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Rainbow in the Cloud Penguin

In *The Heart of a Woman*, Maya Angelou leaves California with her son, Guy, to move to New York. There she enters the society and world of black artists and writers, reads her work at the Harlem Writers Guild, and begins to take part in the struggle of black Americans for their rightful place in the world. In the meantime, her personal life takes an unexpected turn. She leaves the bail bondsman she was intending to marry after falling in love with a South African freedom fighter, travels with him to London and Cairo, where she discovers new opportunities. *The Heart of a Woman* is filled with unforgettable vignettes of such renowned people as Billie Holiday and Malcolm X, but perhaps most importantly chronicles the joys and the burdens of a black mother in America and how the son she has cherished so intensely and worked for so devotedly finally grows to be a man.

Oh Pray My Wings Are Gonna Fit Me Well Newmarket Press

Pocket Maya Angelou Wisdom is a collection of some of her best and most empowering quotes. This is the ultimate keepsake for fans of Maya Angelou's beautiful poetry, as well as for anyone looking for a bit of in-the-moment inspiration to have in their back pocket. Some quotes from Maya Angelou: 'If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.' 'You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.' 'Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.' 'History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, however, if faced with courage, need not be lived again.'

The Birds of Opulence Random House

A beautifully packaged hardcover edition of the poem that captivated the nation and quickly became a national bestseller. From the Trade Paperback edition.

And Still I Rise Random House

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Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now Hardie Grant

Maya Angelou's unforgettable collection of poetry lends its name to the documentary film about her life, *And Still I Rise*, as seen on PBS's *American Masters*. Pretty women wonder where my secret lies. I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's size But when I start to tell them, They think I'm telling lies. I say, It's in the reach of my arms, The span of my hips, The stride of my step, The curl of my lips. I'm a woman Phenomenally. Phenomenal woman, That's me. Thus begins "Phenomenal Woman," just one of the beloved poems collected here in Maya Angelou's third book of verse. These poems are powerful, distinctive, and fresh—and, as always, full of the lifting rhythms of love and remembering. *And Still I Rise* is written from the heart, a celebration of life as only Maya Angelou has discovered it. "It is true poetry she is writing," M.F.K. Fisher has observed, "not just rhythm, the beat, rhymes. I find it very moving and at times beautiful. It has an innate purity about it, unquenchable dignity. . . . It is astounding, flabbergasting, to recognize it, in all the words I read every day and night . . . it gives me heart, to hear so clearly the caged bird singing and to understand her notes."

The Longing in Between Random House

"As is usually the case with most graduation tales, this account focuses on growing up. With greater intensity than ever before, the narrator of the story is confronted with the fact that she is black. A surprising twist to the graduation ceremony helps her see what that fact means to her."--Page 2.

Twilight of a Crane Random House

He was a son of Africa who became father to a nation and, for billions of people around the world, a beacon of hope, courage, and perseverance in the face of opposition. Now, acclaimed poet Maya Angelou honors the life and remarkable soul of Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa and Nobel laureate. In *His Day is Done*, Angelou delivers an authentically heartfelt and elegant tribute to Mandela, who stood as David to the mighty Goliath of Apartheid and who, after twenty-seven years of unjust imprisonment on the notorious Robben Island, emerged with "His stupendous heart intact / His gargantuan will / Hale and hearty" to lead his people into a new era. This poignant work of gratitude and remembrance offers condolences to the resilient people of South Africa on the loss of their beloved "Madiba" and celebrates a man like no other, whose life and work changed the world. Praise for *His Day is Done* "Moving and heartfelt." —*The Washington Post* "A powerful, gripping tribute." —*NewsOne* "[His Day is Done captures] how many were feeling." —*BBC News*

Hallelujah! The Welcome Table Random House Trade Paperbacks

Perfect for Mother's Day, or for any day on which we wish to acknowledge this all-important bond, *Mother* is an awe-inspiring affirmation of the enduring love that exists in every corner of the globe. With her signature eloquence and heartfelt appreciation, renowned poet and national treasure Maya Angelou celebrates the first woman we ever knew: Mother. "You were always the heart of happiness to me," she acknowledges in this loving tribute, "Bringing nougats of glee / Sweets of open laughter." From the beginnings of this profound relationship through teenage rebellion and, finally, to adulthood, where we stand to inherit timeless maternal wisdom, Angelou praises the patience, knowledge, and compassion of this remarkable parent.

Black Girl, Call Home Random House

From her reflections on African American life and hardship in *Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'fore I Diiie* to her revolutionary celebrations of womanhood in *Phenomenal Woman* and *Still I Rise*, and her elegant tributes to dignitaries Bill Clinton and Nelson Mandela (*On the Pulse of Morning* and *His Day is Done*, respectively), every inspiring word of Maya Angelou's poetry is included in the pages of this volume.

Maya Angelou W. W. Norton & Company

A collection of beloved poems about women from the iconic Maya Angelou. These four poems, "Phenomenal Woman," "Still I Rise," "Weekend Glory," and "Our Grandmothers," are among the most remembered and acclaimed of Maya Angelou's poems. They celebrate women with a majesty that has inspired and touched the hearts of millions. These memorable poems have been reset and bound in a beautiful edition—a gift to keep and to give.

Selected Poems University Press of Kentucky

Discover the most enduring works of the legendary poet and first black author to win a Pulitzer Prize—now in one collectible volume "If you wanted a poem," wrote Gwendolyn Brooks, "you only had to look out of a window. There was material always, walking or running, fighting or screaming or singing." From the life of Chicago's South Side she made a forceful and passionate poetry that fused Modernist aesthetics with African-American cultural tradition, a poetry that registered the life of the streets and the upheavals of the 20th century. Starting with *A Street in Bronzeville* (1945), her epoch-making debut volume, *The Essential Gwendolyn Brooks* traces the full arc of her career in all its ambitious scope and unexpected stylistic shifts. "Her formal range," writes editor Elizabeth Alexander, "is most impressive, as she experiments with sonnets, ballads, spirituals, blues, full and off-rhymes. She is nothing short of a technical virtuoso." That technical virtuosity was matched by a restless curiosity about the life around her in all its explosive variety. By turns compassionate, angry, satiric, and psychologically penetrating, Gwendolyn Brooks' poetry retains its power to move and surprise. About the American Poets Project Elegantly designed in compact editions, printed on acid-free paper, and textually authoritative, the American Poets Project makes available the full range of the American poetic accomplishment, selected and introduced by today's most discerning poets and critics.

Even the Stars Look Lonesome Random House

A collection of poetry witnessing celebrations both private and public, from the author of *I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS*. 'A brilliant writer, a fierce friend and a truly phenomenal woman' BARACK OBAMA Maya Angelou's poetry has stirred our souls, energized our minds and healed our hearts. Celebrations is a collection of timely and timeless poems: the inspiring 'On the Pulse of Morning', read at President William Jefferson Clinton's 1993 inauguration; the heartening 'Amazing Peace'; 'A Brave and Startling Truth', which marked the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations; and 'Mother', which beautifully honours the first woman in our lives. 'She moved through the world with unshakeable calm, confidence and a fierce grace . . . She will always be the rainbow in my clouds' OPRAH WINFREY 'She was important in so many ways. She launched African American women writing in the United States. She was generous to a fault. She had nineteen talents - used ten. And was a real original. There is no duplicate' TONI MORRISON

Poems Random House Trade Paperbacks

The author shares her experiences with and wisdom about aging, sensuality and sexuality, rage and violence, Oprah Winfrey, Africa, and the home

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings Penguin

Award-winning poet, author, playwright, historian, songwriter, singer, dancer, stage and screen producer, director, and civil rights activist: Dr. Maya Angelou needs no introduction. She is a true American icon—and now she is the first living poet included in Sterling's celebrated Poetry for Young People series. Twenty-five of her finest poems capture a range of emotions and experiences, from the playful "Harlem Hopscotch" to the prideful "Me and My Work" to the soul-stirring "Still I Rise." While her writings deal with the historic struggles of African-Americans, they all resonate with spiritual strength and hope for the future that everyone can relate to. A special inclusion in this volume is "A Brave and Startling Truth," written to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. Award-winning artist Jerome Lagarrigue masterfully illustrates each verse with evocative, stunning pictures. Dr. Edwin Graves Wilson, the Provost Emeritus of Wake Forest University and a longtime colleague of Dr. Angelou, has written the book's introduction, the introductions to the individual poems, and the annotations.

Chasers of the Light Random House

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Maya Angelou shares her path to living well and with meaning in this absorbing book of personal essays. Dedicated to the daughter she never had but sees all around her, *Letter to My Daughter* transcends genres and categories: guidebook, memoir, poetry, and pure delight. Here in short spellbinding essays are glimpses of the tumultuous life that led Angelou to an exalted place in American letters and taught her lessons in compassion and fortitude: how she was brought up by her indomitable grandmother in segregated Arkansas, taken in at thirteen by her more worldly and less religious mother, and grew to be an awkward, six-foot-tall teenager whose first experience of loveless sex paradoxically left her with her greatest gift, a son. Whether she is recalling such lost friends as Coretta Scott King and Ossie Davis, extolling honesty, decrying vulgarity, explaining why becoming a Christian is a "lifelong endeavor," or simply singing the praises of a meal of red rice—Maya Angelou writes from the heart to millions of women she considers her extended family. Like the rest of her remarkable work, *Letter to My Daughter* entertains and teaches; it is a book to cherish, savor, re-read, and share. "I gave birth to one child, a son, but I have thousands of daughters. You are Black and White, Jewish and Muslim, Asian, Spanish speaking, Native Americans and Aleut. You are fat and thin and pretty and plain, gay and straight, educated and unlettered, and I am speaking to you all. Here is my offering to you." —from *Letter to My Daughter*

Letter to My Daughter Palala Press

"Words mean more than what is set down on paper," Maya Angelou wrote in her groundbreaking memoir *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. Indeed, Angelou's words have traveled the world and transformed lives—inspiring, strengthening, healing. Through a long and prolific career in letters, she became one of the most celebrated voices of our time. Now, in this collection of sage advice, humorous quips, and pointed observations culled from the author's great works, including *The Heart of a Woman*, *On the Pulse of Morning*, *Gather Together in My Name*, and *Letter to My Daughter*, Maya Angelou's spirit endures. *Rainbow in the Cloud* offers resonant and rewarding quotes on such topics as creativity and culture, family and community, equality and race, values and spirituality, parenting and relationships. Perhaps most special, Maya Angelou's only son, Guy Johnson, has contributed some of his mother's most powerful sayings, shared directly with him and the members of their family. A treasured keepsake as well as a beautiful tribute to a woman who touched so many, *Rainbow in the Cloud* reminds us that "If one has courage, nothing can dim the light which shines from within."

I Shall Not Be Moved Library of America

Read the original Nancy Drew mystery! *The Secret of the Old Clock* is the mystery that began it all for America's favorite teenaged sleuth. The accidental rescue of a little girl who lives with her two great-aunts leads to an adventurous search for a missing will.

Mother Sterling Publishing Company

The culmination of a unique achievement in modern American literature: the six volumes of autobiography that began more than thirty years ago with the appearance of *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. *A Song Flung Up to Heaven* opens as Maya Angelou returns from Africa to the United States to work with Malcolm X. But first she has to journey to California to be reunited with her mother and brother. No sooner does she arrive there than she learns that Malcolm X has been assassinated. Devastated, she tries to put her life back together, working on the stage in local theaters and even conducting a door-to-door survey in Watts. Then Watts explodes in violence, a riot she describes firsthand. Subsequently, on a trip to New York, she meets Martin Luther King, Jr., who asks her to

become his coordinator in the North, and she visits black churches all over America to help support King's Poor People's March. But once again tragedy strikes. King is assassinated, and this time Angelou completely withdraws from the world, unable to deal with this horrible event. Finally, James Baldwin forces her out of isolation and insists that she accompany him to a dinner party—where the idea for writing *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* is born. In fact, *A Song Flung Up to Heaven* ends as Maya Angelou begins to write the first sentences of *Caged Bird*.

[The Collected Autobiographies of Maya Angelou](#) Tale Blazers

Platinum-plus selling and Grammy nominated artist Jill Scott presents her first ever poetry collection—delivering the sweet, sultry and soulfully honest voice that fans know and love.

On the Pulse of Morning Vintage

Another remarkable collection of poetry from one of America's masters of the medium. The first part gathers together poems of love and nostalgic memory, while Part II portrays confrontations inherent in a racist society.