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[Derek Walcott](#) Cambridge Scholars Publishing

This anthology of poetry is selected to portray the various themes of the Caribbean.

Derek Walcott Farrar, Straus and Giroux

A compelling compilation of poetry draws from every stage in the Nobel laureate's work to present a selection that includes "A Far Cry from Africa," "A City's Death by Fire," passages from Omeros, and other poetry from his later works reflecting on the Caribbean's colonial legacy, Western literary tradition, the pain of time and mortality, and the poetic craft.

[Dream on Monkey Mountain and Other Plays](#) Gale, Cengage Learning

A collaboration between one of the world's most eminent poets, Nobel Prize-winner Derek Walcott, and one of its most coveted painters, Peter Doig. Through a long-standing friendship and creative affinity the two great artists have together produced a stunning full-colour book of fifty paintings and original poems.

[Omeros](#) Faber & Faber

A collection spanning the range of the writer's career includes his first published poem, his celebrated verses on violence in Africa, his mature work from "The Star-Apple Kingdom," and his late masterpieces from "White Egrets."

[Midsummer](#) Armand Colin

As his title suggests, Derek Walcott's new poems--while making beautiful use of Caribbean imagery--are concerned with themes of isolation and the achievement of identity through loneliness. When it was published in England in 1969, *The Gulf* was awarded the Cholmondeley prize for poetry. As the London Times wrote, "His new collection is as noble and stern and grand as Milton...Walcott writes with a tropical glory of images; handles his huge pyrotechnic vocabulary with iron-discipline, verve and nerve...His glittering intelligence and luxurious command of sensation fuse in a mastery of images which burst in the brain like balls of phosphorescent fire." The subject of the title poem is the alienation and isolation of an America where filling-station signs proclaim the Gulf, an air, heavy with gas sickens the state, from Newark to New Orleans. The central figure in the Caribbean poems is a Robinson Crusoe-like castaway, who "learns again the self-creating peace of islands."

Farrar, Straus and Giroux

This is the first full-scale literary biography of Nobel Prize-winning poet and dramatist Derek Walcott. It traces the creative contradictions in his life from colonial St. Lucia, where he was part of a tiny English-speaking Protestant mulatto elite in an overwhelmingly French-Creole Roman Catholic black society, to 1999 when, a star of international literature and a symbol of cultural decolonization, he wanted to be Poet Laureate of England. The author had had access to letters, diaries, uncollected and unpublished writings, and conducted numerous interviews in the Caribbean, North America, and Europe. Walcott is seen as someone driven by the need to justify his life and fulfill his talents before an unknowable God, but who, in mastering the ways of the world often regards himself as an example of fallen humanity. Besides offering an

approach to Walcott as a poet, dramatist, theater director, arts critic, and teacher, the book shows how his desire to be a painter influenced his vision and the way he works.

[The Bounty](#) London ; Kingston : Heinemann

A poem of circular narrative design, 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 enslavement -- and the interior, unwritten epic fashioned from the suffering of the individual in exile.

[The Bounty](#) Rodopi

Seminar paper from the year 2018 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 2,2, University of Frankfurt (Main) (IEAS), course: Poetry from Somewhere Else, language: English, abstract: The paper is about the imagery of nature in Derek Walcott's poetry. When reading Walcott's poetry or on closer examination of his paintings one can identify that there are symbols and metaphors that are often repeated in his works: naturalistic phenomena, such as different plants and their botanical and scientific correct names or the deep blue sea and sky and other symbols of nature. In his poems Sir Derek Alton Walcott used the imagery of nature to connect to his Caribbean heritage, to describe his own problems and experiences during child- and adulthood, and to emphasize the facets of traveling. Sir Derek Alton Walcott, who was often referred to as Derek Walcott (he also signed with this form), was born in 1930 in Castries, St. Lucia and died at his home in Cap Estate, St. Lucia in 2017. Walcott was a well-known Caribbean poet, playwright and painter who also received the Nobel Prize for literature in 1992 among other literary prizes and nominations. He also had teaching positions at Boston, Columbia, Rutgers and Yale. Throughout his career he received many literary awards, often for his epic poem collections, taught and served as a professor at different universities such as the University of Alberta (Canada) and the University of Essex (England) or the Boston University and occasionally painted excellent art works with water colors during his free time. Derek Walcott's father, Warwick Walcott, who died when the poet and his twin brother were not more than one year old, may have passed on some of his talent to his son: The artifacts he bequeathed to his family were books and paintings. The loss of the father at such an early age and his missing while growing up and developing to a young matured man is mirrored in many of Walcott's literary works. Walcott's mother, Alix Maarlin Walcott, who was a teacher and run a school, enabled her son to publish his first collection of poems by paying a fee to send the script to Trinidad (just a few years after he had published his first single and religious poem at age 14 in a newspaper) at age 19.

[The Poetry of Derek Walcott 1948-2013](#) Macmillan

Derek Walcott (1930), lauréat du prix Nobel en 1992, est une figure de proue de la littérature antillaise contemporaine. Il revêt pour les lettres anglophones une importance comparable à celle d'Aimé Césaire ou de Léopold Sédar Senghor pour la francophonie littéraire. En résistant à la tentation de s'exprimer dans un créole confidentiel, il a su donner à la créolité une universalité qui la fait entrer sans conteste dans le canon de la littérature mondiale. Loin qu'elle soit antillaise seulement par les thèmes, sa poésie est un exemple

flamboyant de la renaissance créole, puisant sa vigueur créatrice dans la mixité et les mélanges d'une tradition populaire qui tient beaucoup du carnaval et du calypso. C'est l'expression d'une pensée archipélique, diffractée, rhizomique, captant dans les complexités mobiles de la culture caribéenne les sources d'une inspiration retrouvée, qui se tourne vers l'avenir du monde contemporain. Joanny MOULIN est professeur de littérature anglaise à l'université de Provence. Il est l'auteur de plusieurs ouvrages sur Ted Hughes, Seamus Heaney, Robert Burns, ainsi que de nombreux articles sur divers poètes anglophones. Cet ouvrage est le fruit de la collaboration entre les éditions Armand Colin et le Centre National d'Enseignement à Distance, établissement public d'enseignement qui dispense des formations de tous niveaux à plus de 350 000 inscrits répartis dans le monde entier. Cette contribution scientifique d'enseignants chercheurs de l'Université française s'intègre dans les préparations assurées par le CNED aux CAPES et aux agrégations d'anglais qui comprennent aussi des conseils méthodologiques et des entraînements aux épreuves des concours avec correction personnalisée. Géographie, biographie... Sainte-Lucie et Derek Walcott. Contexte, Langue et Schizophrénie. Religion. Histoire et transhistoire. Refus de l'histoire fiction. Effacement colonial. Créolité. Paysage.. Cythère, le paradis et l'enfer. Peinture et astigmatisme. Adamisme et Acédie. Exile. Castaways. Yearning for Departure. Returning. Opacity. Orality; "Poets must be difficult". "Ce qui se conçoit bien s'énonce clairement". Brave Third World. Blacks are Bad, Too. "Its Demos Demonic et Its Ocracy Crass". Mundo Nuevo et The Third World.

[Conversations with Derek Walcott](#) GRIN Verlag

Derek Walcott's *Omeros* is a poem in five books, of circular narrative design, 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 enslavement -- and the interior, unwritten epic fashioned from the suffering of the individual in exile.

[In a Green Night](#) Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Do not diminish in my memory villages of absolutely no importance, ... Hoard, cherish your negligible existence, your unrecorded history of unambitious syntax, your clean pools of unpolluted light over close stones. The *Prodigal* is a journey through physical and mental landscapes, from Greenwich Village to the Alps, Pescara to Milan, Germany to Cartagena. But always in "the music of memory, water," abides St. Lucia, the author's birthplace, and the living sea. In his new work, Derek Walcott has created a sweeping yet intimate epic of an exhausted Europe studded with church spires and mountains, train stations and statuary, where the New World is an idea, a "wavering map," and where History subsumes the natural history of his "unimportantly beautiful" island home. Here, the wanderer fears that he has been tainted by his exile, that his life has become untranslatable, and that his craft itself is rooted in betrayal of the vivid archipelago to which, like Antaeus, he must return for the very sustenance of life.

Approaches to the Poetics of Derek Walcott Cambridge Scholars Publishing

Terada describes this approach as one of the most ancient and critical oppositions in Western culture. She considers the ways in which Walcott's poetry, written from this ambiguous vantage point, illuminates the relationship of American poetry to Old World culture, as well as the ways in which American languages relate to one another and to the material world. While mimetic theories of art hold that culture is a representation of something original (nature), Walcott's does not. Thus, he must re-examine the relationship between culture and nature. Beginning broadly with Walcott's mental map of the world, Terada demonstrates how his "geographic imagination" is played out in *Omeros*. She goes on to explore Walcott's unusual openness to his poetic precursors, among them Homer, Beaudelaire, John Donne, William Butler Yeats, and Robert Lowell, which for some critics is as problematic as his adoption of the creoles and dialects of the Caribbean.

Gulf and Other Poems Cambridge University Press

A DAZZLING NEW COLLECTION FROM ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT POETS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY In *White Egrets*, Derek Walcott treats the characteristic subjects of his career—the Caribbean's complex colonial legacy, his love of the Western literary tradition, the wisdom that comes through the passing of time, the always strange joys of new love, and the sometimes terrifying beauty of the natural world—with an intensity and drive that recall his greatest work. Through the mesmerizing repetition of theme and imagery, Walcott creates an almost surflike cadence, broadening the possibilities of rhyme and meter, poetic form and language. *White Egrets* is a moving new collection from one of the most important poets of the twentieth century—a celebration of the life and language of the West Indies. It is also a triumphant paean to beauty, love, art, and—perhaps most surprisingly—getting older.

The Prodigal Farrar, Straus and Giroux

A collection spanning the whole of Derek Walcott's celebrated, inimitable, essential career "He gives us more than himself or 'a world'; he gives us a sense of infinity embodied in the language." Alongside Joseph Brodsky's words of praise one might mention the more concrete honors that the renowned poet Derek Walcott has received: a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship; the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry; the Nobel Prize in Literature. *The Poetry of Derek Walcott 1948-2013* draws from every stage of the poet's storied career. Here are examples of his very earliest work, like "In My Eighteenth Year," published when the poet himself was still a teenager; his first widely celebrated verse, like "A Far Cry from Africa," which speaks of violence, of loyalties divided in one's very blood; his mature work, like "The Schooner Flight" from *The Star-Apple Kingdom*; and his late masterpieces, like the tender "Sixty Years After," from the 2010 collection *White Egrets*. Across sixty-five years, Walcott grapples with the themes that have defined his work as they have defined his life: the unsolvable riddle of identity; the painful legacy of colonialism on his native Caribbean island of St. Lucia; the mysteries of faith and love and the natural world; the Western canon, celebrated and problematic; the trauma of growing old, of losing friends, family, one's own memory. This collection, selected by Walcott's friend the English poet Glyn Maxwell, will prove as enduring as the questions, the passions, that have driven Walcott to write for more than half a century.

The Imagery of Nature in Derek Walcott's Poetry Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Derek Walcott's book *The Bounty* opens with the title poem, a memorable elegy to his mother. It also contains a haunting series of poems evoking the poet's native ground, the island of St. Lucia. The power and beauty of Walcott's lyric gift have never been more fully in evidence.

The Fortunate Traveller Faber & Faber

In his longest and most ambitious poem, Derek Walcott reaches beyond an evocative portrayal of his native West Indies to create a

moving elegy on himself and on man. The fascinating and complex matrix of the author's life is illuminated with our candor, verve, and strength. Over four thousand lines of verse are grouped into four parts. He evokes scenes of his divided childhood, in which children live in shacks while fine khaki-clothed Englishmen drink tea. He depicts the influence of three intimate friends, including his first love, Anna, on his emergence as a man and artist. He chronicles the mixed remorse and resolution of maturity. He recalls of his youth: "We were blessed with a virginal, unpainted world / with Adam's task of giving things their names..." Yet in retrospect he acknowledges the irony of his artistic reliance on metaphor to transform reality--his search for "another life" When the author's most recent collection of poetry, *The Gulf*, was published, Selden Rodman wrote in *The New York Times Book Review*: "Now, with the publication of his fourth book of verse, Walcott's stature in the front rank of all contemporary poets using English should be apparent." Chad Walsh in *Book World* said: "I am convinced one of the half-dozen most important poets now writing in English. He may prove to be the best." *Another Life* helps to fulfill this prophecy.

What the Twilight Says Farrar, Straus and Giroux

"A long-overdue critical assessment of Walcott's varied and extensive oeuvre. Its insightful readings and detailed historical and cultural context make it a must-read for students of contemporary Caribbean literature and culture."-- Lizabeth Paravisini-Gebert, Vassar College
Paula Burnett offers a new interpretation of the life's work of acclaimed St. Lucian poet, playwright, and Nobel Prize winner Derek Walcott. Often regarded as the radical voice of the Third World, his drama and poetry together form a coherent project designed to create a legacy for modern Caribbean society. Illuminating his ideology and the technique that informs his writing, Burnett discusses his unique approach to myth, identity, and aesthetics. In addition to his poetry, the book draws extensively on Walcott's essays, plays, broadcasts, private interviews, and public appearances, some previously unpublished or unrecorded. What emerges is the picture of an epic poet with remarkable gifts working to impart the distinctive wisdom of Caribbean culture--a politically aware writer celebrating his people, place, and language. Burnett also reveals an artist with a message to the world: that a positive sense of identity can be built out of negative circumstances like injustice and exploitation, if only creativity is mobilized. The book serves as a critical study for more experienced scholars and as a solid introductory text for students of Walcott's work. Its readable and well-organized style also makes it appealing to anyone with a general interest in poetry.

Sea Grapes Univ. Press of Mississippi

This retrospective collection includes most of the poems from each of the poet's previous books, as selected by the poet, and the complete text of "Another Life," a long narrative poem Derek Walcott Farrar, Straus and Giroux

The first collection of essays by the Nobel laureate. Derek Walcott has been publishing essays in *The New York Review of Books*, *The New Republic*, and elsewhere for more than twenty years. *What the Twilight Says* collects these pieces to form a volume of remarkable elegance, concision, and brilliance. It includes Walcott's moving and insightful examinations of the paradoxes of Caribbean culture, his Nobel lecture, and his reckoning of the work and significance of such poets as Robert Lowell, Joseph Brodsky, Robert Frost, Les Murray, and Ted Hughes, and of prose writers such as V. S. Naipaul and Patrick Chamoiseau. On every subject he takes up, Walcott the essayist brings to bear the lyric power and syncretic intelligence that have made him one of the major poetic voices of our time. Derek Walcott was born in St. Lucia in 1930. His recent works include *Omeros* (FSG, 1990) and *The Bounty* (FSG, 1997). He received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1992. He lives in New York City and Castries, St. Lucia.

Selected Poetry Farrar, Straus and Giroux

A selection of the poetry of Derek Walcott, winner of the 1992 Nobel Prize for Literature. The nature of memory and the creative imagination, the history, politics and landscape of the West

Indies, Walcott's loves and marriages and his enduring awareness of time and death, are recurring themes.