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The Cutting Room Random House (UK)

TrumpetVintage

Bessie Smith MacMillan UK

"My first animal book" crossed out on title page, jacket, cover, and spine, and "Ross Collins" struck through on title page.

Experiencing Jazz Bloodaxe Books Limited

The literary potential of trauma is examined in this book, bringing trauma theory and literary texts together for the first time. Trauma Fiction focuses on the ways in which contemporary novelists explore the theme of trauma and incorporate its structures into their writing. It provides innovative readings of texts by Pat Barker, Jackie Kay, Anne Michaels, Toni Morrison, Caryl Phillips, W. G. Sebald and Binjamin Wilkomirski. It also considers the ways in which trauma has affected fictional form, exploring how novelists have responded to the challenge of writing traumatic narratives, and identifying the key stylistic features associated with the genre. In addition, the book introduces the reader to key critics in the field of trauma theory such as Cathy Caruth, Shoshana Felman and Geoffrey Hartman. The linking of trauma theory and literary texts not only sheds light on works of contemporary fiction, it also points to the inherent connections between trauma theory and the literary which have often been overlooked. The distinction between literary theme and style in the book opens up major questions regarding the nature of trauma itself. Trauma, like the novels discussed, is shown to take an uncertain but productive place between content and form. Key Features* Identifies and explores a new and evolving genre in contemporary fiction* Thinks through the relation between trauma and literature* Produces innovative readings of key works of contemporary fiction* Provides an introduction to key ideas in trauma theory

Arthur Rimbaud Vintage

'Kay gives hugely of her talent; pours it onto the page . . . These stories charm, move and entertain' Guardian This fierce, funny and compassionate collection explores every facet of that most overwhelming and complicated of human emotions: love. With winning directness, Jackie Kay captures her characters' greatest joy and greatest vulnerability, exposing the moments of tenderness, of shock, of bravery and stupidity that accompany the search for love, the discovery of love and, most of all, love's loss. 'Jackie Kay's characters sing from the page' Daily Telegraph 'At the heart of it is a faith in stories themselves: a belief that the most desolate history can be lent coherence if you tell it right' TLS 'Kay's humour and optimism are transcendent' Sunday Herald

Mr. Mee Nosy Crow

The women of Reality, Reality are mesmerizing, whether in love or in solitude. Full of compassion, generosity, sorrow and joy, their fifteen unforgettable stories explore the power of the imagination to make things real, and celebrate, most of all, those who dare to dream.

Red Dust Road Dufour Editions

This story follows Evelyn, a young Englishman, along a journey through mythology and sexuality. It is a story of how he learns to be a woman, first in the brutal hands of Zero, the ragtime Nietzsche, then through the ancient Tristessa, the beautiful ghost of Hollywood past.

Trumpet Routledge

'Ambitious, defiant, angry and gripping . . . the bitter story of slavery through the experience of four women' Guardian 'Jackie Kay's work, formally expansive and inclusive . . . is always about the opening up of our notions of identity' Ali Smith, author of *How to Be Both* In *The Lamplighter* award-winning poet and Scottish Makar Jackie Kay takes us on a journey into the dark heart of Britain's legacy in the slave trade.

First produced as a play, on the page it reads as a profound and tragic multi-layered poem. We watch as four women and one man tell the story of their lives through slavery, from the fort, to the slave ship, through the middle passage, following life on the plantations, charting the growth of the British city and the industrial revolution. Constance has witnessed the sale of her own child; Mary has been beaten to an inch of her life; Black Harriot has been forced to sell her body; and our lead, the Lamplighter, was sold twice into slavery from the ports in Bristol. Their different voices sing together in a rousing chorus that speaks to the experiences of all those brutalised by slavery, and lifts in the end to a soaring and powerful conclusion. Stirring, impassioned and deeply affecting, *The Lamplighter* remains as essential today as the day it was first performed. This is an essential work by one of our most beloved writers.

The Lost Child Edinburgh University Press

Ten contributions from academics in a variety of disciplines consider the social phenomenon of "passing." The focus is on the construction of identity and its relationship to visibility.

Topics include, for example, Jews passing as Christians and the politics of race; "slumming" and class analysis; and 20th century male impersonators and women's suffrage. The volume is not indexed. c. Book News Inc.

Fiere Canongate Books

Contemporary African American and Black British Women Writers: Narrative, Race, Ethics brings together British and American scholars to explore how, in texts by contemporary black women writers in the U. S. and Britain, formal narrative techniques express new understandings of race or stimulate ethical thinking about race in a reader. Taken together, the essays also demonstrate that black women writers from both sides of the Atlantic borrow formal structures and literary techniques from one another to describe the workings of structural racism in the daily lives of black subjects and to provoke readers to think anew about race. Narratology has only recently begun to use race as a category of narrative theory. This collection seeks both to show the ethical effects of narrative form on individual readers and to foster reconceptualizations of narrative theory that account for the workings of race within literature and culture.

Life Mask Picador

"The Queer Limit of Black Memory: Black Lesbian Literature and Irresolution" identifies a new archive of Black women's literature that has heretofore been on the margins of literary scholarship and African diaspora cultural criticism. It argues that Black lesbian texts celebrate the irresolute sexualities and genders of queer Black subjects and create spaces for grieving the loss of queer Black subjects that dominant African diaspora histories often forget. Matt Richardson has gathered an understudied collection of texts by LaShonda Barnett, S. Diane Adamz-Bogus, Dionne Brand, Sharon Bridgforth, Laurinda D. Brown, Jewelle Gomez, Jackie Kay, and Cherry Muhanji in order to relocate the queerness of Black diasporic vernacular traditions, including drag or gender performance, blues, jazz, and West African spiritual and religious practices. "The Queer Limit of Black Memory" brings together several theorists whose work is vital within Black studies-Fred Moten, Saidiya Hartman, Hortense Spillers, Frantz Fanon, and Orlando Patterson-in service of queer readings of Black subjectivity. Matt Richardson is assistant professor of English and African and African Diaspora Studies and affiliate faculty with the Center for Women's and Gender Studies and the Warfield Center for African and African American Studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

The Adoption Papers Bloodaxe Books Limited

The first anthology of its kind, this timely collection brings together a diverse range of black British literatures, essays and documents from across the post-war period within a single volume. Spanning half a century, this rich archive of representations includes South Asian, African and Caribbean cultural production by both leading and lesser-known artists, critics and commentators.

Pan Macmillan

This collection of poems features the dreaming frog, Mr. and Mrs. Lilac, the Sulk Pod, and Jimmy Mush.

Reality Bloomsbury Publishing

Disappearing Men examines the complex and rebellious representations of gender in the work of several writers of 'devolutionary' Scottish fiction in the period 1979 to 1999. The study focuses on the context of a 'crisis in masculinity' accompanying the rapidly changing male role in the period, concluding that men often disappear from sight in this writing, highlighting issues of male insecurity and female disorientation in a new gender landscape. Hence the novels examined here by authors James Kelman, Jancie Galloway, Jackie Kay, A.L. Kennedy and Alan Warner, strongly challenge the stereotype of the Scottish 'hardman' and his dominance in 20th century Scottish fiction.

Disappearing Men dissects this challenge by giving major consideration to the relationship between the innovative literary forms often found in this writing and the concepts of selfhood they give rise to. The possibilities inherent in these texts of reimagining gender identity and relations make them

important contemporary documents of our struggles with realising selfhood and relations with others. A sustained and intimate analysis, this monograph will be of crucial interest to those concerned with issues of gender and representation in our rapidly changing era.

Reading Contemporary Black British and African American Women Writers Rodopi

'Unputdownable' Sunday Times 'I was hooked from page one' Guardian When Rilke, a dissolute auctioneer, comes upon a hidden collection of violent and highly disturbing photographs, he feels compelled to discover more about the deceased owner who coveted them. Soon he finds himself sucked into an underworld of crime, depravity and secret desire, fighting for his life.

Writing Black Britain 1948-1998 Pan Macmillan

The essays collected in *Posting the Male* examine representations of masculinity in post-war and contemporary British literature, focussing on the works of writers as diverse as John Osborne, Joe Orton, James Kelman, Ian Rankin, Carol Ann Duffy, Alan Hollinghurst, Ian McEwan, Graham Swift and Jackie Kay. The collection seeks to capture the current historical moment of 'crisis', at which masculinity loses its universal transparency and becomes visible as a performative gender construct. Rather than denoting just one fixed, polarised point on a hierarchised axis of strictly segregated gender binaries, masculinity is revealed to oscillate within a virtually limitless spectrum of gender identities, characterised not by purity and self-containment but by difference and alterity. As the contributors demonstrate, rather than a gender 'in crisis' millennial manhood is a gender 'in transition'. Patriarchal strategies of man-making are gradually being replaced by less exclusionary patterns of self-identification inspired by feminism. Men have begun to recognise themselves as gendered beings and, as a result, masculinity has been set in motion.

Darling Skylark

Een oudere zwarte slaaf vertelt in de 18e eeuw zijn levensgeschiedenis aan een van de Engelse voorstanders van afschaffing van de slavernij in ruil voor hun liefdadigheid.

Disappearing Men Macmillan

Mr. Mee, a reclusive British book collector, tries to track down a copy of a long-vanished Rosier's Encyclopedia, while Dr. Petrie, a professor of French literature, falls in love with one of his students, and eighteenth-century copyists Ferrand and Minard are charged with reproducing Rosier's original manuscript. Reprint. 10,000 first printing.

Wish I Was Here Dufour Editions

"Supremely humane.... Kay leaves us with a broad landscape of sweet tolerance and familial love." —The New York Times Book Review In her starkly beautiful and wholly unexpected tale, Jackie Kay delves into the most intimate workings of the human heart and mind and offers a triumphant tale of loving deception and lasting devotion. The death of legendary jazz trumpeter Joss Moody exposes an extraordinary secret, one that enrages his adopted son, Colman, leading him to collude with a tabloid journalist. Besieged by the press, his widow Millie flees to a remote Scottish village, where she seeks solace in memories of their marriage. The reminiscences of those who knew Joss Moody render a moving portrait of a shared life founded on an intricate lie, one that preserved a rare, unconditional love.

The Trick is to Keep Breathing Trumpet

This work tells the story of a black girl's adoption by a white Scottish couple. The story is told from three different viewpoints - the mother, the birth mother and the daughter.

A Harlot's Progress Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Jackie Kay's new collection focuses on love, loss, and mistaken and secret identity. Her poems reveal how we hide from each other and from ourselves, how appearances are deceptive and how many faces it takes to make even the one self. Masks are our camouflage, our stealth and our security. In a celebration and a challenging of the masquerades we live every day of our lives, *Life Mask* peels back all the selves and goes closer to the bone.