary Postcolonial Condition And The Possible Formation Of Neo-Colonial Configurations. Some Of The Constituent Traits Of The Caribbean Experience Are Dealt With In This Study, Such As The Relationship Between The Caribbean And Great Britain From A Cultural And Literary Perspective In The Twentieth Century, Multiculturalism And Ethnicity, The Interplay Of Orality And Literature And An Investigation Of Linguistic Issues, In Particular The Creolization Of The English Language Under World Influences. Different Strands Are Brought Together In The Analysis Of Sam Selvon's London Trilogy *The Lonely Londoners*, *Moses Ascending* And *Moses Migrat-*

*ing*, Considering Questions Of Identity For Ex-Colonials In The Crucial Years Between The End Of World War II And The 1980s In Britain, Relationships Between European Versus African And Indian Cultural Heritage, Clash Of Cultures As Represented Via Language, Ideas Of National Identity As An Imaginative Process Also Reflecting Dynamics Of Power Inside Society. The Use Of Creole Represents An Ideal Clinging To Caribbean Modes Of Cultural Survival, Which Is Also Buttressed By The Postcolonial Contamination Of The Traditional Western Bourgeois Genre, The Novel. After The Colonial Demise, The Genre Of The Novel Mirrors Approaches Of Communication More Oral-Oriented Than Those Linked To Western Written Aesthetic Values, And The Strategies Used By Selvon Are Surveyed To Show The Interrelationships Between Language, Power, Literature And Cultural Identities. The London Trilogy Is Analysed According To Linguistic, Literary And Cultural Paradigms, Shedding Lights On The Relevance Of Selvon's Work For The Construction Of A Culturally Independent Caribbean Literature. It is hoped that the present book will prove immensely useful to the students and researchers of English literature concerned with the works of Sam Selvon. While the teachers of the subject will consider it an ideal reference book, the general readers will find it highly interesting.

In the post-War Caribbean colony, as an earlier generation thinks of returning to India, Foster, a young man, goes to England and Rufus his brother leaves for the United States, each in search of himself and his world. Combining his characteristic humour with a vivid sense of place, Selvon's *An Island is a World* tells a moving story of personal and intellectual quest in our time. With an introduction by Kenneth Ramchand.

Samuel Selvon is a seminal figure in the Caribbean, Canadian and black British literary traditions, but he is under-analysed and examination of his oeuvre is restricted primarily to calypso aesthetics, dialectic humour and social realism. Although he is a major author, the bulk of his writing remains unread and the contexts of his production, as well as his life as a writer, are largely misunderstood. *Beyond Calypso* breaks this trend by presenting wide-ranging analyses across the body of Selvon's work including the poetry and short stories that escaped sustained attention in previous critical works on Selvon. Uniting scholars from the three sites from which Selvon undertook his literary career, *Beyond Calypso* progresses past the themes that have dominated previous assess-

ments of Selvon. The collection begins with a survey of Selvon's criticism by leading Selvon scholar, Kenneth Ramchand, and moves on to draw together new archival research, surveys of hitherto out of print texts, broad readings of Selvon's works and more focused analyses. Presenting a fresh and comprehensive engagement with the work of one of the most significant figures in Caribbean and World Literature, *Beyond Calypso* reinvigorates interest in Samuel Selvon and sets the agenda for future Selvon studies.

There have been many great and enduring works of literature by Caribbean authors over the last century. The Caribbean Contemporary Classics collection celebrates these deep and vibrant stories, overflowing with life and acute observations about society. 'Tiger thought, To my wife, I man when I sleep with she. To bap (father), I man if I drink rum. But to me, I no man yet.' Trinidad is in the turbulent throes of the Second World War, but the war feels quite far away to Tiger - young and inexperienced, he sets out to prove his manhood and independence. With his child-bride Urmilla, shy, bewildered and anxious, with two hundred dollars in cash and a milking cow, he sets out into the wilderness of adulthood. There is no map or directions for him to follow, he must learn for himself and find his own way. Suitable for readers aged 15 and above.

The author of such works as *A Brighter Sun* (1952), *The Lonely Londoners* (1956), and *The Plains of Caroni* (1970), West Indian novelist Samuel Selvon is attracting growing amounts of scholarly attention. Nonetheless, criticism of his works has largely been imbalanced, with most scholarship focusing primarily on his language. This book corrects that imbalance by placing Selvon's novels within historical, sociological, and ideological contexts. A broad overview of Selvon's works, the volume examines ten novels in individual chapters. These chapters, in turn, are grouped in three categories: the peasant novels, the middle-class novels, and the immigrant novels. Thus the book provides a coherent examination of the development of Selvon's literary career and offers a fresh assessment of his writings.

Looking for a better life a group of West Indians face harsh conditions in London, including racism, bad weather, loneliness, and hard times

Nation and Citizenship in the Twentieth-Century British Novel

maps the interrelations between literary production and public debates about citizenship that shaped twentieth-century Britain.

*London Fictions* is a book about London, real and imagined. Two dozen contemporary writers, from Cathi Unsworth to Courttia Newland, reflect on some of the novelists and the novels that have helped define the modern city, from George Gissing to Zadie Smith, *Hangover Square* to *Brick Lane*. It is a book about East End boys and West End girls, bedsit land and dockland, the homeless and the homesick, immigrants and emigrants. All human life is here - highminded Hampstead and boozy Fitzrovia, the Jewish East End, intellectual Bloomsbury and Chinese Limehouse, Black London, Asian London, Irish London, Gay London...

'Irreverent, spirited ... a seriously funny novel' *New York Review of Books* Sitting in his cramped basement room in Brixton, Battersby dreams of money, women, a T-bone steak - and a place to call his own. So he and a group of friends decide to save up and buy a house together. But amid grasping landlords, the temptations of spending money and the less-than-welcoming attitude of the Mother Country, can this motley group of hustlers and schemers, Trinidadians and Jamaicans, men and women make their dreams a reality? 'Selvon's meticulously observed narratives of displaced Londoners' lives created a template for how to write about migrant, and postmigrant, London for countless writers who have followed in his wake, including Hanif Kureishi and Zadie Smith' Caryl Phillips

Sam Selvon's *Moses Ascending* depicts West Indian Immigration in England. Moses, a Trinidadian who has been in England for some years now represents immigrants who come from all corners of the world to seek a better life. Like many immigrants he is hard-working. After years of living in a dingy basement he saves up enough money to buy a house. Moses calls this his dream house in the beginning of the book but later on he realizes that the house is a piece of garbage.

This full-length study traces the evolution of Selvon from fledgling author of poems and short fiction to an established short-story writer and novelist. It argues that Selvon enjoys a special place in West Indian literature because of his celebration of the enormous struggle of the Indo-Trinidadian peasant out of the cane experience into every professional field and politics... ---Back cover.

For those who love the rich comedy of Samuel Selvon's fiction, and for students of Caribbean writing, these essays return readers

to his books with a deeper appreciation of their art and questioning humanity.

"I see trouble. Plenty trouble." The village obeahman Manko foresees trouble when an English-man Garry Johnson comes to stay in the cacao estate of his friend Roger Franklin in Trinidad. Before long his prophecy is fulfilled when the visitor falls in love with the lovely Indian Sarojini. What had been a carefree atmosphere quickly evaporates, replaced with a tension-filled air of jealousies, rivalries and intrigues as three races interact in post-independence Trinidad.

A collection of essays and stories by the Trinidadian writer Winner of the British Academy's Nayef Al-Rodhan Prize for Global Cultural Understanding 2020 Highly commended for PEN Hessel-Tiltman Prize 2020 A haunting and evocative history of British empire, told through one woman's family story "Where are you from?" was the question hounding Hazel Carby as a girl in post-war London. One of the so-called brown babies of the Windrush generation, born to a Jamaican father and Welsh mother, Carby's place in her home, her neighbourhood, and her country of birth was always in doubt. Emerging from this setting, Carby untangles the threads connecting members of her family in a web woven by the British Empire across the Atlantic. We meet Carby's working-class grandmother Beatrice, a seamstress challenged by poverty and disease. In England, she was thrilled by the cosmopolitan fantasies of empire, by cities built with slave-trade profits, and by street peddlers selling fashionable Jamaican delicacies. In Jamaica, we follow the lives of both the "white Carbys" and the "black Carbys," including Mary Ivey, a free woman of colour, whose children are fathered by Lilly Carby, a British soldier who arrived in Jamaica in 1789 to be absorbed into the plantation aristocracy. And we discover the hidden stories of Bridget and Nancy, two women owned by Lilly who survived the Middle Passage from Africa to the Caribbean. Moving between Jamaican plantations, the hills of Devon, the port cities of Bristol, Cardiff, and Kingston, and the working-class estates of South London, Carby's family story is at once an intimate personal history and a sweeping summation of the violent entanglement of two islands. In charting British empire's interweaving of capital and bodies, public language and private feeling, Carby will find herself reckoning with what she can tell, what she can remember, and what she can bear to know.