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A Small Place-Jamaica Kincaid 2000-04-28 The author of such books as At the Bottom of the River and My Brother returns to Antigua, the ten-by-twelve mile Caribbean island where she grew up, to explore the effects of colonialism. Reprint. A Small Place-Jamaica Kincaid 2000-04-28 A brilliant look at colonialism and its effects in

Antigua--by the author of Annie John "If you go to Antigua as a tourist, this is what you will see. If you come by aeroplane, you will land at the V. C. Bird International Airport. Vere Cornwall (V. C.) Bird is the Prime Minister of Antigua. You may be the sort of tourist who would wonder why a Prime Minister would want an airport named after him--why not a school, why not a hospital,

why not some great public monument. You are a tourist and you have not yet seen . . ." So begins Jamaica Kincaid's expansive essay, which shows us what we have not yet seen of the ten-by-twelve-mile island in the British West Indies where she grew up. Lyrical, sardonic, and forthright by turns, in a Swiftian mode, *A Small Place* cannot help but amplify our vision of one small place and all that it signifies.

*A Small Place*-Jamaica Kincaid 1988-07 Antigua--a ten-by-twelve-mile island in the British West Indies and the author's birthplace--is the setting of a lyrical, sardonic, and forthright essay that offers an insider's eye-opening view of the lives and ways of her people

*Lucy*-Jamaica Kincaid 2002-09-04 Lucy, a teenage girl from the West Indies, comes to America to work as an au pair for a wealthy couple. She begins to notice cracks in their beautiful façade at the same time that the mysteries of own sexuality begin to unravel. Jamaica Kincaid has created a startling new heroine who is destined to win a place of honor in contemporary fiction.

*At the Bottom of the River*-Jamaica Kincaid 2020-06-02

*Annie John*-Jamaica Kincaid 1997-06-30 Annie John is a haunting and provocative story of a young girl growing up on the island of Antigua. A classic coming-of-age story in the tradition of *The Catcher in the Rye* and *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, Kincaid's novel focuses on a universal, tragic, and often comic theme: the loss of childhood. Annie's voice—urgent, demanding to be heard—is one that will not soon be forgotten by readers. An adored only child, Annie has until recently lived an idyllic life. She is inseparable from her beautiful mother, a powerful presence, who is the very center of the little girl's existence. Loved and cherished, Annie grows and thrives within her mother's benign shadow. Looking back on her childhood, she reflects, "It was in such a paradise that I lived." When she turns twelve, however, Annie's life changes, in ways that are often mysterious to her. She begins to question the cultural assumptions of her island world; at school she instinctively rebels against authority; and most

frighteningly, her mother, seeing Annie as a "young lady," ceases to be the source of unconditional adoration and takes on the new and unfamiliar guise of adversary. At the end of her school years, Annie decides to leave Antigua and her family, but not without a measure of sorrow, especially for the mother she once knew and never ceases to mourn. "For I could not be sure," she reflects, "whether for the rest of my life I would be able to tell when it was really my mother and when it was really her shadow standing between me and the rest of the world." An Analysis of Jamaica Kincaid's *A Small Place*-Giorgia Scribellito 2017-04-22

*My Garden* (Book)-Jamaica Kincaid 2001-05-15 One of our finest writers on one of her greatest loves. Jamaica Kincaid's first garden in Vermont was a plot in the middle of her front lawn. There, to the consternation of more experienced friends, she planted only seeds of the flowers she liked best. In *My Garden* (Book) she gathers all she loves about gardening and plants, and examines it generously, passionately, and with sharp, idiosyncratic discrimination. Kincaid's affections

are matched in intensity only by her dislikes. She loves spring and summer but cannot bring herself to love winter, for it hides the garden. She adores the rhododendron Jane Grant, and appreciates ordinary Blue Lake string beans, but abhors the Asiatic lily. The sources of her inspiration -- seed catalogues, the gardener Gertrude Jekyll, gardens like Monet's at Giverny - - are subjected to intense scrutiny. She also examines the idea of the garden on Antigua, where she grew up. *My Garden* (Book) is an intimate, playful, and penetrating book on gardens, the plants that fill them, and the persons who tend them.

*The Autobiography of My Mother*-Jamaica Kincaid 1996 A seventy-year-old West Indian woman looks back over the course of her life and examines the relationships that have given meaning to her existence

*My Brother*-Jamaica Kincaid 1998-11-09 The author presents a candid portrait of her late brother, an athlete, Rastafarian, and drug addict who died of AIDS at the age of thirty-three  
*Missing Justice*-Alafair Burke 2010-04-01 In the

second entry in this "sharp, new crime series," the search for a missing judge leads Samantha Kincaid into Portland politics and a labyrinth of crime, corruption, and cover-ups (Publishers Weekly) Deputy District Attorney Samantha Kincaid is back at work after an attempt on her life and a promotion into the Major Crimes Unit. When the husband of Portland, Oregon, city judge Clarissa Easterbrook reports her missing and Samantha is called out on the case, she assumes her only job is to make the district attorney look good until the judge turns up. When the police discover evidence of foul play, however, Samantha finds herself unearthing secrets that Clarissa had wanted to stay hidden, the lingering personal tolls of a crime that occurred decades ago. And when those secrets lead to the discovery of corruption at the highest levels of the city's power structure, Samantha realizes that her quest for justice could cost her not only her job but her life. In the skillfully plotted, highly suspenseful follow-up to her acclaimed debut, Judgment Calls, Alafair Burke once again demonstrates that "she's got what it

takes" (Michael Connelly). With its irreverent heroine and seamless blend of squad rooms, street scenes, and courtroom drama, Missing Justice confirms Burke's place among the genre's most talented and exciting newcomers. Talk Stories-Jamaica Kincaid 2002-01-09 From "The Talk of the Town," Jamaica Kincaid's first impressions of snobbish, mobbish New York Talk Pieces is a collection of Jamaica Kincaid's original writing for the New Yorker's "Talk of the Town," composed during the time when she first came to the United States from Antigua, from 1978 to 1983. Kincaid found a unique voice, at once in sync with William Shawn's tone for the quintessential elite insider's magazine, and (though unsigned) all her own--wonderingly alive to the ironies and screwball details that characterized her adopted city. New York is a town that, in return, fast adopts those who embrace it, and in these early pieces Kincaid discovers many of its hilarious secrets and urban mannerisms. She meets Miss Jamaica, visiting from Kingston, and escorts the reader to the West Indian-American Day parade in Brooklyn;

she sees Ed Koch don his "Cheshire-cat smile" and watches Tammy Wynette autograph a copy of Lattimore's *Odyssey*; she learns the worlds of publishing and partying, of fashion and popular music, and how to call a cauliflower a crudite. The book also records Kincaid's development as a young writer--the newcomer who sensitively records her impressions here takes root to become one of our most respected authors. In the Kitchen-Juliet Annan 2020-10-03 A collection to savour and inspire, *In the Kitchen* brings together thirteen contemporary writers whose work brilliantly explores food, capturing their reflections on their culinary experiences in the kitchen and beyond. See Now Then-Jamaica Kincaid 2013-02-05 In *See Now Then*, the brilliant and evocative new novel from Jamaica Kincaid—her first in ten years—a marriage is revealed in all its joys and agonies. This piercing examination of the manifold ways in which the passing of time operates on the human consciousness unfolds gracefully, and Kincaid inhabits each of her characters—a mother, a father, and their two

children, living in a small village in New England—as they move, in their own minds, between the present, the past, and the future: for, as she writes, "the present will be now then and the past is now then and the future will be a now then." Her characters, constrained by the world, despair in their domestic situations. But their minds wander, trying to make linear sense of what is, in fact, nonlinear. *See Now Then* is Kincaid's attempt to make clear what is unclear, and to make unclear what we assumed was clear: that is, the beginning, the middle, and the end. Since the publication of her first short-story collection, *At the Bottom of the River*, which was nominated for a PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction, Kincaid has demonstrated a unique talent for seeing beyond and through the surface of things. In *See Now Then*, she envelops the reader in a world that is both familiar and startling—creating her most emotionally and thematically daring work yet. Slicky Boys-Martin Limon 2004-10-01 The second Sergeant George Sueño investigation, follow-up to the New York Times Notable *Jade Lady*

Burning The Slick Boys rule the back alleys of 1970s Seoul. They can kill a man in a thousand gruesome ways. And you'll never even see them coming. In order to combat the poverty facing South Korea, they sneak onto well-stocked American military compounds to steal, murder anyone in their way, and vanish. US Army Sergeant George Sueño and his partner, Ernie Bascom, take on the perilous mission of infiltrating this underground criminal syndicate when an innocent favor for an Itaewon bar girl leads to murder. From the Trade Paperback edition.

Mr. Potter-Jamaica Kincaid 2002 Spending his days on the roads of the only towns he has ever known, illiterate taxi chauffeur Mr. Potter remembers the lives of his poor fisherman father and suicide victim mother, as well as his experiences with people from the outside world. 50,000 first printing.

Mobile and Entangled America(s)-Maryemma Graham 2016-05-12 A superb combination of focused case studies and high level conceptual thinking, this volume is an important monument

in the ongoing development of Inter-American studies The articles gathered here closely examine a wide variety of cultural phenomena implicated in the 'entanglements' which have defined the history of the Americas. From religious networks to music and dance, and across a range of literary and artistic works, the mobility of people, objects, and ideas in the Americas is expertly mapped. At the same time, the book represents a serious enterprise of theory-building. Drawing on the histories of postcolonial thought, mobility studies, and work on human migration, *Mobile and Entangled America(s)* clearly establishes a new interdisciplinary field attentive both to the complexities of cultural form and the pervasiveness of power relations. Each article stands as a significant piece of scholarship on its own, but all are in dialogue with each other. The result is a richly satisfying and important volume of cultural scholarship.

500 Great Books by Women-Erica Bauermeister 1994 Provides an annotated list of fiction and nonfiction by women authors, including works on

art, ethics, family life, motherhood, pioneer life, power, violence, marriage, and work  
No Motherland, No Fatherland, No Tongue - Jamaica Kincaid's "A Small Place" and the Quest for Antiguan Identity-Ayla Kiran 2007-07-26  
Seminar paper from the year 2005 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 2,0, University of Hamburg (Insitut fur Anglistik und Amerikanistik), course: "I Could Tell You Stories" American Autobiography 1960 to the Present, 25 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Literature on the Caribbean, as Caribbean historiography, has been shaped by white, rich and powerful men: it mostly told the story of someone who had all means - economical, political and cultural, so basically all resources denied to the subaltern - to retell the tale in his favor. Jamaica Kincaid's A Small Place<sup>4</sup> provides a deeply satisfying response to until-then existing chauvinist, Eurocentric and often-times racist representations of Antigua and its people. The book describes Kincaid's native Antigua with highly critical perspectives on its colonial history, on its exploitation by the British,

on its corruption after independence, and on the continuing exploitation through tourism today. The book, which made Kincaid persona non grata on Antigua for years after it was first published, is not afraid to attack all of those whom the "I"-narrator considers responsible for the deplorable state of affairs, both in the past and the present. A Small Place consists of four parts, in which the narrative 'I, ' a native of Antigua with a biography very similar to Kincaid's own, introduces the reader to the island. The first part concentrates on tourism, which is seen as a prolongation of colonialism, with the tourists merely replacing the British colonial power. The second part explores the island's colonial past, slavery, memories of the narrator's childhood under English rule, and the effects of colonial history still visible in Antigua today. Part three denounces the political corruption of the post-independence Antiguan government, and part four analyses the effects of colonialism on the minds of people who have come to believe they are living on the periphery of history. Usin Island People-Joshua Jelly-Schapiro 2016-11-22 A

masterwork of travel literature and of history: voyaging from Cuba to Jamaica, Puerto Rico to Trinidad, Haiti to Barbados, and islands in between, Joshua Jelly-Schapiro offers a kaleidoscopic portrait of each society, its culture and politics, connecting this region's common heritage to its fierce grip on the world's imagination. From the moment Columbus gazed out from the Santa María's deck in 1492 at what he mistook for an island off Asia, the Caribbean has been subjected to the misunderstandings and fantasies of outsiders. Running roughshod over the place, they have viewed these islands and their inhabitants as exotic allure to be consumed or conquered. The Caribbean stood at the center of the transatlantic slave trade for more than three hundred years, with societies shaped by mass migrations and forced labor. But its people, scattered across a vast archipelago and separated by the languages of their colonizers, have nonetheless together helped make the modern world—its politics, religion, economics, music, and culture. Jelly-Schapiro gives a sweeping account of how these islands'

inhabitants have searched and fought for better lives. With wit and erudition, he chronicles this "place where globalization began," and introduces us to its forty million people who continue to decisively shape our world.

Buxton Spice-Oonya Kempadoo 2004 Lula grows up in a racially mixed family in the peaceful village of Tamarind Grove, Guyana, during the 1970s, until the repressive regime of Guyana's dictator spreads its tentacles into the town as tensions among the villagers begin to fester. A first novel. Reprint.

The European Tribe-Caryl Phillips 2017-09-13 In this richly descriptive and haunting narrative, Caryl Phillips chronicles a journey through modern-day Europe, his quest guided by a moral compass rather than a map. Seeking personal definition within the parameters of growing up black in Europe, he discovers that the natural loneliness and confusion inherent in long journeys collides with the bigotry of the "European Tribe"- a global community of whites caught up in an unyielding, Eurocentric history. Phillips deftly illustrates the scenes and characters he

encounters, from Casablanca and Costa del Sol to Venice, Amsterdam, Oslo, and Moscow. He ultimately discovers that "Europe is blinded by her past, and does not understand the high price of her churches, art galleries, and history as the prison from which Europeans speak." In the afterword to the Vintage edition, Phillips revisits the Europe he knew as a young man and offers fresh observations.

Among Flowers-Jamaica Kincaid 2020-12-01 In this travel memoir, the acclaimed novelist Jamaica Kincaid chronicles a three-week trek through Nepal, the spectacular and exotic Himalayan land, where she and her companions are gathering seeds for planting at home. The natural world and, in particular, plants and gardening are central to Kincaid's work; in addition to such novels as *Annie John* and *Lucy*, Kincaid is the author of *My Garden* (Book): a collection of essays about her love of cultivating plants and gardens throughout her life. *Among Flowers* intertwines meditations on nature and stunning descriptions of the Himalayan landscape with observations on the ironies,

difficulties, and dangers of this magnificent journey. For Kincaid and three botanist friends, Nepal is a paradise, a place where a single day's hike can traverse climate zones, from subtropical to alpine, encompassing flora suitable for growing at their homes, from Wales to Vermont. Yet as she makes clear, there is far more to this foreign world than rhododendrons that grow thirty feet high. Danger, too, is a constant companion—and the leeches are the least of the worries. Unpredictable Maoist guerillas live in these perilous mountains, and when they do appear—as they do more than once—their enigmatic presence lingers long after they have melted back into the landscape. And Kincaid, who writes of the looming, lasting effects of colonialism in her works, necessarily explores the irony of her status as memsahib with Sherpas and bearers. A wonderful blend of introspective insight and beautifully rendered description, *Among Flowers* is a vivid, engrossing, and characteristically frank memoir from one of our most striking voices.

Understanding Jamaica Kincaid-Justin D.

Edwards 2007 A comprehensive survey of the life and works of a writer deeply invested in themes of exile and exploitation

Party-Jamaica Kincaid 2019-06-04 "Seeing the story illustrated with artwork by Ricardo Cortés gives it new life, and gives readers a whole new way of being drawn in. Kincaid and Cortés also capture the kind of wonder that children see new experiences through, making this adventure a particularly heartwarming read." --Bookstr "Party has layers. It functions as a subtle message about what it means to witness horror to such a degree that we lose our language for it; it is a quiet story about coming of age, suddenly, as a young black girl because of what the world shows us. It is about the many words our silence can hold, the way our absences can ring as loudly and discordantly as the words we do feel able to say." --Literary Hub "The book's effervescent pictures, and its playful, secretive ending, will have young readers paging through it again and again, constructing stories and observations of their own. Party: A Mystery is an ideal gift for young readers. The book will put kids's curiosity to

work during a busy holiday season." --Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine "Kincaid believes that, in illustrating Party, Cortés only enhanced the story's enigma, providing a greater sense of intrigue and playfulness likely to appeal to young readers." --Publishers Weekly, from a Miami Book Fair 2019 feature "Each girl is so unique and amiable that readers will be drawn into the mystery before they know it, desperately searching for clues. Cortés's expressive paintings help to show the characters' personalities and the setting, providing some hidden hints to readers...A charming book about character and suspense that will be intriguing to many young mystery readers." --School Library Journal "This story by acclaimed author Kincaid gets new life in this picture book with lush, glowingly realistic illustrations...The artwork is gorgeous and the feeling of being a kid who's a little too short to see what's happening will likely resonate with the target audience." --Booklist "This send-up of the Nancy Drew mysteries by Kincaid first appeared as a 1980 New Yorker story about a gala celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first

book's publication. Here, Kincaid's piece is recast as a picture book with dramatic artwork by Cortés...Detailed, almost photographically realistic portraits of girls and partygoers by Cortés, shown against marble architectural backdrops that suggest the New York Public Library, engage throughout...A gem." -- Publishers Weekly "A beautifully drawn picture book adventure story that promises questions that will grab children ages 3-7--but does not guarantee an answer! Unique, uncommon, entertaining, and thoroughly 'kid friendly,' Party: A Mystery is extraordinary and highly recommended." --Midwest Book Review "The illustrations and realism make Party a satisfying read that will resonate with younger siblings (or anyone who has experienced the frustration of ignorance). Two other aspects of Party enhance what is already a thoroughly satisfying book: the ending and the fact that the party is in celebration of Nancy Drew." --Glass of Wine, Glass of Milk Three girls--Pam, Beth, and Sue--attend a party to celebrate the publication of the first of the Nancy Drew mystery books. There are

many distractions at the fancy affair: flower arrangements, partygoers, refreshments, and lots and lots of marble. Suddenly, the oldest girl, Pam, sees what can only be described as something truly...bilious...not good! Beth sees it too. The youngest, Sue, does not, and as usual she has a hard time getting anyone to tell her anything. Party: A Mystery is a beautifully drawn adventure story that promises questions that will grab children, but does not guarantee an answer. Beginning Postcolonialism-John McLeod 2000-07-07 Postcolonialism has become one of the most exciting, expanding and challenging areas of literary and cultural studies today. Designed especially for those studying the topic for the first time, Beginning Postcolonialism introduces the major areas of concern in a clear, accessible, and organized fashion. It provides an overview of the emergence of postcolonialism as a discipline and closely examines many of its important critical writings. Understanding Jamaica Kincaid-Justin D. Edwards 2007 A comprehensive survey of the life and works of a writer deeply invested in themes

of exile and exploitation

I Think We Are Alone-Sally Abbott 2020-02-03

From those electric moments of discovery and connection to the dark hours of isolation, we all seek community and resolution. But sometimes the things that connect us are the very things we need to escape. I Think We Are Alone was commissioned by Frantic Assembly as part of their twenty-fifth anniversary and premiered on a UK tour in 2020 as a co-production with Theatre Royal Plymouth and Curve, Leicester. The original production was co-directed by Kathy Burke and Frantic Assembly's Artistic Director Scott Graham.

Jamaica Kincaid-J. Brooks Bouson 2012-02-01

Offers a new perspective on the psychological and affective dynamics of Jamaica Kincaid's fiction and nonfiction.

Jamaica Kincaid-Moira Ferguson 1994 As a writer who has been quoted as saying she writes to save her life- that is she couldn't write, she would be a revolutionary- Antiguan novelist Jamaica Kincaid translates this passion into searing, exhilarating prose. Her weaving of

history, autobiography, fiction, and polemic has won her a large readership. In this first book-length study of her work, Moira Ferguson examines all of Kincaid's writing up to 1992, focusing especially on their entwinement of personal and political identity. In doing so, she draws a parallel between the dynamics of the mother-daughter relationship in Kincaid's fiction and the more political relationship of the colonizer and the colonized. Ferguson calls this effect the "doubled mother"- a conception of motherhood as both colonial and biological. The Postcolonial Country in Contemporary Literature-L. Loh 2013-11-25 By situating a range of contemporary literary texts against the backdrop of the legacies of a vast rural network of empire, this book collectively critiques not only the rural heritage industry of the 1980s in Britain but also the effect of neocolonial globalisation on postcolonial rural spaces. My Favorite Plant-Jamaica Kincaid 1998-11 Gathers essays and poems by authors who garden and gardeners who write, including D.H. Lawrence, Christopher Lloyd, Michael Fox,

Colette, Nancy Goodwin, and Maxine Kumin  
The Trial of Lady Chatterley's Lover-Sybille  
Bedford 2016-10 The first full-scale literary trial  
in Britain's history - re-counted by the ever-  
charming and inimitable Sybille Bedford.  
Monkey Bridge-Lan Cao 1998-06-01 Hailed by  
critics and writers as powerful, important fiction,  
Monkey Bridge charts the unmapped territory of  
the Vietnamese American experience in the  
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bridge?a bridge, built of spindly bamboo, used by  
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perilously between worlds past and present, East  
and West, in telling two interlocking stories: one,  
the Vietnamese version of the classic immigrant  
experience in America, told by a young girl; and  
the second, a dark tale of betrayal, political  
intrigue, family secrets, and revenge?her  
mother?s tale. The haunting and beautiful terrain  
of Monkey Bridge is the "luminous motion," as it  
is called in Vietnamese myth and legend,  
between generations, encompassing Vietnamese  
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selected Caribbean women writers from Antigua,  
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Marshall, Pauline Melville, Jean Rhys and Olive  
Senior, but also personal statements from the  
writers Merle Collins, Beryl Gilroy, Vernella  
Fuller and Velma Pollard.  
The Hopwood Awards-Nicholas Delbanco 2006  
The Hopwood Awards: 75 Years of Prized Writing

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Jamaica Kincaid-Lizabeth Paravisini-Gebert 1999

Examines the themes and techniques used in the major works of Jamaica Kincaid.

Shelter-Kara Rosenlund 2016-03-01 Driving down a dirt track one day photographer, stylist and adventurer Kara Rosenlund came across a beautiful but dilapidated farmhouse. Its lonely, worn loveliness kindled a passion in Kara to photograph and celebrate Australia's authentic, intriguing rural homes and the people who live in them. As she travelled the country, documenting raw and real interiors and landscapes, she found shelter - under the roofs of beach shacks, grand homesteads, sheep stations and shipping containers, and in the welcome of strangers.

It All Turns on Affection-Wendell Berry 2012-09-01 An impassioned and rigorous appeal for reconnection to the land and human feeling by one of America's most heartfelt and humble writers. When he accepted the invitation to deliver The Jefferson Lecture—our nation's highest honor for distinguished intellectual achievement—Wendell Berry decided to take on the obligation of thinking again about the problems that have engaged him throughout his

long career. He wanted a fresh start, not only in looking at the groundwork of the problems facing our nation and the earth itself, but in gaining hope from some examples of repair and healing even in these times of Late Capitalism and its destructive contagions. As a poet and writer he understood already that much can be gleaned from looking at the vocabulary of these problems themselves and how we describe them. And he settled on “affection” as a method of engagement and solution. The result is the greatest speech he has delivered in his six decades of public life. It All Turns on Affection will take its place alongside The Unsettling of America and The Gift of Good Land as major testaments to the power and clarity of his contribution to American thought. Also included are a small handful of other recent essays and a wonderful conversation

between Mr. Berry, his wife Tanya Berry, and the head of the National Endowment of the Humanities Jim Leech, which took place just after the award was announced. The result offers a wonderful continuation of the long conversation Berry has had with his readers over many years and as well as a fine introduction to his life and work. “These powerful, challenging essays show why Berry’s vision of a sustainable, human-scaled society has proven so influential.” —Publishers Weekly “Wendell Berry is one of those rare individuals who speaks to us always of responsibility, of the individual cultivation of an active and aware participation in the arts of life.” —The Bloomsbury Review

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