

## Mother Love Rita Dove

***Winner of the 1994 Lamont Poetry selection of The Academy of American Poets. "Kelly has a talent for coaxing out the world's ghosts and then fixing them in personal landscapes of fear and uncertainty.... Smoothed by nuances of sound and rhythm, her poems exude an ambiguous wisdom, an acceptance of the sad magic that returns us constantly to the lives we might have led."--Library Journal***  
***A 1995 collection of poems that finds John***

***Ashbery at his most conversational, funny, and surprising In Can You Hear, Bird, John Ashbery's seventeenth collection, language is both a plaything and a sandbox. The poems are arranged not in the order of their composition but alphabetically, by the first letter in their titles, like the neatly arrayed keys of some fabulous Seussical instrument. In line after line, Ashbery demonstrates his alertness to language as it is spoken, heard, broadcast, and dreamed—and sets himself the task of rewriting, redefining, and revising the***

***American idiom we think we know so well. Can You Hear, Bird is a decisive example of the uniquely Ashberyian sensibility his many fans love, revealing a generous and acute chronicler of the everyday bizarre, an observant and humane humorist, and an ear trained on decoding our modern world's beguiling polyphony.***

***Collects poems that tell a fictionalized version of the lives of the authors's maternal grandparents.***

***After her mother died, poet Victoria Chang***

***refused to write elegies. Rather, she distilled her grief during a feverish two weeks by writing scores of poetic obituaries for all she lost in the world. In Obit, Chang writes of “the way memory gets up after someone has died and starts walking.” These poems reinvent the form of newspaper obituary to both name what has died (“civility,” “language,” “the future,” “Mother’s blue dress”) and the cultural impact of death on the living. Whereas elegy attempts to immortalize the dead, an obituary expresses loss, and the love***

***for the dead becomes a conduit for self-expression. In this unflinching and lyrical book, Chang meets her grief and creates a powerful testament for the living.***

***Beyond Spoon River***

***On the Bus with Rosa Parks: Poems***

***Obit***

***Transcultural Space and Place in Rita Dove's Poetry, Fiction, and Drama***

A piercing, unflinching new volume offers necessary music for our tumultuous present, from “perhaps

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the best public poet we have ” (Boston Globe). In her first volume of new poems in twelve years, Rita Dove investigates the vacillating moral compass guiding America ’ s, and the world ’ s, experiments in democracy. Whether depicting the first Jewish ghetto in sixteenth-century Venice or the contemporary efforts of Black Lives Matter, a girls ’ night clubbing in the shadow of World War II or the doomed nobility of Muhammad Ali ’ s conscious objector stance, this extraordinary poet never fails to connect history ’ s grand exploits to the triumphs and tragedies of individual lives. Meticulously

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orchestrated and musical in its forms, *Playlist for the Apocalypse* collects a dazzling array of voices: an elevator operator simmers with resentment, an octogenarian dances an exuberant mambo, a spring cricket philosophizes with mordant humor on hip hop, critics, and Valentine 's Day. Calamity turns all too personal in the book 's final section, " Little Book of Woe, " which charts a journey from terror to hope as Dove learns to cope with debilitating chronic illness. At turns audaciously playful and grave, alternating poignant meditations on mortality and acerbic observations of injustice, *Playlist for the*

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Apocalypse takes us from the smallest moments of redemption to catastrophic failures of the human soul. Listen up, the poet says, speaking truth to power; what you ' ll hear in return is “ a lifetime of song. ”

Rita Dove (b. 1952) was elected Poet Laureate--the first ever African-American to hold the position--in 1993, in recognition of work that combines racially sensitive observation with searing and immediate personal experience. She is best known for her substantial body of poetry, although she has also been recognized for her many accomplishments in

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drama and fiction, written in both German and English. *Crossing Color*, written by a well-known Americanist in the European community, is the first full-length critical study offering a comprehensive biographic and literary portrait of Rita Dove and her work.

Can the coexistence of love and hate actually stimulate and sharpen a mother's awareness of what is going on between her and her child? Reversing the conventional psychoanalytic approach, in which maternal ambivalence has been chiefly understood from the point of view of the child, this book gives

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precedence to the mother's perspective. Rozsika Parker draws on interviews with mothers, clinical material from her practice as a psychoanalytic psychotherapist, and a range of literary and popular sources, to create a powerful exploration of maternal ambivalence in a culture painfully and profoundly uneasy at its very existence. Original and accessible, with new readings of the work of Klein, Winnicott, Bowlby and others, *Torn in Two* will enrich and change our thinking about mothering. *Mother Love Poems* W W Norton & Company Incorporated

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Persephone

Conversations with Rita Dove

Rita Dove's Cosmopolitanism

Can You Hear, Bird

The Darker Face of the Earth

*Poems deal with fantasy, childhood, family life, school, friendship, dreams, mortality, and memories*

*WINNER OF THE 2020 PULITZER PRIZE FOR POETRY Finalist for the 2019 National Book Award*

*"100 Notable Books of the Year," The New York Times Book Review "By some literary magic—no, it's precision, and honesty—Brown manages to bestow*

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*upon even the most public of subjects the most intimate and personal stakes.”—Craig Morgan Teicher, “I Reject Walls’: A 2019 Poetry Preview” for NPR “A relentless dismantling of identity, a difficult jewel of a poem.”—Rita Dove, in her introduction to Jericho Brown’s “Dark” (featured in the New York Times Magazine in January 2019) “Winner of a Whiting Award and a Guggenheim Fellowship, Brown’s hard-won lyricism finds fire (and idyll) in the intersection of politics and love for queer Black men.”—O, The Oprah Magazine Named a Lit Hub “Most Anticipated Book of 2019” One of*

*Buzzfeed's "66 Books Coming in 2019 You'll Want to Keep Your Eyes On" The Rumpus poetry pick for "What to Read When 2019 is Just Around the Corner" One of BookRiot's "50 Must-Read Poetry Collections of 2019" Jericho Brown's daring new book The Tradition details the normalization of evil and its history at the intersection of the past and the personal. Brown's poetic concerns are both broad and intimate, and at their very core a distillation of the incredibly human: What is safety? Who is this nation? Where does freedom truly lie? Brown makes mythical pastorals to question the terrors to which*

*we've become accustomed, and to celebrate how we survive. Poems of fatherhood, legacy, blackness, queerness, worship, and trauma are propelled into stunning clarity by Brown's mastery, and his invention of the duplex—a combination of the sonnet, the ghazal, and the blues—is testament to his formal skill. The Tradition is a cutting and necessary collection, relentless in its quest for survival while reveling in a celebration of contradiction.*

*This Life -- The Bird Frau -- Robert Schumann, Or: Musical Genius Begins with Affliction --  
Happenstance -- Small Town -- The Snow King --*

*Sightseeing -- Upon Meeting Don L. Lee In a Dream  
-- "Teach Us to Number Our Days"--Nigger Song: An  
Odyssey -- Five Elephants -- Geometry --  
Champagne -- Night Watch -- The Secret Garden --  
A Suite for Augustus -- 1963 -- D.C. -- Planning the  
Perfect Evening -- Augustus Observes the Sunset --  
Wake -- Back -- Belinda's Petition -- The House  
Slave -- David Walker (1785-1830) -- The Abduction  
-- The Transport of Slaves From Maryland to  
Mississippi -- Pamela -- Someone's Blood -- Cholera  
-- The Slave's Critique of Pratical Reason --  
Kentucky -- Adolescence-I -- Adolescence-II --*

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*Adolescence-III -- The Boast -- The Kadvana Kumbis  
Devise a Way to Marry for Love -- Spy -- First Kiss --  
Then Came Flowers -- Pearls -- Nexus -- Notes from  
a Tunisian Journal - The Sahara Bus Trip -- For  
Kazuko -- Beauty and the Beast -- His Shirt -- Great  
Uncle Beefheart -- The Son -- Corduroy Road -- O.  
A dozen poems on love by a New Jersey  
obstetrician (1883-1963) who often wrote them on  
office prescription pads. In the title poem, first  
published when he was 72, he wrote: "What power  
has love but forgiveness? / In other words / by its  
intervention / what has been done / can be undone."*

*Playlist for the Apocalypse: Poems*

*Crossing Color*

*A Life in Five Movements and a Short Play : Poems*

*Poems*

*Asphodel, that Greeny Flower & Other Love Poems*

*Presents an introduction to the poetry of the Pulitzer Prize winning Rita Dove, who was the first African American poet laureate of the US. Charting Dove's evolution as a poet, this title offers analyses of her artistic development, bringing to light the musical sense of form and expression of history that permeates her work.*

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*Carr Luka is a rising star in the weightless combat sport called zeroboxing. But Carr gets involved with a far-reaching criminal scheme, threatening his budding relationship with his marketing strategist. Pulitzer Prize-winner and former poet laureate of the United States, Rita Dove has written prolifically since the early 1970s. In this, the first full-length critical study of her entire body of work by an American scholar, Malin Pereira traces the development of Dove's literary voice, looking at the ways she combines racial specificity with the perspective of the unraced universal. Pereira*

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*examines Dove's poetry, fiction, drama, and literary criticism closely and chronologically, charting her path through the racially charged culture wars of the 1970s and 1980s. She demonstrates how Dove eventually transcended racial protocols that threaten to define her work and moves into a nomadic poetic articulation of her cosmopolitan identity. As Pereira addresses Rita Dove's cosmopolitanism, she also examines the thematic concerns that reoccur in Dove's work - themes, such as incest, miscegenation, nomadism, the blues, and patriarchal oppression.*

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*Torrey Grey is famous. At least, on the internet. Thousands of people watch her popular videos on fashion and beauty. But when Torrey's sister is killed in an accident -- maybe because of Torrey and her videos -- Torrey's perfect world implodes. Now, strangers online are bashing Torrey. And at her new school, she doesn't know who to trust. Is queen bee Blair only being sweet because of Torrey's internet infamy? What about Raylene, who is decidedly unpopular, but seems accepts Torrey for who she is? And then there's Luis, with his brooding dark eyes, whose family runs the local*

*funeral home. Torrey finds herself drawn to Luis, and his fascinating stories about El Dia de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead. As the Day of the Dead draws near, Torrey will have to really look at her own feelings about death, and life, and everything in between. Can she learn to mourn her sister out of the public eye?*

*Love Child's Hotbed of Occasional Poetry*

*Seam*

*The Yellow House on the Corner*

*Mother Love*

*The Black Aesthetic*

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An anthology of contemporary poets presents works that reflect the diversity in American poetry

A dazzling new collection by the former Poet Laureate of the United States. In these brilliant poems, Rita Dove treats us to a panoply of human endeavor, shot through with the electrifying jazz of her lyric elegance. From the opening sequence, "Cameos", to the civil rights struggle of the final sequence, she explores the intersection of individual fate and history.

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National Book Award winner Nikky Finney's fifth collection of poems articulates the Black American history into a new language of "docu-poetry."

This book offers new essays and interviews addressing Wilson's work, ranging from examinations of the presence of Wilson's politics in his plays to the limitations of these politics on contemporary interpretations of Black aesthetics. Also includes an updated introduction assessing Wilson's legacy since his death in 2005.

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Selected Poems

Song

Through the Ivory Gate

A Novel

Sonata Mulattica

Returning to her Ohio hometown to work as "artist in residence" at a local school, puppeteer Virginia King is forced to confront her memories of her own childhood, racial bigotry, family, and growing up

The poems in this captivating collection

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weave beauty with violence, the personal with the historic as they recount the harrowing experiences of the two hundred thousand female victims of rape and torture at the hands of the Pakistani army during the 1971 Liberation War. As the child of Bangladeshi immigrants, the poet in turn explores her own losses, as well as the complexities of bearing witness to the atrocities these war heroines endured. Throughout the volume, the narrator endeavors to bridge generational and cultural gaps even as the victims recount

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the horror of grief and personal loss. As we read, we discover the profound yet fragile seam that unites the fields, rivers, and prisons of the 1971 war with the poet's modern-day hotel, or the tragic death of a loved one with the holocaust of a nation. Moving from West Texas to Dubai, from Virginia to remote villages in Bangladesh and back again, the narrator calls on the legacies of Willa Cather, César Vallejo, Tomas Tranströmer, and Paul Celan to give voice to the voiceless. Fierce yet loving, devastating and magical

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at once, Seam is a testament to the lingering potency of memory and the bravery of a nation's victims. Winner, Great Lakes Colleges Association New Writers Award, 2014 Winner, Binghamton University Milt Kessler Poetry Book Award, 2015 Winner, Drake University Emerging Writers Award, 2015

In *What My Mother Gave Me*, women look at the relationships between mothers and daughters through a new lens: a daughter's story of a gift from her mother that has touched her to the bone and served as a

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model, a metaphor, or a touchstone in her own life. The contributors of these thirty-one original pieces include Pulitzer Prize winners, perennial bestselling novelists, and celebrated broadcast journalists.

Whether a gift was meant to keep a daughter warm, put a roof over her head, instruct her in the ways of womanhood, encourage her talents, or just remind her of a mother's love, each story gets to the heart of a relationship. Rita Dove remembers the box of nail polish that inspired her to paint her nails in the

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wild stripes and polka dots she wears to this day. Lisa See writes about the gift of writing from her mother, Carolyn See. Cecilia Muñoz remembers both the wok her mother gave her and a lifetime of home-cooked family meals. Judith Hillman Paterson revisits the year of sobriety her mother bequeathed to her when Paterson was nine, the year before her mother died of alcoholism. Abigail Pogrebin writes about her middle-aged bat mitzvah, for which her mother provided flowers after a lifetime of guilt for skipping her daughter's

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religious education. Margo Jefferson writes about her mother's gold dress from the posh department store where they could finally shop as black women. Collectively, the pieces have a force that feels as elemental as the tides: outpourings of lightness and darkness; joy and grief; mother love and daughter love; mother love and daughter rage. In these stirring words we find that every gift, no matter how modest, tells the story of a powerful bond. As Elizabeth Benedict points out in her introduction, "whether we are mothers,

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daughters, aunts, sisters, or cherished friends, we may not know for quite some time which presents will matter the most." Photography, dance, poetry, & the environment combine to give a mythic story its fullest expression.

Thirty-one Women on the Gifts That  
Mattered Most

Fifth Sunday

The Penguin Anthology of Twentieth-century  
American Poetry

Shattered Sonnets, Love Cards, and Other  
Off and Back Handed Importunities

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### The Tradition

Published to coincide with its British premiere at the Royal National Theatre, *The Darker Face of the Earth* is Rita Dove's first play. Set on a plantation in pre-Civil War South Carolina, it has been performed to great critical acclaim.

Gathers poems that recast the ancient Greek story of Demeter and Persephone in a variety of settings, from a patio in Arizona to the pyramids in Mexico, as they explore the complex mother-daughter bond

Gathers poems about slavery and freedom, home and family, and the past by America's youngest poet laureate

Now in paperback, "Shattered Sonnets breathes life into American verse . . . (an) urgent and unrepentant collection" (Poetry).

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American Smooth

The Experience of Maternal Ambivalence

Poems and Artifacts

Little Glass Planet

Torn in Two

**Finalist for the 2016 National Book Award**

**Finalist for the 2017 NAACP Image Award Three decades of powerful lyric poetry from a virtuoso of the English language in one unabridged volume. Rita Dove's Collected Poems 1974-2004 showcases the wide-ranging diversity that earned her a Pulitzer Prize, the position of U.S. poet laureate, a National Humanities Medal, and a**

**National Medal of Art. Gathering thirty years and seven books, this volume compiles Dove's fresh reflections on adolescence in *The Yellow House on the Corner* and her irreverent musings in *Museum*. She sets the moving love story of Thomas and Beulah against the backdrop of war, industrialization, and the civil right struggles. The multifaceted gems of *Grace Notes*, the exquisite reinvention of Greek myth in the sonnets of *Mother Love*, the troubling rapids of recent history in *On the Bus with Rosa Parks*, and the homage to America's kaleidoscopic cultural heritage in *American Smooth* all celebrate Dove's**

**mastery of narrative context with lyrical finesse. With the “precise, singing lines” for which the Washington Post praised her, Dove “has created fresh configurations of the traditional and the experimental” (Poetry magazine).**

**The poems in Dobby Gibson’s new book transform the everyday into the revelatory Little Glass Planet exults in the strangeness of the known and unknowable world. In poems set as far afield as Mumbai and Marfa, Texas, Dobby Gibson maps disparate landscapes, both terrestrial and subliminal, to reveal the drama of the quotidian. Aphoristic, allusive, and collaged,**

**these poems mine our various human languages to help us understand what we might mean when we speak to each other—as lovers, as family, as strangers. Little Glass Planet uses lyric broadcasts to foreshorten the perceived distances between us, opening borders and pointing toward a sense of collectivity. “This is my love letter to the world,” Gibson writes, “someone call us a sitter. / We’re going to be here a while.” Elegiac, funny, and candid, Little Glass Planet is a kind of manual for paying attention to a world that is increasingly engineered to distract us from our own humanity. It’s a book that points toward**

**hope, offering the possibilities of a “we” that only the open frequency of poetry can create, possibilities that are indistinguishable from love. A lyric narrative by a Pulitzer Prize-winning former U.S. poet laureate, inspired by the life of a nineteenth-century virtuoso violinist, traces the early years of George Polgreen Bridgetower as a son of a white woman and an "African prince," his acclaim in Vienna, and his break with Beethoven after a dispute over a woman. A cornucopia of poems on food and its place in women's imaginations and sensibilities.**

**Grace Notes**

## **Zeroboxer**

### **August Wilson and Black Aesthetics**

### **Food as Metaphor : an Anthology of Women Poets**

### **The Legacy of Edgar Lee Masters**

Poetry celebrates America's cultural heritage with pieces about such topics as World War I's African-American jazz band, a Harlem girl's examination of adult flirting behaviors, and the first African-American Oscar winner.

New York Times Bestseller: "A winning collection" of essays by daughters including Elinor Lipman, Margo Jefferson, Jean Hanff Korelitz, Lisa See, and more (Kirkus Reviews). Each of these thirty-one "beautifully crafted" essays (Publishers Weekly) is a story about a mother's gift to a daughter—one

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This collection of modern American poetry features the most significant and compelling work by the most influential voices

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of the twentieth century.

As the first full-length critical study of Edgar Lee Masters, *Beyond Spoon River* is important not only for its reevaluation of this American poet and his work but also for its valuable insights into central questions of aesthetics, regionalism, and the nature and meaning of literary influence. The inordinate popularity of *Spoon River Anthology* has for many years unfairly restricted Masters' reputation as a "one-book phenomenon," although between 1911 and 1942 he wrote fifty other books—most of which were neglected or misinterpreted precisely because they attempted a large-scale rewriting of what he felt had been obscured or distorted in the Anglo-American tradition. Masters' wide reading in the who

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of western literature shaped his own attitudes, themes, and style, and his detailed accounts of that reading and its effect on his work form the basis for this reinterpretation of his place in American poetry in this century. After reviewing Masters' own statements on literary influence and his role as a critic, Primeau devotes the main body of his study to the major influences on Masters' work—the Greeks, Goethe, Emerson, Whitman, Shelley, and Browning. For Masters, the composite of all these influences provided a corrective to the poetry and criticism of his time, which he little admired. Primeau concludes by exploring Masters' midwestern heritage in the light of recent reinterpretations of regionalism.

Stories

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Collected Poems: 1974-2004

What My Mother Gave Me

Appetite

The Best American Poetry 2000

Collected interviews with the Pulitzer

Prize winning author of Thomas and Beulah

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Thomas and Beulah