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The Cambridge Companion to
American Gay and Lesbian
Literature Beacon Press
Jacqueline Woodson's National
Book Award and Newbery
Honor winner is a powerful

memoir that tells the moving story of her childhood in mesmerizing verse. A President Obama "O" Book Club pick Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Touching and powerful, each poem is both accessible and emotionally charged, each line a glimpse into a child's soul as she searches for her place in the

world. Woodson's eloquent poetry also reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child. Her love of stories inspired her and stayed with her, creating the first sparks of the gifted writer she was to become. Includes 7 additional poems, including "Brown Girl Dreaming." Praise for Jacqueline Woodson: "Ms. Woodson writes with a sure understanding of the thoughts of young people, offering a poetic, eloquent narrative that is not simply a story . . . but a mature exploration of grown-

up issues and self-discovery." —The New York Times Book Review Fish Mean Little deaf Queer How has the concept of wild nature changed over the millennia? And what have been the environmental consequences? In this broad-ranging book Max Oelschlaeger argues that the idea of wilderness has reflected the evolving character of human existence from Paleolithic times to the present day.

An intellectual history, it draws together evidence from philosophy, anthropology, theology, literature, ecology, cultural geography, and archaeology to provide a new scientifically and philosophically informed understanding of humankind's relationship to nature. Oelschlaeger begins by examining the culture of prehistoric hunter-gatherers, whose totems symbolized the idea of organic unity between humankind and

wild nature, and idea that the author believes is essential to any attempt to define human potential. He next traces how the transformation of these hunter-gatherers into farmers led to a new awareness of distinctions between humankind and nature, and how Hellenism and Judeo-Christianity later introduced the unprecedented concept that nature was valueless until humanized. Oelschlaeger discusses the concept of wilderness

in relation to the rise of classical science and modernism, and shows that opposition to "modernism" arose almost immediately from scientific, literary, and philosophical communities. He provides new and, in some cases, revisionist studies of the seminal American figures Thoreau, Muir, and Leopold, and he gives fresh readings of America's two prodigious wilderness poets Robinson Jeffers and Gary

Snyder. He concludes with a searching look at the relationship of evolutionary thought to our postmodern effort to reconceptualize ourselves as civilized beings who remain, in some ways, natural animals.

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By turns heart-tugging and hilarious, Myron Uhlberg's memoir tells the story of growing up as the hearing son of deaf parents—and his life in a world that he found unaccountably beautiful, even as he longed to escape it. “Does sound have

rhythm?” my father asked. “Does it rise and fall like the ocean? Does it come and go like the wind?” Such were the kinds of questions that Myron Uhlberg's deaf father asked him from earliest childhood, in his eternal quest to decipher, and to understand, the elusive nature of sound. Quite a challenge for a young boy, and one of many he would face. Uhlberg's first language was American Sign Language, the first sign he learned: “I love you.” But his second language was spoken English—and no sooner did he learn it than he was called upon to act as his father's ears and mouth in the stores and streets of the neighborhood beyond their silent

apartment in Brooklyn. Resentful as he sometimes was of the heavy burdens heaped on his small shoulders, he nonetheless adored his parents, who passed on to him their own passionate engagement with life. These two remarkable people married and had children at the absolute bottom of the Great Depression—an expression of extraordinary optimism, and typical of the joy and resilience they were able to summon at even the darkest of times. From the beaches of Coney Island to Ebbets Field, where he watches his father's hero Jackie Robinson play ball, from the branch library above the local Chinese restaurant where the odor of chow mein rose from the pages of the books he

devoured to the hospital ward where he visits his polio-afflicted friend, this is a memoir filled with stories about growing up not just as the child of two deaf people but as a book-loving, mischief-making, tree-climbing kid during the remarkably eventful period that spanned the Depression, the War, and the early fifties. From the Hardcover edition. Deaf Identities Pantheon Chely Wright, singer, songwriter, country music star, writes in this moving, telling memoir about her life and her career; about growing up in America's heartland, the youngest of three children; about barely remembering a time when she didn't know she was different. She writes about her

parents, putting down roots in their twenties in the farming town of Wellsville, Kansas, Old Glory flying atop the poles on the town's manicured lawns, and being raised to believe that hard work, honesty, and determination would take her far. She writes of making up her mind at a young age to become a country music star, knowing then that her feelings and crushes on girls were "sinful" and hoping and praying that she would somehow be "fixed." ("Dear God, please don't let me be gay. I promise not to lie. I promise not to steal. I promise to always believe in you . . . Please take it away.") We see her, high school homecoming queen, heading out on her own at seventeen and landing a job as a

featured vocalist on the Ozark Jubilee (the show that started Brenda Lee, Red Foley, and Porter Wagoner), being cast in Country Music U.S.A., doing four live shows a day, and—after only a few months in Nashville—her dream coming true, performing on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry . . . She describes writing and singing her own songs for producers who'd discovered and recorded the likes of Reba McEntire, Shania Twain, and Toby Keith, who heard in her music something special and signed her to a record contract, releasing her first album and sending her out on the road on her first bus tour . . . She writes of sacrificing all for a shot at success that would come a couple of years later with her first hit single,

“ Shut Up And Drive ” . . . her songs (from her fourth album, Single White Female) climbing the Billboard chart for twenty-nine weeks, hitting the #1 spot . . . She writes about the friends she made along the way—Vince Gill, Brad Paisley, and others—writing songs, recording and touring together, some of the friendships developing into romantic attachments that did not end happily . . . Keeping the truth of who she was clutched deep inside, trying to ignore it in a world she longed to be a part of—and now was—a world in which country music stars had never been, could not be, openly gay . . . She writes of the very real prospect of losing everything she ’ d worked so hard to create . . . doing her best to

have a real life—her best not good enough . . . And in the face of everything she did to keep herself afloat, she writes about how the vortex of success and hiding who she was took its toll: her life, a tangled mess she didn ’ t see coming, didn ’ t want to; and, finally, finding the guts to untangle herself from the image of the country music star she ’ d become, an image steeped in long-standing ideals and notions about who—and what—a country artist is, and what their fans expect them to be . . . I am a songwriter,” she writes. “ I am a singer of my songs—and I have a story to tell. As I ’ ve traveled this path that has delivered me to where I am today, my monument of thanks, paying honor to God,

remains. I will do all I can with what I have been given . . . ” Like Me is fearless, inspiring, true.

The Devil’s Dictionary

OUP USA

"Writing anything definitive about the queer American novel will always be unsatisfying, if not impossible.

Unsatisfying, because the romances they contain are uncertain and, quite often, doomed: heartbreak, violence, and persecution pepper nearly every page. Impossible, because the genre's terrain is

as vast and uncertain as America itself: the spaces, the characters, plots, ideas, and dynamics - too varied. The minute you say one thing, you could say another. And perhaps that might be the point. As one character from Djuna Barnes's lesbian novel *Nightwood* puts it, "With an American anything can be done."¹ We could say the same about the queer American novel. If there is anything consistently connecting this genre, it is that it features, however obliquely, the effects characters (usually American, but not always) have as they seek reasons for why they have sexual feelings for those that are not obvious or traditional object choices. Frequently, these effects instruct characters in their pursuit of self-knowledge and self-understanding, especially if others have pathologized their desires (and America has and does pathologize its queers). In her autobiographical graphic memoir *Fun Home*, Alison Bechdel tells a story of a variety of discoveries that books, explicitly queer or not, can inspire. During the same afternoon when she acknowledges that she is a "lesbian," she also finds herself asking a professor to let her take his course on James Joyce's *Ulysses* - her father's favorite book. As we move from the captions and the meticulous, stylized drawings, canonical books acquire

an increasingly important role: books become guides to how Bechdel will affect "a convergence" with her "abstracted father."--
Nexus New York Random House
NEW YORK TIMES
BESTSELLER A
heartfelt and inspiring memoir and celebration of Deaf culture by Nyle DiMarco, actor, producer, two-time reality show winner, and cultural icon of the international Deaf community Before

becoming the actor, producer, advocate, and model that people know today, Nyle DiMarco was half of a pair of Deaf twins born to a multi-generational Deaf family in Queens, New York. At the hospital one day after he was born, Nyle "failed" his first test—a hearing test—to the joy and excitement of his parents. In this engrossing memoir, Nyle shares stories, both heartbreaking and humorous, of what it means to navigate a world built for hearing people. From growing up in a rough-and-tumble childhood in Queens with his big and loving Italian-American family to where he is now, Nyle has always been driven to explore beyond the boundaries given him. A college math major and athlete at Gallaudet—the famed university for the Deaf in Washington,

<p>DC–Nyle was drawn as a young man to acting, and dove headfirst into the reality show competitions America’s Next Top Model and Dancing with the Stars—ultimately winning both competitions. Deaf Utopia is more than a memoir, it is a cultural anthem—a proud and defiant song of Deaf culture and a love letter to American Sign</p>	<p>Language, Nyle’s primary language. Through his stories and those of his Deaf brothers, parents, and grandparents, Nyle opens many windows into the Deaf experience. Deaf Utopia is intimate, suspenseful, hilarious, eye-opening, and smart—both a memoir and a celebration of what makes Deaf culture unique and beautiful.</p> <p><i>Hands of My Father</i></p>	<p>Harmony</p> <p>"The world is a surreal pageant," writes Stephen Kuusisto. "Ahead of me the shapes and colors suggest the sails of Tristan's ship or an elephant's ear floating in air, though in reality it is a middle-aged man in a London Fog rain coat which billows behind him in the April wind." So begins Kuusisto's memoir, <i>Planet of the Blind</i>, a journey</p>
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through the kaleidoscope geography of the partially-sighted, where everyday encounters become revelations, struggles, or simple triumphs. Not fully blind, not fully sighted, the author lives in what he describes as "the customs-house of the blind", a midway point between vision and blindness that makes possible his unique perception of

the world. In this singular memoir, Kuusisto charts the years of a childhood spent behind bottle-lens glasses trying to pass as a normal boy, the depression that brought him from obesity to anorexia, the struggle through high school, college, first love, and sex. Ridiculed by his classmates, his parents in denial, here is the story of a man caught in a perilous world with

no one to trust--until a devastating accident forces him to accept his own disability and place his confidence in the one relationship that can reconnect him to the world--the relationship with his guide dog, a golden Labrador retriever named Corky. With Corky at his side, Kuusisto is again awakened to his abilities, his voice as a writer and his

own particular place in the world around him. Written with all the emotional precision of poetry, Kuusisto's evocative memoir explores the painful irony of a visually sensitive individual--in love with reading, painting, and the everyday images of the natural world--faced with his gradual descent into blindness. Folded into his own experience is the

rich folklore the phenomenon of blindness has inspired throughout history and legend. *Deaf Around the World* Bantam This volume analyzes representations of disability in art from antiquity to the twenty-first century, incorporating disability studies scholarship and art historical research and methodology. This book brings these two strands together to provide a

comprehensive overview of the intersections between these two disciplines. Divided into four parts: Ancient History through the 17th Century: Gods, Dwarfs, and Warriors 17th-Century Spain to the American Civil War: Misfits, Wounded Bodies, and Medical Specimens Modernism, Metaphor and Corporeality Contemporary Art: Crips, Care, and Portraiture and comprised of 16 chapters focusing on Greek sculpture,

ancient Chinese art,
Early Italian
Renaissance art, the
Spanish Golden Age,
nineteenth century art
in France (Manet,
Toulouse-Lautrec) and
the US, and
contemporary works, it
contextualizes
understandings of
disability
historically, as well
as in terms of
medicine, literature,
and visual culture.
This book is required
reading for scholars
and students of
disability studies, art
history, sociology,

medical humanities and
media arts.
*Have Dog, Will
Travel* Cambridge
University Press
When seventeen-year-
old T. J. Parsell
held up the local
Photo Mat with a
toy gun, he was
sentenced to four
and a half to
fifteen years in
prison. The first
night of his term,
four older inmates
drugged Parsell and
took turns raping

him. When they were
through, they
flipped a coin to
decide who would
"own" him. Forced
to remain silent
about his rape by a
convict code among
inmates (one in
which informers are
murdered),
Parsell's
experience that
first night haunted
him throughout the
rest of his
sentence. In an
effort to silence

the guilt and pain of its victims, the issue of prisoner rape is a story that has not been told. For the first time Parsell, one of America's leading spokespeople for prison reform, shares the story of his coming of age behind bars. He gives voice to countless others who have been exposed to an incarceration system that turns a blind eye to the abuse of the prisoners in its charge. Since life behind bars is so often exploited by television and movie reenactments, the real story has yet to be told. Fish is the first breakout story to do that.

Dirty River AK Press

Over the past decade, a significant body of work on the topic of deaf identities has emerged. In this volume, Leigh and O'Brien bring together scholars from a wide range of disciplines -- anthropology, counseling, education, literary criticism, practical religion, philosophy, psychology, sociology, and deaf studies -- to examine deaf identity paradigms. In this book, contributing authors describe their perspectives on what deaf identities represent, how these identities develop, and the ways in which

societal influences shape these identities. Intersectionality, examination of medical, educational, and family systems, linguistic deprivation, the role of oppressive influences, the deaf body, and positive deaf identity development, are among the topics examined in the quest to better understand deaf identities. In reflection, contributors have intertwined both scholarly and personal perspectives to animate these academic debates.

The result is a book that reinforces the multiple ways in which deaf identities manifest, empowering those whose identity formation is influenced by being deaf or hard of hearing.

On Color Beacon Press The National Book Award-winning novel—and contemporary classic—that launched the brilliant career of Gloria Naylor, now with a foreword by Tayari Jones “[A] shrewd and lyrical

portrayal of many of the realities of black life . . . Naylor bravely risks sentimentality and melodrama to write her compassion and outrage large, and she pulls it off triumphantly.” —The New York Times Book Review “Brimms with inventiveness—and relevance.” —NPR's Fresh Air In her heralded first novel, Gloria Naylor weaves together the stories of seven women living

in Brewster Place, a
bleak-inner city
sanctuary, creating a
powerful, moving
portrait of the
strengths, struggles,
and hopes of black
women in America.
Vulnerable and
resilient, openhanded
and openhearted,
these women forge
their lives in a
place that in turn
threatens and
protects—a common
prison and a shared
home. Naylor renders
both loving and

a painful human
experiences with
simple eloquence and
uncommon intuition in
this touching and
unforgettable read.
Disfigured
HarperCollins
Our lives are
saturated by color.
We live in a world
of vivid colors,
and color marks our
psychological and
social existence.
But for all color's
inescapability, we
don't know much

about it. Now
authors David Scott
Kastan and Stephen
Farthing offer a
fresh and
imaginative
exploration of one
of the most
intriguing and
least understood
aspects of everyday
experience. Kastan
and Farthing, a
scholar and a
painter,
respectively,
investigate color
from numerous

perspectives:
literary,
historical,
cultural,
anthropological,
philosophical, art
historical,
political, and
scientific. In ten
lively and wide-
ranging chapters,
each devoted to a
different color,
they examine the
various ways colors
have shaped and
continue to shape
our social and

moral imaginations.
Each individual
color becomes the
focal point for a
consideration of
one of the
extraordinary ways
in which color
appears and matters
in our lives.
Beautifully
produced in full
color, this book is
a remarkably smart,
entertaining, and
fascinating guide
to this elusive
topic.

Made Possible Vintage
NEW YORK TIMES
BESTSELLER • This
essay collection from
the "bitches gotta
eat" blogger, writer
on Hulu's *Shrill*, and
"one of our country's
most fierce and
foulmouthed authors"
(Amber Tamblyn,
Vulture) is sure to
make you alternately
cackle with glee and
cry real tears.
Whether Samantha Irby
is talking about how
her difficult
childhood has led to a
problem in making
"adult" budgets;

explaining why she should be the new Bachelorette (she's "35-ish, but could easily pass for 60-something"); detailing a disastrous pilgrimage-slash-romantic-vacation to Nashville to scatter her estranged father's ashes; sharing awkward sexual encounters; or dispensing advice on how to navigate friendships with former drinking buddies who are now suburban moms (hang in there for the Costco loot!); she's as deft at poking fun at

the ghosts of her past self as she is at capturing powerful emotional truths. *Brown Girl Dreaming* Unbound Publishing A memoir done in the form of a graphic novel by a cult favorite comic artist offers a darkly funny family portrait that details her relationship with her father--a funeral home director, high school English teacher, and closeted homosexual. **The Idea of Wilderness** Everyman's Library "Dictionary, n: A

malevolent literary device for cramping the growth of a language and making it hard and inelastic. This dictionary, however, is a most useful work." Bierce's groundbreaking Devil's Dictionary had a complex publication history. Started in the mid-1800s as an irregular column in Californian newspapers under various titles, he gradually refined the new-at-the-time idea of an irreverent set of glossary-like definitions. The final name, as we see it

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in the periodical The In 1911 the Devil's domain status and were
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Illustrated Wasp. There it was published in edition of the book
were no publications of complete form as part includes, however, a
the complete glossary of Bierce's collected set of definitions
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1906 did a portion of including the remainder and-only "Demon's
Bierce's collection get of the definitions from Dictionary" column,
published by Doubleday, M to Z. It has been including Bierce's
under the name The republished a number of classic definition of
Cynic's Word Book—the times, including more A: "the first letter in
publisher not wanting recent efforts where every properly
to use the word "Devil" older definitions from constructed alphabet."
in the title, to the his columns that never Bierce enjoyed
great disappointment of made it into the "quoting" his
the author. The 1906 original book were pseudonyms in his work.
word book only went included. Due to the Most of the poetry,
from A to L, however, complex nature of dramatic scenes and

stories in this book attributed to others were self-authored and do not exist outside of this work. This includes the prolific Father Gassalasca Jape, whom he thanks in the preface—"jape" of course having the definition: "a practical joke." This book is a product of its time and must be approached as such. Many of the definitions hold up well today, but some might be considered less palatable by modern readers. Regardless,

the book's humorous style is a valuable snapshot of American culture from past centuries. This book is part of the Standard Ebooks project, which produces free public domain ebooks. *Songs of the Gorilla Nation* Beacon Press

The articles in Deaf around the World offer an introduction to deaf studies and the study of signed languages.

Fun Home Coach House Books

"This is a book about autism. Specifically, it is about my autism, which is both like and unlike other people's autism. But just as much, it is a story about how I emerged from the darkness of it into the beauty of it." In this elegant and thought-provoking memoir, Dawn Prince-Hughes traces her personal growth from undiagnosed autism to the moment when, as a young woman, she entered the Seattle

Zoo and immediately became fascinated with the gorillas. Having suffered from a lifelong inability to relate to people in a meaningful way, Dawn was surprised to find herself irresistibly drawn to these great primates. By observing them and, later, working with them, she was finally able to emerge from her solitude and connect to living beings in a way she had never previously experienced. *Songs of the Gorilla Nation* is more than a

story of autism, it is a paean to all that is important in life. Dawn Prince-Hughes's evocative story will undoubtedly have a lasting impact, forcing us, like the author herself, to rediscover and assess our own understanding of human emotion.

[The Story of My Life](#)
Standard Ebooks
An examination of the pioneering Caribbean and Latin American artists who resided in New York prior to WWII and shaped the

American avant-garde
Between 1900 and 1942, New York City was the site of extraordinary creative exchange where artists could share ideas in a global context. The swiftly changing urban landscape before and between the World Wars inspired the erosion of artistic boundaries and fostered a new climate of modernist experimentation.

Nexus New York focuses on key artists from the Caribbean and Latin America who entered into dynamic cultural and social dialogues with the American-based avant-garde and participated in the development of a new modern discourse. Featuring both celebrated and little-known figures of this period, including Carlos Enríquez, Alice Neel, Marius de Zayas, Francis Picabia, Joaquín Torres-Garcia, José Clemente Orozco, Matta, and Robert Motherwell, contributing authors also discuss the specific environments in which they flourished, including the Art Students League, the Siqueiros Experimental Workshop, and the New School for Social Research. A fascinating look at 20th-century modernism, this book provides the first view of the important encounters between artists of the Americas. We Are Never Meeting in Real Life. Da Capo Press
Mean Little deaf QueerBeacon Press
Loneliness and Its Opposite Yale University Press
In the tradition of Octavia Butler, here is radical self-help, society-help, and planet-help to shape the futures we want.

Change is constant. and politically. A
The world, our resolutely
bodies, and our minds materialist
are in a constant spirituality based
state of flux. They equally on science
are a stream of ever- and science fiction:
mutating, emergent a wild feminist and
patterns. Rather than afro-futurist ride!
steel ourselves adrienne maree brown,
against such change, co-editor of
Emergent Strategy Octavia's Brood:
teaches us to map and Science Fiction from
assess the swirling Social Justice
structures and to Movements, is a
read them as they social justice
happen, all the facilitator, healer,
better to shape that and doula living in
which ultimately Detroit.
shapes us, personally