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Bars Fight, a ballad telling the tale of an ambush by Native Americans on two families in 1746 in a

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Massachusetts meadow, is the oldest known work by an African-American author. Passed on orally until it was recorded in Josiah Gilbert Holland's History of Western Massachusetts in 1855, the ballad is a landmark in the history of

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literature that should be on every book lover's shelves.

Anthologizes over one hundred toasts, oral folk poems, with variants, collected from various sources, and examines their functions, themes, backgrounds, and

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methods of performance.

Do your readers know who the first published African-American poet is? Phillis Wheatley, a slave, published her most famous book of poetry in 1773, while traveling in England. Readers will learn about her life,

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and the lives of seven other amazing poets. Each short biography ends with a brief timeline of the person's life and achievements.

Focuses on the early years of the well-known poet, Langston Hughes, whose writings reflect the everyday

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experiences of African Americans.

Young Black Poet

Modern Black Poets

Get Your Ass in the Water and Swim Like Me

The Black Romantic Revolution

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

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### Blues and Jazz's Impact on African American Versification

Rich selection of 74 poems ranging from religious and moral verse of Phillis Wheatley Peters (ca. 1753–1784) to 20th-century work of Countee

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Cullen, James Weldon Johnson, and Langston Hughes.

Introduction.

A collection of postwar African-American poetry showcases the works of such poets as Derek Walcott, Amiri Baraka,



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Ishmael Reed, Gwendolyn Brooks, Audre Lorde, and others.

Some of the best known African American poems are sonnets: Claude McKay's "If We Must Die," Countee Cullen's

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"Yet Do I Marvel," Gwendolyn Brooks's "First fight. Then fiddle." Yet few readers realize that these poems are part of a rich tradition that formed after the Civil War and comprises more than a thousand sonnets

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by African American poets. Paul Laurence Dunbar, Jean Toomer, Langston Hughes, Margaret Walker, and Rita Dove all wrote sonnets. Based on extensive archival research, The African American Sonnet:

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A Literary History traces this forgotten tradition from the nineteenth century to the present. Timo Müller uses sonnets to open up fresh perspectives on African American literary history. He

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examines the struggle over the legacy of the Civil War, the trajectories of Harlem Renaissance protest, the tensions between folk art and transnational perspectives in the thirties, the vernacular

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modernism of the postwar period, the cultural nationalism of the Black Arts movement, and disruptive strategies of recent experimental poetry. In this book, Müller examines the inventive strategies African

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American poets devised to occupy and reshape a form overwhelmingly associated with Europe. In the tightly circumscribed space of sonnets, these poets mounted evocative challenges to the

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discursive and material boundaries they confronted. Presents nearly two hundred of the author's poems, including works celebrating African American music and life, denunciations of Jim Crow and



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racism, and verses about Africa and the Spanish Civil War.

I, Too, Sing America

The Literary Left and African American Poetry, 1930-1946

A Beginning Book of Black Poetry

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An Anthology, 1773-1927

A Treasury of African-American Poetry and Art

The Oxford Anthology of African-American Poetry

Furious Flowering offers students, scholars,

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readers, and writers of African-American poetry a chance to take part in an unprecedented discussion of a complex literary culture.

Here is a book as joyous

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and painful, as mysterious  
and memorable, as  
childhood itself. I Know  
Why the Caged Bird Sings  
captures the longing of  
lonely children, the brute  
insult of bigotry, and the

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wonder of words that can make the world right. Maya Angelou's debut memoir is a modern American classic beloved worldwide. Sent by their mother to live with their devout, self-

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sufficient grandmother in  
a small Southern town,  
Maya and her brother,  
Bailey, endure the ache of  
abandonment and the  
prejudice of the local  
"powhitetrash." At eight

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years old and back at her mother's side in St. Louis, Maya is attacked by a man many times her age—and has to live with the consequences for a lifetime. Years later, in

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San Francisco, Maya learns that love for herself, the kindness of others, her own strong spirit, and the ideas of great authors ("I met and fell in love with William Shakespeare") will



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allow her to be free  
instead of imprisoned.  
Poetic and powerful, I  
Know Why the Caged Bird  
Sings will touch hearts  
and change minds for as  
long as people read. "I

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Know Why the Caged Bird Sings liberates the reader into life simply because Maya Angelou confronts her own life with such a moving wonder, such a luminous dignity."—James

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Baldwin From the Paperback edition.

A collection of poems from 1960 to the present highlights the political, social, economic, and personal struggles of

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African Americans, and features works from such poets as Gwendolyn Brooks, Rita Dove, and Major Jackson.

Offers a critical history of African American poetry

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from the transatlantic slave trade to present day hip-hop.

The Black Poets

The Furious Flowering of African American Poetry

An Anthology of Poetry by

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African Americans Since  
1945

The 100 Best African  
American Poems

Abolitionist Poets at the  
End of Slavery  
Bars Fight

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Presents a collection of poems by African-American poets, including Lucille Clifton, Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, and Elizabeth Alexander.

These are just some of the works of art you will find in this stunning collection that pairs twenty poems by distinguished

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African-American poets with twenty works of art by acclaimed African-American artists. Alice Walker's poem "Women" -- about women who "battered down/Doors/And ironed/Starched white/Shirts" so their children would get a good education -- is



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paired with the breathtaking portrait Harriet Tubman, by William H. Johnson. The tender "Little Brown Baby" by poet Paul Laurence Dunbar, and artist Romare Bearden's Family reflect the deep love parents feel for their children. African-American identity and history

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are powerfully evoked in art and poetry about slavery, racism, and black pride. But African-American poetry and art have no boundaries, and these poets and artists explore many other themes as well, that will touch your heart, and dazzle your eyes. This important collection

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inspires imagination as it pairs splendid poets and artists in a way that has never been done before.

A collection of poems by African-American writers, including Lucy Terry, Gwendolyn Bennett, and Alice Walker. Analyzes the principal African-American

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poets and their works from the eighteenth century through the present, including their impact on the literary world.

Black Music, Black Poetry

1700s-1940s

The Book of American Negro Poetry

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African-American Poetry

Words with Wings

Black Nature

An anthology of African American poetry for young readers offers a joyful celebration of the power of inner strength

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For over two centuries, black poets have created verse that captures the sorrows, joys, and triumphs of the African-American experience. Reflecting their variety of visions and styles, The Oxford Anthology of African-

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American Poetry aims to offer nothing less than a definitive literary portrait of a people. Here are poems by writers as different as Paul Laurence Dunbar and W.E.B. Du Bois; Countee Cullen and Langston Hughes;

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Gwendolyn Brooks and Amiri Baraka; Rita Dove and Harryette Mullen; Yusef Komunyakaa and Nathaniel Mackey. Acclaimed as a biographer and editor, Arnold Rampersad groups these poems as meditations on key issues in



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black culture, including the idea of Africa; the South; slavery; protest and resistance; the black man, woman, and child; sexuality and love; music and religion; spirituality; death and transcendence. With their often

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starkly contrasting visions and styles, these poets illuminate some of the more controversial and intimate aspects of the black American experience. Poetry here is not only or mainly a vehicle of protest but also an

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exploration of the complex and tender subtleties of black culture. One section offers tributes to celebrated leaders such as Sojourner Truth and Malcolm X, but many more reflect the heroism compelled by everyday

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black life. The variety of poetic forms and language captures the brilliant essence of English as mastered by black Americans dedicated to the art of poetry. Loving and yet also honest and unsparing, *The Oxford Anthology*

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of African-American Poetry is for readers who treasure both poetry and the genius of black America. Taking its name from the moon's dark plains, misidentified as seas by early astronomers, The Black Maria investigates African

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diasporic histories, the consequences of racism within American culture, and the question of human identity. Central to this project is a desire to recognize the lives of Eritrean refugees who have been made

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invisible by years of immigration crisis, refugee status, exile, and resulting statelessness. The recipient of a 2015 Whiting Award for Poetry, Girmay's newest collection elegizes and celebrates life, while wrestling

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with the humanistic notion of seeing beyond: seeing violence, seeing grace, and seeing each other better. "to the sea" great storage house, history on which we rode, we touched the brief pulse of your fluttering pages,



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spelled with salt & life, your rage,  
your indifference your gentleness  
washing our feet, all of you going  
on whether or not we live, to you  
we bring our carnations yellow &  
pink, how they float like bright  
sentences atop your memory's

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dark hair Aracelis Girmay is the author of two poetry collections, *Teeth* and *Kingdom Animalia*, which won the Isabella Gardner Award and was a finalist for the NBCC Award. The recipient of a 2015 Whiting Award, she has

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received grants and fellowships from the Jerome, Cave Canem, and Watson foundations, as well as Civitella Ranieri and the NEA. She currently teaches at Hampshire College's School for Interdisciplinary Arts and in Drew

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University's low residency MFA program. Originally from Santa Ana, California, she splits her time between New York and Amherst, Massachusetts.

Black Harvard Doctorate in Poetics launches poetry that

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explores modern blackness. Clint Smith's debut poetry collection, *Counting Descent*, is a coming of age story that seeks to complicate our conception of lineage and tradition. Smith explores the cognitive

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dissonance that results from belonging to a community that unapologetically celebrates black humanity while living in a world that often renders blackness a caricature of fear. His poems move fluidly across personal and

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political histories, all the while reflecting on the social construction of our lived experiences. Smith brings the reader on a powerful journey forcing us to reflect on all that we learn growing up, and all that we

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seek to unlearn moving forward.

- Winner, 2017 Black Caucus of  
the American Library Association  
Literary Award - Finalist, 2017  
NAACP Image Awards - 2017  
'One Book One New Orleans'  
Book Selection



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The African American Sonnet  
African-American Poetry of the  
Nineteenth Century  
African American Narrative  
Poetry from Oral Tradition  
Ashley Bryan's ABC of African  
American Poetry

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## A Norton Anthology of Contemporary African American Poetry Omeros

*The Vintage Book of African  
American Poetry* Vintage  
*Phillis Wheatley (c.*

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*1753-1784) was an American freed slave and poet who wrote the first book of poetry by an African-American. Sold into a slavery in West Africa at the age of around seven, she was taken to North America*

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*where she served the Wheatley family of Boston. Phillis was tutored in reading and writing by Mary, the Wheatleys' 18-year-old daughter, and was reading Latin and Greek classics from the age of twelve.*

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*Encouraged by the progressive Wheatleys who recognised her incredible literary talent, she wrote "To the University of Cambridge" when she was 14 and by 20 had found patronage in the form of*

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*Selina Hastings, Countess of Huntingdon. Her works garnered acclaim in both England and the colonies and she became the first African American to make a living as a poet. This volume contains a collection of Wheatley's*

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*best poetry, including the titular poem "Being Brought from Africa to America".*

*Contents include: "Phillis Wheatley", "Phillis Wheatley by Benjamin Brawley", "To Maecenas", "On Virtue", "To the University of*

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*Cambridge”, “To the King’s Most Excellent Majesty”, “On Being Brought from Africa to America”, “On the Death of the Rev. Dr. Sewell”, “On the Death of the Rev. Mr. George Whitefield”, etc.*  
Ragged Hand is proudly



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*publishing this brand new collection of classic poetry with a specially-commissioned biography of the author.*

*Derek Walcott's Omeros is a poem in five books, of circular narrative design,*

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*titled with the Greek name for Homer, which simultaneously charts two currents of history: the visible history charted in events -- the tribal losses of the American Indian, the tragedy of African*

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*enslavement -- and the interior, unwritten epic fashioned from the suffering of the individual in exile. The New Red Negro surveys African-American poetry from the onset of the Depression to the early days of the*

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*Cold War. It considers the relationship between the thematic and formal choices of African-American poets and organized ideology from the proletarian early 1930s to the neo-modernist late 1940s. This study examines*

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*poetry by writers across the spectrum: canonical, less well-known, and virtually unknown. The ideology of the Communist Left as particularly expressed through cultural institutions of the literary*

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*Left significantly influenced the shape of African-American poetry in the 1930s and 40s, as well as the content. One result of this engagement of African-American writers with the organized Left was*

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*a pronounced tendency to regard the re-created folk or street voice as the authentic voice--and subject--of African-American poetry. Furthermore, a masculinist rhetoric was crucial to the re-creation*

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*of this folk voice. This unstable yoking of cultural nationalism, integrationism, and internationalism within a construct of class struggle helped to shape a new relationship of African-American poetry to*



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*vernacular African-American culture. This relationship included the representation of African-American working class and rural folk life and its cultural products ostensibly from the mass perspective. It also*

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*included the dissemination of urban forms of African-American popular culture, often resulting in mixed media high- low hybrids. Being Brought from Africa to America - The Best of Phillis Wheatley*

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*African-American Poets*

*African American Poetry*

*A History of Twentieth-*

*Century American Women's*

*Poetry*

*Poems*

*My Black Me*

**Black Music, Black Poetry offers**

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readers a fuller appreciation of the diversity of approaches to reading black American poetry. It does so by linking a diverse body of poetry to musical genres that range from the spirituals to contemporary jazz. The poetry of

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familiar figures such as Paul Laurence Dunbar and Langston Hughes and less well-known poets like Harryette Mullen or the lyricist to Pharaoh Sanders, Amos Leon Thomas, is scrutinized in relation to a musical tradition

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contemporaneous with the lifetime of each poet. Black music is considered the strongest representation of black American communal consciousness; and black poetry, by drawing upon such a musical legacy, lays claim

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to a powerful and enduring black aesthetic. The contributors to this volume take on issues of black cultural authenticity, of musical imitation, and of poetic performance as displayed in the work of Paul Laurence Dunbar,

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Langston Hughes, Sterling Brown, Amiri Baraka, Michael Harper, Nathaniel Mackey, Jayne Cortez, Harryette Mullen, and Amos Leon Thomas. Taken together, these essays offer a rich examination of the breath of black poetry and the



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ties it has to the rhythms and forms of black music and the influence of black music on black poetic practice.

Contains one hundred poems from classic and contemporary African American poets, as selected by an

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award-winning black poet and activist, including such writers as Robert Hayden, Mari Evans, Kevin Young, and Rita Dove.

A capsule history of Black poetry from the 1700's to the present precedes twelve essays discussing

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the militant and humanistic messages of representative poems  
Presents a collection of critical essays on the works of African American poets of the late twentieth century to the newly established and emerging voices

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of today, including, Maya Angelou, Lucille Clifton, Rita Dove, and more.

Полупроводниковая  
электроника  
Angles of Ascent  
An Anthology

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Langston Hughes

Counting Descent

*Rich selection of 74 poems ranging from the religious and moral verse of Phillis Wheatley Peters (ca. 1753-1784) to 20th-century work of Langston Hughes and Countee*

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*Cullen. Other contributors include James Weldon Johnson, Paul Laurence Dunbar, many others. Indispensable for students of the black experience in America and any lover of fine poetry. Includes 4 selections from the Common Core*

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*State Standards Initiative: "I, Too, Sing America," "Lift Every Voice and Sing," "Yet Do I Marvel," and "On Being Brought from Africa to America." Dover Original."*

*The Great War, The Waste Land and the Modernist Long Poem*

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*explores how cultural responses to the trauma of the First World War found expression in the form of the modernist long poem. Beginning with T.S. Eliot's The Waste Land, Oliver Tearle reads that most famous example of the genre in*



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*comparison with lesser known long poems, such as Hope Mirrlees's Paris: A Poem, Richard Aldington's A Fool I' the Forest and Nancy Cunard's Parallax. As well as presenting a new history of this neglected genre, the book*

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*examines the ways in which the modernist long poem represented the seminal literary form for grappling with the crises of European modernity in the wake of World War I.  
Each letter of the alphabet is*

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*represented by a line from a poem by different African American poets, describing an aspect of the black experience.*

*In The Vintage Book of African American Poetry, editors Michael S. Harper and Anthony Walton present*

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*the definitive collection of black verse in the United States--200 years of vision, struggle, power, beauty, and triumph from 52 outstanding poets. From the neoclassical stylings of slave-born Phillis Wheatley to the wistful*

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*lyricism of Paul Lawrence Dunbar . . .  
. the rigorous wisdom of Gwendolyn  
Brooks...the chiseled modernism of  
Robert Hayden...the extraordinary  
prosody of Sterling A. Brown...the  
breathtaking, expansive narratives  
of Rita Dove...the plaintive*

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*rhapsodies of an imprisoned Elderidge Knight . . . The postmodern artistry of Yusef Komunyakha. Here, too, is a landmark exploration of lesser-known artists whose efforts birthed the Harlem Renaissance and the*

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*Black Arts movements--and changed forever our national literature and the course of America itself. Meticulously researched, thoughtfully structured, The Vintage Book of African-American Poetry is a collection of inestimable value to*

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*students, educators, and all those interested in the ever-evolving tradition that is American poetry.*

*A Collection of Critical Essays*

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*and the Modernist Long Poem*

*A History of African American Poetry*

*The Black Maria*

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Gathers poems by thirty-five Black, nineteenth-century poets, and, using a chronological arrangement, traces changes in theme from pre- to post-Civil War times

The prophetic poetry of slavery

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and its abolition During the pitched battle over slavery in the United States, Black writers—enslaved and free—allied themselves with the cause of abolition and used their art to advocate for emancipation

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and to envision the end of slavery as a world-historical moment of possibility. These Black writers borrowed from the European tradition of Romanticism—lyric poetry, prophetic visions--to write,

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speak, and sing their hopes for what freedom might mean. At the same time, they voiced anxieties about the expansion of global capital and US imperial power in the aftermath of slavery. They also focused on the ramifications

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of slavery's sexual violence. Authors like Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, George Moses Horton, Albery Allson Whitman, and Joshua McCarter Simpson conceived the Civil War as a revolutionary upheaval on par



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with Europe's stormy Age of Revolutions. The Black Romantic Revolution proposes that the Black Romantics' cultural innovations have shaped Black radical culture to this day, from the blues and hip hop to Black

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nationalism and Black feminism. Their expressions of love and rage, grief and determination, dreams and nightmares, still echo into our present.

Spirituals, folk rhymes, and poems by such writers as Phyllis

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Wheatley, Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, and Don L. Lee reveal the development of Black poetic expression

Extraordinary African-American Poets

Three Centuries of African-

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American Poetry

A Literary History

Four Centuries of African

American Nature Poetry

Every Shut Eye Ain't Asleep

Poems on Various Subjects,

Religious and Moral

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Black Nature is the first anthology to focus on nature writing by African American poets, a genre that until now has not commonly been counted as one in which African American poets have

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participated. Black poets have a long tradition of incorporating treatments of the natural world into their work, but it is often read as political, historical, or protest poetry--anything but nature

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poetry. This is particularly true when the definition of what constitutes nature writing is limited to work about the pastoral or the wild. Camille T. Dungy has selected 180 poems from 93

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poets that provide unique perspectives on American social and literary history to broaden our concept of nature poetry and African American poetics. This collection features major writers such



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as Phillis Wheatley, Rita Dove, Yusef Komunyakaa, Gwendolyn Brooks, Sterling Brown, Robert Hayden, Wanda Coleman, Natasha Trethewey, and Melvin B. Tolson as well as newer

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talents such as Douglas Kearney, Major Jackson, and Janice Harrington. Included are poets writing out of slavery, Reconstruction, the Harlem Renaissance, the Black Arts Movement, and

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late twentieth- and early twenty-first-century African American poetic movements. Black Nature brings to the fore a neglected and vital means of considering poetry by African Americans and

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nature-related poetry as a whole. A Friends Fund Publication.

A History of Twentieth-Century American Women's Poetry explores the genealogy of modern

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American verse by women from the early twentieth century to the millennium. Beginning with an extensive introduction that charts important theoretical contributions to the field, this

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History includes wide-ranging essays that illuminate the legacy of American women poets. Organized thematically, these essays survey the multilayered verse of such diverse poets as Edna St

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Vincent Millay, Marianne Moore, Anne Sexton, Adrienne Rich, and Audre Lorde. Written by a host of leading scholars, this History also devotes special attention to the lasting significance of

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feminist literary criticism. This book is of pivotal importance to the development of women's poetry in America and will serve as an invaluable reference for specialists and



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students alike.