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The Essays of "George Eliot." W. W. Norton
 'Remarkable' Robert Macfarlane
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 nourishing' Jessica J. Lee Nina Mingya
 Powles first learned to swim in Borneo -
 where her mother was born and her
 grandfather studied freshwater fish. There,
 the local swimming pool became her first
 body of water. Through her life there have
 been others that have meant different
 things, but have still been, in their own
 way, home: from the wild coastline of New
 Zealand to a pond in northwest London. In
 lyrical, powerful prose, *Small Bodies of
 Water* weaves together memories, dreams
 and nature writing. Exploring everything
 from migration, food, family, earthquakes

and the ancient lunisolar calendar, Nina
 reflects on a girlhood spent growing up
 between two cultures, and what it means
 to belong.

The Collected Poems of Audre Lorde

Shambhala Publications
A Boob's Life explores the surprising truth
 about women's most popular body part
 with vulnerable, witty frankness and true
 nuggets of American culture that will
 resonate with everyone who has
 breasts—or loves them. Author Leslie Lehr
 wants to talk about boobs. She's gone
 from size AA to DDD and everything
 between, from puberty to motherhood,
 enhancement to cancer, and beyond. And
 she's not alone—these are classic life
 stages for women today. At turns funny
 and heartbreaking, *A Boob's Life* explores
 both the joys and hazards inherent to
 living in a woman's body. Lehr deftly

blends her personal narrative with national
 history, starting in the 1960s with the
 women's liberation movement and moving
 to the current feminist dialogue and what
 it means to be a woman. Her insightful
 and clever writing analyzes how America's
 obsession with the female form has
 affected her own life's journey and the
 psyche of all women today. From her
 prize-winning fiction to her viral New York
 Times Modern Love essay, exploring the
 challenges facing contemporary women
 has been Lehr's life-long passion. *A Boob's
 Life*, her first project since breast cancer
 treatment, continues this mission, taking
 readers on a wildly informative, deeply
 personal, and utterly relatable journey. No
 matter your gender, you'll never view this
 sexy and sacred body part the same way
 again.

I Am Your Sister Courier Dover Publications

Timely and unsettling essays from an important and beloved writer and conservationist In *Erosion*, Terry Tempest Williams's fierce, spirited, and magnificent essays are a howl in the desert. She sizes up the continuing assaults on America's public lands and the erosion of our commitment to the open space of democracy. She asks: "How do we find the strength to not look away from all that is breaking our hearts?" We know the elements of erosion: wind, water, and time. They have shaped the spectacular physical landscape of our nation. Here, Williams bravely and brilliantly explores the many forms of erosion we face: of democracy, science, compassion, and trust. She examines the dire cultural and environmental implications of the gutting of Bear Ears National Monument—sacred lands to Native Peoples of the American Southwest; of the undermining of the Endangered Species Act; of the relentless press by the fossil fuel industry that has led to a panorama in which "oil rigs light up the horizon." And she testifies that the climate crisis is not an abstraction, offering as evidence the drought outside her door and, at times, within herself. These essays are Williams's call to action, blazing a way forward through difficult and dispiriting times. We will find new territory—emotional, geographical, communal. The erosion of desert lands exposes the truth of change. What has been weathered, worn, and whittled away is as powerful as what remains. Our undoing is also our becoming. *Erosion* is a book for this moment, political and spiritual at once, written by one of our greatest naturalists, essayists, and defenders of the environment. She reminds us that beauty is its own form of resistance, and that water can crack stone.

[Can You Tolerate This?](#) Good Press

The internationally acclaimed author challenges homophobia as a divisive force, particularly among Black women.

[The Selected Works of Audre Lorde](#) Vintage

Hilarious and cutting essays about self-preservation, betrayal, family, gay sex, mental illness, and the inherently flawed way we live and love.

[Somebody with a Little Hammer](#) New Directions Publishing

A definitive selection of Audre Lorde's "intelligent, fierce, powerful, sensual, provocative, indelible" (Roxane Gay) prose and poetry, for a new generation of readers. Self-described "black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet" Audre Lorde is an unforgettable voice in twentieth-century literature, and one of the first to center the

experiences of black, queer women. This essential reader showcases her indelible contributions to intersectional feminism, queer theory, and critical race studies in twelve landmark essays and more than sixty poems—selected and introduced by one of our most powerful contemporary voices on race and gender, Roxane Gay. Among the essays included here are: "The Transformation of Silence into Language and Action" "The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House" "I Am Your Sister" Excerpts from the American Book Award-winning *A Burst of Light* The poems are drawn from Lorde's nine volumes, including *The Black Unicorn* and National Book Award finalist *From a Land Where Other People Live*. Among them are: "Martha" "A Litany for Survival" "Sister Outsider" "Making Love to Concrete" [A Burst of Light](#) W. W. Norton & Company Anne Carson's poetry - characterized by various reviewers as "short talks", "essays", or "verse narratives" - combines the confessional and the critical in a voice all her own. Known as a remarkable classicist, Anne Carson in *Glass, Irony and God* weaves contemporary and ancient poetic strands with stunning style. This collection includes: "The Glass Essay", a powerful poem about the end of a love affair, told in the context of Carson's reading of the Bronte sisters; "Book of Isaiah", a poem evoking the deeply primitive feel of ancient Judaism; and "The Fall of Rome", about her trip to "find" Rome and her struggle to overcome feelings of a terrible alienation there. [Known and Strange Things](#) Kitchen Table--Women of Color Press

From the New York Times columnist, a portrait of a family and the cycles of joy and grief that mark the natural world: "Has the makings of an American classic." —Ann Patchett Growing up in Alabama, Margaret Renkl was a devoted reader, an explorer of riverbeds and red-dirt roads, and a fiercely loved daughter. Here, in brief essays, she traces a tender and honest portrait of her complicated parents—her exuberant, creative mother; her steady, supportive father—and of the bittersweet moments that accompany a child's transition to caregiver. And here, braided into the overall narrative, Renkl offers observations on the world surrounding her suburban Nashville home. Ringing with rapture and heartache, these essays convey the dignity of bluebirds and rat snakes, monarch butterflies and native bees. As these two threads haunt and harmonize with each other, Renkl suggests that there is astonishment to be found in common things: in what seems ordinary, in what we all share. For in both

worlds—the natural one and our own—"the shadow side of love is always loss, and grief is only love's own twin." Gorgeously illustrated by the author's brother, Billy Renkl, *Late Migrations* is an assured and memorable debut.

"Magnificent . . . Readers will savor each page and the many gems of wisdom they contain." —Publishers Weekly (starred review)

[Fathoms](#) W. W. Norton & Company

The beloved New York Times bestselling author reflects on home, family, friendships and writing in this deeply personal collection of essays. "The elegance of Patchett's prose is seductive and inviting: with Patchett as a guide, readers will really get to grips with the power of struggles, failures, and triumphs alike." —Publisher's Weekly "Any story that starts will also end." As a writer, Ann Patchett knows what the outcome of her fiction will be. Life, however, often takes turns we do not see coming. Patchett ponders this truth in these wise essays that afford a fresh and intimate look into her mind and heart. At the center of *These Precious Days* is the title essay, a surprising and moving meditation on an unexpected friendship that explores "what it means to be seen, to find someone with whom you can be your best and most complete self." When Patchett chose an early galley of actor and producer Tom Hanks' short story collection to read one night before bed, she had no idea that this single choice would be life changing. It would introduce her to a remarkable woman—Tom's brilliant assistant Sooki—with whom she would form a profound bond that held monumental consequences for them both. A literary alchemist, Patchett plumbs the depths of her experiences to create gold: engaging and moving pieces that are both self-portrait and landscape, each vibrant with emotion and rich in insight. Turning her writer's eye on her own experiences, she transforms the private into the universal, providing us all a way to look at our own worlds anew, and reminds how fleeting and enigmatic life can be. From the enchantments of Kate DiCamillo's children's books (author of *The Beatryce Prophecy*) to youthful memories of Paris; the cherished life gifts given by her three fathers to the unexpected influence of Charles Schultz's Snoopy; the expansive vision of Eudora Welty to the importance of knitting, Patchett connects life and art as she illuminates what matters most. Infused with the author's grace, wit, and warmth, the pieces in *These Precious Days* resonate deep in the soul, leaving an indelible mark—and demonstrate why Ann

Patchett is one of the most celebrated writers of our time.

The First Cities HarperCollins

Moving, incisive, and enduringly relevant writings by the African-American poet and feminist include her thoughts on the radical implications of self-care and living with cancer as well as essays on racism, lesbian culture, and political activism.

The Marvelous Arithmetics of Distance

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“delving, haunted, and poetic debut” (The

New York Times Book Review) about the

awe-inspiring lives of whales, revealing

what they can teach us about ourselves,

our planet, and our relationship with other

species. When writer Rebecca Giggs

encountered a humpback whale stranded

on her local beachfront in Australia, she

began to wonder how the lives of whales

reflect the condition of our oceans.

Fathoms: The World in the Whale is “a

work of bright and careful genius” (Robert

Moor, New York Times bestselling author

of *On Trails*), one that blends natural

history, philosophy, and science to

explore: How do whales experience

ecological change? How has whale culture

been both understood and changed by

human technology? What can observing

whales teach us about the complexity,

splendor, and fragility of life on earth? In

Fathoms, we learn about whales so rare

they have never been named, whale songs

that sweep across hemispheres in annual

waves of popularity, and whales that have

modified the chemical composition of our

planet’s atmosphere. We travel to Japan to

board the ships that hunt whales and

delve into the deepest seas to discover

how plastic pollution pervades our earth’s

undersea environment. With the

immediacy of Rachel Carson and the lush

prose of Annie Dillard, Giggs gives us a

“masterly” (The New Yorker) exploration

of the natural world even as she addresses

what it means to write about nature at a

time of environmental crisis. With depth

and clarity, she outlines the challenges we

face as we attempt to understand the

perspectives of other living beings, and

our own place on an evolving planet.

Evocative and inspiring, Fathoms

“immediately earns its place in the

pantheon of classics of the new golden

age of environmental writing” (Literary

Hub).

The Cancer Journals Workman Publishing

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A blazingly intelligent first book of essays

from the award-winning author of *Open City* and *Every Day Is for the Thief* NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY Time • The Guardian • Harper's Bazaar • San Francisco Chronicle • The Atlantic • Financial Times • Kirkus Finalist for the PEN/Diamonstein-Spielvogel Award for the Art of the Essay and PEN/Jean Stein Book Award With this collection of more than fifty pieces on politics, photography, travel, history, and literature, Teju Cole solidifies his place as one of today’s most powerful and original voices. On page after page, deploying prose dense with beauty and ideas, he finds fresh and potent ways to interpret art, people, and historical moments, taking in subjects from Virginia Woolf, Shakespeare, and W. G. Sebald to Instagram, Barack Obama, and Boko Haram. Cole brings us new considerations of James Baldwin in the age of Black Lives Matter; the African American photographer Roy DeCarava, who, forced to shoot with film calibrated exclusively for white skin tones, found his way to a startling and true depiction of black subjects; and (in an essay that inspired both praise and pushback when it first appeared) the White Savior Industrial Complex, the system by which African nations are sentimentally aided by an America “developed on pillage.” Persuasive and provocative, erudite yet accessible, *Known and Strange Things* is an opportunity to live within Teju Cole’s wide-ranging enthusiasms, curiosities, and passions, and a chance to see the world in surprising and affecting new frames. Praise for *Known and Strange Things* “On every level of engagement and critique, *Known and Strange Things* is an essential and scintillating journey.”—Claudia Rankine, *The New York Times Book Review* (Editors’ Choice) “A heady mix of wit, nostalgia, pathos, and a genuine desire to untangle the world, or at the least, to bask in its unending riddles.”—*The Atlantic* “Brilliant . . . [*Known and Strange Things*] reveals Cole’s extraordinary talent and his capacious mind.”—*Time* “[*Known and Strange Things*] showcases the magnificent breadth of subjects [Cole] is able to plumb with . . . passion and eloquence.”—*Harper’s Bazaar* “[Cole is] one of the most vibrant voices in contemporary writing.”—*LA Times* “Cole has fulfilled the dazzling promise of his novels *Every Day Is for the Thief* and *Open City*. He ranges over his interests with voracious keenness, laser-sharp prose, an open heart and a clear eye.”—*The Guardian* “Remarkably probing essays . . . Cole is one of only a very few lavishing his focused attention on that most approachable (and perhaps therefore most

overlooked) art form, photography.”—*Chicago Tribune* “There’s almost no subject Cole can’t come at from a startling angle. . . . His [is a] prickly, eclectic, roaming mind.”—*The Boston Globe* “[Cole] brings a subtle, layered perspective to all he encounters.”—*Vanity Fair* “In page after page, Cole upholds the sterling virtue of good writing combined with emotional and intellectual engagement.”—*The New Statesman* “[*Known and Strange Things* possesses] a passion for justice, a deep sympathy for the poor and the powerless around the world, and a fiery moral outrage.”—*Poets and Writers*
Please Don't Sit on My Bed in Your Outside Clothes Simon and Schuster
Your Silence Will Not Protect You collects the essential essays and poems of Audre Lorde for the first time, including the classic ‘The Master’s Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master’s House’. A trailblazer in intersectional feminism, Lorde’s luminous writings have inspired a new generation of thinkers and writers charged by the Black Lives Matter movement. Her lyrical and incisive prose takes on sexism, racism, homophobia, and class; reflecting struggle but ultimately offering messages of hope that remain ever-more trenchant today. Also a celebrated poet, Lorde was New York State Poet Laureate until her death; her poetry and prose together produced an aphoristic and incomparably quotable style, as evidenced by her constant presence on many Women’s Marches against Trump across the world. This beautiful edition honours the ways in which Lorde’s work resonates more than ever thirty years after they were first published.
Mrs. Dalloway Sarah Crichton Books
A complete collection—over 300 poems—from one of this country’s most influential poets. “These are poems which blaze and pulse on the page.”—Adrienne Rich “The first declaration of a black, lesbian feminist identity took place in these poems, and set the terms—beautifully, forcefully—for contemporary multicultural and pluralist debate.”—*Publishers Weekly* “This is an amazing collection of poetry by . . . one of our best contemporary poets. . . . Her poems are powerful, often political, always lyrical and profoundly moving.”—*Chuckanut Reader Magazine* “What a deep pleasure to encounter Audre Lorde’s most potent genius . . . you will welcome the sheer accessibility and the force and beauty of this volume.”—*Out Magazine*
Small Bodies of Water Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

For more than thirty years Natalie Goldberg has been challenging and cheering on writers with her books and workshops. In her groundbreaking first book, she brings together Zen meditation and writing in a new way. Writing practice, as she calls it, is no different from other forms of Zen practice—"it is backed by two thousand years of studying the mind." This thirtieth-anniversary edition includes new forewords by Julia Cameron and Bill Addison. It also includes a new preface in which Goldberg reflects on the enduring quality of the teachings here. She writes, "What have I learned about writing over these thirty years? I've written fourteen books, and it's the practice here in *Bones* that is the foundation, sustaining and building my writing voice, that keeps me honest, teaches me how to endure the hard times and how to drop below discursive thinking, to taste the real meat of our minds and the life around us." *When I Dare to Be Powerful* Women's Press (CA)

The long-awaited first biography of the author of "The Cancer Journals," an American icon of womanhood, poetry, African American arts, and survival. *Uses of the Erotic* New York Review of Books

A landmark literary anthology of poems, stories, and essays, *Choice Words* collects essential voices that renew our courage in the struggle to defend reproductive rights. Twenty years in the making, the book spans continents and centuries. This collection magnifies the voices of people reclaiming the sole authorship of their

abortion experiences. These essays, poems, and prose are a testament to the profound political power of defying shame. Contributors include Ai, Amy Tan, Anne Sexton, Audre Lorde, Bobbie Louise Hawkins. Camonghne Felix, Carol Muske-Dukes, Diane di Prima, Dorothy Parker, Gloria Naylor, Gloria Steinem, Gwendolyn Brooks, Jean Rhys, Joyce Carol Oates, Judith Arcana, Kathy Acker, Langston Hughes, Leslie Marmon Silko, Lindy West, Lucille Clifton, Mahogany L. Browne, Margaret Atwood, Molly Peacock, Ntozake Shange, Ruth Praver Jhabvala, Sharon Doubiago, Sharon Olds, Shirley Geok-lin Lim, Sholeh Wolpe, Ursula Le Guin, and Vi Khi Nao.

I Am Your Sister Penguin

Black freedom fighter's strength and signifying words. Essays. 1989 Before Columbus Foundation American Book Award.

Flash and Gleam Penguin Classics

The former U.S. Poet Laureate contemplates life, death, and the view from his window in these "alternately lyrical and laugh-out-loud funny" essays (The New York Times). From an early age, Donald Hall dedicated his life to the written word. In his long and celebrated career, he was an accomplished poet, essayist, memoirist, dramatist, and children's author. Now, in the "unknown, unanticipated galaxy" of very old age, his essays continue to startle, move, and delight. In *Essays After Eighty*, Hall ruminates on his past: "thirty was terrifying, forty I never noticed because I

was drunk, fifty was best with a total change of life, sixty extended the bliss of fifty . . ." He also addresses his present: "When I turned eighty and rubbed testosterone on my chest, my beard roared like a lion and gained four inches." Most memorably, Hall writes about his enduring love affair with his ancestral Eagle Pond Farm and with the writing life that sustains him every day: "Yesterday my first nap was at 9:30 a.m., but when I awoke I wrote again." "Deliciously readable...Donald Hall, if abandoned by the muse of poetry, has wrought his prose to a keen autumnal edge." —The Wall Street Journal

Warrior Poet Simon & Schuster

In *What's the Use?* Sara Ahmed continues the work she began in *The Promise of Happiness* and *Willful Subjects* by taking up a single word—in this case, use—and following it around. She shows how use became associated with life and strength in nineteenth-century biological and social thought and considers how utilitarianism offered a set of educational techniques for shaping individuals by directing them toward useful ends. Ahmed also explores how spaces become restricted to some uses and users, with specific reference to universities. She notes, however, the potential for queer use: how things can be used in ways that were not intended or by those for whom they were not intended. Ahmed posits queer use as a way of reanimating the project of diversity work as the ordinary and painstaking task of opening up institutions to those who have historically been excluded.

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