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Not Here Bloomsbury Publishing USA
The Chicano poet offers a collection of poems from the last fifteen years, including fourteen new works that discuss love, sex, and AIDS.

Carolyne Wright Greatest Hits Knopf
"Exuding both bravura and pensiveness, Latin Jazz speaks insistently and clearly to the Cuban-American exile experience."--Jacket.

Complaint in the Garden LSU Press
Diaspora constitutes a powerful descriptor for the modern condition of the contemporary poet, the spokesperson for the psyche of America. The poems in *American Diaspora; Poetry of Displacement* focus on the struggles and pleasures of creating a home-physical and mental-out of displacement, exile, migration, and alienation. To fully explore the concept of diaspora, the editors have broadened the scope of their definition to include not only the physical act of moving and

immigration but also the spiritual and emotional dislocations that can occur-as for Emily Dickinson and other poets - even in a life spent entirely in one location. More than one hundred and thirty contemporary poets reflect and mediate, rage and bless, as they tell their own stories. In short, this is an anthology of American poetry that draws upon the sensitivity, tenderness, rebelliousness, patience, and spirituality that point to the future of our nation.

American Diaspora LSU Press

In a city like that one might sail through life led by a runaway hat. The young scattered in whatever directions their wild hair pointed and, gusting into one another, they fell in love. --from "Windy City" In his second book of poems, Stuart Dybek finds extraordinary vitality in the

same vibrant imagery that animates his celebrated works of fiction. A brilliant and deft enactment of place, these poems map the internal geographies of characters who inhabit severe and often savage city streets, finding there a tension that transfigures past and present, memory and fantasy, sin and sanctity, nostalgia and the need to forget. Full of music and ecstasy, the poems of *Streets in Their Own Ink* consecrate a shadowed, alternate city of dreams and retrospection that parallels a modern city of hard realities. Throughout, one finds poetry enlivened by Dybek's signature talent for translating "extreme and fantastic events into a fabulous dailiness, as though the extraordinary were everywhere around us if only someone

would tell us where to look" (Geoffrey Wolff).

No Stopping Any Time Pudding House Publications

From Waco to Columbine, from Oklahoma City to New York City, from domestic abuse and drive-by shootings to religious fanaticism and acts of terrorism, the poems in *Like Thunder* are for those who have perished and those who have survived. More than 140 poems by 120 poets focus, in the editors' words, on "the violence in the news, the violence in our schools, the violence in our homes, as well as the violence in our own minds." The poets gathered here articulate terror and suffering but also present images of hope and redemption; they write of individual menaces and individual

victims and the melding of the two that potentially exists in everyone. By transforming horrifying details into larger truths, they create a poetry of witness, of survival, and of remembrance.

Latino Writers and Journalists U of Nebraska Press

Jill Bialosky follows her acclaimed debut collection, *The End of Desire*, with this powerful sequence of poems that probes the subterranean depths of eros. Gerald Stern has called Bialosky "the poet of the secret garden, the place, at once, of grace and sadness," and here she enters that garden again, blending the classical with the contemporary in bold considerations of desire, fertility, virginity, and childbirth. Written against the idealizations of romantic love and

motherhood, she tells of the loss of one child and the birth of another, the fierce passions of life before children, the seductions of suicide, and the comforts of art. Throughout, she braids and unbraids the distinct yet often inseparable themes of motherhood, love, and sexuality. "When he comes to me," she writes, half-filled glass in his hand, wanting me to touch him, I hear you stir in your crib. I know what your body feels like. The soft skin of a flower, not bruised, not yet in torment . . .

Subterranean is the moving and intimate account of the emergence of a female psyche. Like the figures of Persephone and Demeter, who appear in various forms in these poems, Bialosky finds a strange beauty in grief, and emerges from the realms of temptation with

insight and distinction.

After Rubén Coffee House Press

The outpouring of Native American literature that followed the publication of N. Scott Momaday's Pulitzer Prize-winning *House Made of Dawn* in 1968 continues unabated. Fiction and poetry, autobiography and discursive writing from such writers as James Welch, Gerald Vizenor, and Leslie Marmon Silko constitute what critic Kenneth Lincoln in 1983 termed the Native American Renaissance. This collection of essays takes the measure of that efflorescence. The contributors scrutinize writers from Momaday to Sherman Alexie, analyzing works by Native women, First Nations Canadian writers, postmodernists, and such theorists as Robert Warrior, Jace Weaver,

and Craig Womack. Weaver's own examination of the development of Native literary criticism since 1968 focuses on Native American literary nationalism. Alan R. Velie turns to the achievement of Momaday to examine the ways Native novelists have influenced one another. Post-renaissance and postmodern writers are discussed in company with newer writers such as Gordon Henry, Jr., and D. L. Birchfield. Critical essays discuss the poetry of Simon Ortiz, Kimberly Blaeser, Diane Glancy, Luci Tapahonso, and Ray A. Young Bear, as well as the life writings of Janet Campbell Hale, Carter Revard, and Jim Barnes. An essay on Native drama examines the work of Hanay Geiogamah, the Native American Theater Ensemble, and Spider Woman Theatre. In the

volume's concluding essay, Kenneth Lincoln reflects on the history of the Native American Renaissance up to and beyond his seminal work, and discusses Native literature's legacy and future. The essays collected here underscore the vitality of Native American literature and the need for debate on theory and ideology.

A Poet's Truth Springer

Winner of 2002 Norma Farber First Book Award Finalist Gifted with a vivid and exact skill, C. Dale Young's writing resembles an intricate anatomy lesson. His powers of observation probe the small energies of the natural world. Again and again the ordinary details of life transform themselves under the delicate pressure of his words--the movement of birds' wings, the color and

texture of tropical flowers, the study of the ocean waves, the "scalpel of light" cutting through the beginning of the day. The language of Young's poems evokes an ultimate sense of place through a gorgeous marriage of tone and diction that echoes James Merrill and Amy Clampitt. As he meticulously maps out human passions and emotions, he explores both the surfaces and depths of everything that he surveys. His confident and polished verse unfolds intricate layers of landscape, seeking the order that lies beneath the unruly patterns of our lives.

City of the Big Shoulders Tri-Color Press

"Kathy Fagan's *The Charm* works the true spells of childhood, the superstitions of romance, the bewitching alchemies of

words themselves and casts us sun-struck in our lives--doomed, yes, but 'dovewinged.' Fact, speculation, nostalgia, and mystery are wielded with equal power and stunning craft. Fagan is writing some of the wisest and alluring poems of our day." -Beckian Fritz Goldberg "There is something both very old and very new--archaic and postmodern--in Kathy Fagan's wise-cracking charms to assuage rage and despair, to ward off misfortune and heartbreak. *The Charm* dissolves the leaden circles in the air and charms with fresh carols." -Edward Hirsch "Kathy Fagan's rage is subtle, her loves draw you in, and there is a driving curiosity that comes only with great respect for life." -Bob Hicok Kathy Fagan is the author of *Lip, Moving & St Rage*, winner

of the Vassar Miller Prize for Poetry, and The Raft, a National Poetry Series selection. She is professor of English at Ohio State University.

Greatest hits, 1992-2002 Evening Street Press

Ninety miles separate Cuba and Key West, Florida. Crossing that distance, thousands of Cubans have lost their lives. For Cuban American poet Virgil Suarez, that expanse of ocean represents the state of exile, which he has imaginatively bridged in over two decades of compelling poetry. "Whatever isn't voiced in time drowns," Suarez writes in "River Fable," and the urgency to articulate the complex yearnings of the displaced marks all the poems collected here. *90 Miles* contains the best work from Suarez's six previous

collections: *You Come Singing*, *Garabato*, *In the Republic of Longing*, *Palm Crows*, *Banyan*, and *Guide to the Blue Tongue*, as well as important new poems. At once meditative, confessional, and political, Suarez's work displays the refracted nature of a life of exile spent in Cuba, Spain, and the United States. Connected through memory and desire, Caribbean palms wave over American junk mail. Cuban mangos rot on Miami hospital trays. William Shakespeare visits Havana. And the ones who left Cuba plant trees of reconciliation with the ones who stayed. Courageously prolific, Virgil Suarez is one of the most important Latino writers of his generation.

Asian American Literature University of Arizona Press

49 million years ago, the ancestors of modern whales left their terrestrial habitat to embrace the unknown perils of an ocean-based existence. In this new poetry collection, Jenna Le reflects with wit and lyricism on the ways that whales and other fauna, fish, and fowl are defined by their predecessors' immigrant narratives, slyly prodding readers to think about what these animal kingdom anecdotes might have to teach us about the complexities of life for human immigrant families and their descendants. In doing so, she speaks in multiple voices, expressing myriad perspectives, including but not limited to her personal perspective as a second-generation Asian-American descended from Vietnam War refugee parents. She also brings her unusual life experiences

as a physician to bear on her storytelling, resulting in a book of verse steeped in the aromas not only of sea salt and ambergris, but also of blood and sweat and antiseptic, love and life and death.

Diasporic Avant-Gardes UPNE

In *Racial Melancholia*, Racial Dissociation critic David L. Eng and psychotherapist Shinhee Han draw on case histories from the mid-1990s to the present to explore the social and psychic predicaments of Asian American young adults from Generation X to Generation Y. Combining critical race theory with several strands of psychoanalytic thought, they develop the concepts of racial melancholia and racial dissociation to investigate changing processes of loss associated with immigration, displacement,

diaspora, and assimilation. These case studies of first- and second-generation Asian Americans deal with a range of difficulties, from depression, suicide, and the politics of coming out to broader issues of the model minority stereotype, transnational adoption, parachute children, colorblind discourses in the United States, and the rise of Asia under globalization. Throughout, Eng and Han link psychoanalysis to larger structural and historical phenomena, illuminating how the study of psychic processes of individuals can inform investigations of race, sexuality, and immigration while creating a more sustained conversation about the social lives of Asian Americans and Asians in the diaspora.

Jewish American Poetry Heyday. ORIM Hibiscus, banyan trees, and royal palms.

Mango jam, white slices of sugarcane, and oxtail stew. Childhood games with fireflies and snail shells. These are images of a Cuba that many remember and others have never known, captured here in the powerful poems of Virgil Suárez. Born in Havana in the wake of the Cuban Revolution, Suárez is now one of more than a million Cubans living in the United States. In *Palm Crows* Suárez offers a compelling canción of loss, longing, and memory as he explores the meaning of exile. In poems that range from playful and fantastic to elegiac and meditative, he writes about “the in-betweenness of spirit” of those who have left their home and must try to forge a new one in the United States. Invoking water, song, earth, and darkness, he seeks to create his place in

the world—a place for his family and his spirit to call home. He constructs a slippery camouflage of animals: fish-beings, turtles, chupacabras, birds. As Suárez’s poem-stories drift from one form and species to another, these creatures reincarnate and retell their lives to each other and to us. Like the crows of Hialeah, Virgil Suárez sings of exile, of absence, of captured cities, lost love, and claimed lives. *Palm Crows* shows us an almost mythical Cuba, offering a compelling testament both to the immigrant experience and to our own search for home.

Racial Melancholia, Racial Dissociation
Penguin

Banyan is a sequence of poems about a father-son relationship that deals not only with fatherhood and childhood, but

also with exile, memory, and assimilation. Using the metaphor of the tree of its title, whose tendril-like roots grow out from the thick branches of the tree and downward where they burrow deep and over years become themselves stabilizing trunks, *Banyan* examines a son's relationship to his father, his native Cuba, and his adopted home in the US - the son always represented by the burrowing roots, and the father and homelands all represented by the sturdy grown trunks. Simply put, *Banyan* is a testament to the nature of immigration and the search of an individual's sense of place and family.

My Father Sings, to My Embarrassment
White Pine Press

“Much will be made—and rightly so—of the eloquent commentary [Lam’s]

essays provide on Vietnam and the Vietnamese . . . a fascinating and important book.” —Robert Olen Butler, Pulitzer Prize-winning author A PEN American Beyond Margins Award winner In his long-overdue first collection of essays, noted journalist and NPR commentator Andrew Lam explores his lifelong struggle for identity as a Viet Kieu, or a Vietnamese national living abroad. At age eleven, Lam, the son of a South Vietnamese general, came to California on the eve of the fall of Saigon to communist forces. He traded his Vietnamese name for a more American one and immersed himself in the allure of the American dream: something not clearly defined for him or his family. Reflecting on the meanings of the Vietnam War to the Vietnamese people

themselves—particularly to those in exile—Lam picks with searing honesty at the roots of his doubleness and his parents’ longing for a homeland that no longer exists. “Lam shatters the assumptions of readers who have encountered the Vietnam experience only through American pop culture . . . He writes with the delicacy and intensity of a poet.” —Los Angeles Times Book Review “Andrew Lam writes with the honesty of a true journalist and the feeling of a born storyteller. On his many journeys between Vietnam and the U.S., he sees first-hand the global consequences of war. Perfume Dreams is a meaningful book for our times.” —Maxine Hong Kingston, national bestselling author of *The Woman Warrior* “Lam’s insights into Asian American life

are reflected in candid, witty anecdotes that reveal much about the difficulties of living in two cultures.” —Audrey

Magazine

Latin Jazz Duke University Press

Offers a comprehensive overview of the most important authors, movements, genres, and historical turning points in Latino literature. More than 60 million Latinos currently live in the United States. Yet contributions from writers who trace their heritage to the Caribbean, Central and South America, and Mexico have and continue to be overlooked by critics and general audiences alike. *Latino Literature: An Encyclopedia for Students* gathers the best from these authors and presents them to readers in an informed and accessible way. Intended to be a useful

resource for students, this volume introduces the key figures and genres central to Latino literature. Entries are written by prominent and emerging scholars and are comprehensive in their coverage of the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries. Different critical approaches inform and interpret the myriad complexities of Latino literary production over the last several hundred years. Finally, detailed historical and cultural accounts of Latino diasporas also enrich readers' understandings of the writings that have and continue to be influenced by changes in cultural geography, providing readers with the information they need to appreciate a body of work that will continue to flourish in and alongside Latino communities.

The Weekend Book Proposal University

of Arizona Press

In “No Stopping Any Time,” two-time National Endowment of the Arts winner and Iowa Writer’s Workshop graduate, Sean Brendan-Brown (“The West is a Golden Paradise”) guides us through his collection of poems into a world populated by people we pass on the street—the veteran, the father, the beggar, the “man on a downtown Biloxi bus.” Yet, rather than let us shy away, he shows us their struggle to remain hopeful in the face of love, loss, and pain. And, in doing so, we recognize ourselves.

The Native American Renaissance

University of Oklahoma Press

Winner of the 2022 PEN Open Book

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Tufts Poetry Award! Finalist for the 2022

CLMP Firecracker Awards in Poetry! *Curb* maps our post-9/11 political landscape by locating the wounds of domestic terrorism at unacknowledged sites of racial and religious conflict across cities and suburbs of the United States. Divya Victor documents how immigrants and Americans navigate the liminal sites of everyday living: lawns, curbs, and sidewalks, undergirded by violence but also constantly repaved with new possibilities of belonging. *Curb* witnesses immigrant survival, familial bonds, and interracial parenting in the context of nationalist and white-supremacist violence against South Asians. The book refutes the binary of the model minority and the monstrous, dark "other" by reclaiming the throbbing, many-tongued, vermilion heart of kith.

The January Children Bloomsbury
Publishing USA

The January Children depicts displacement and longing while also questioning accepted truths about geography, history, nationhood, and home. The poems mythologize family histories until they break open, using them to explore aspects of Sudan's history of colonial occupation, dictatorship, and diaspora. Several of the poems speak to the late Egyptian singer Abdelhalim Hafez, who addressed many of his songs to the *asmarani*--an Arabic term of endearment for a brown-skinned or dark-skinned person. Elhillo explores Arabness and Africanness and the tensions generated by a hyphenated identity in those two worlds.
The Wind Shifts University of Pittsburgh

Press

This new edition of *Southern Writers* assumes its distinguished predecessor's place as the essential reference on literary artists of the American South. Broadly expanded and thoroughly revised, it boasts 604 entries--nearly double the earlier edition's--written by 264 scholars. For every figure major and minor, from the venerable and canonical to the fresh and innovative, a biographical sketch and chronological list of published works provide comprehensive, concise, up-to-date information. Here in one convenient source are the South's novelists and short story writers, poets and dramatists, memoirists and essayists, journalists, scholars, and biographers from the colonial period to the twenty-

first century. What constitutes a "southern writer" is always a matter for debate. Editors Joseph M. Flora and Amber Vogel have used a generous definition that turns on having a significant connection to the region, in either a personal or literary sense. New to this volume are younger writers who have emerged in the quarter century since the dictionary's original

publication, as well as older talents previously unknown or unacknowledged. For almost every writer found in the previous edition, a new biography has been commissioned. Drawn from the very best minds on southern literature and covering the full spectrum of its practitioners, Southern Writers is an indispensable reference book for anyone intrigued by the subject.

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