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The Roots of Things Jan 10 2021 A collection of speeches, critical essays and introductions to other writers' works includes the author's thoughts on feminism, her childhood, the state of poetry and humans' place in the natural world. By the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Up Country. Original.

Chasing My Demons Jul 16 2021 I have lived a life of faith so strong that when supernatural experiences have occurred in my life, I just believed-to believe in the unseen and to know in a place deep inside that what you hear, see, or witness is the truth. How do I begin to summarize the story of my life?

Moyers on America Mar 12 2021 The Peabody Award-winning journalist shares stories and insights into our country and the crises we face in an "eloquent selection of . . . commentaries" (Publishers Weekly, starred review). Millions of Americans have invited Bill Moyers into their homes over the years. With television programs covering topics from American history, politics, and religion to the role of media and the world of ideas, he has become one of America's most trusted journalists. Now Moyers presents, for the first time, a powerful

statement of his own personal beliefs—political and moral. Combining illuminating forays into American history with candid comments on today's politics, Moyers delivers perceptive and trenchant insights into the American experience. From his early years as a Texas journalist to his role as a founding organizer of the Peace Corps, top assistant to President Lyndon Johnson, publisher of *Newsday*, senior correspondent and analyst for CBS News, and producer of many of public television's groundbreaking series, Moyers has been actively engaged in some of the most volatile episodes of the past fifty years. Drawing from these experiences, he shares his unique understanding of American politics and an enduring faith in the nation's promise and potential. Whether reflecting on today's media climate, corporate scandals, or religious and political upheavals, *Moyers on America* recovers the hopes of the past to establish their relevance for the present. "Not only a good reporter . . . a first-rate storyteller." —The Boston Globe

Every Day, Just Write      Jun 14 2021

Stag's Leap    Sep 25 2019 Digte. A sequence of poems, that tells the story of a divorce,

embracing strands of love, sex, sorrow,  
memory, and new freedom

The Father Sep 29 2022 A searing sequence of poems about a daughter's vision of a father's illness and death—by "a poet for these times, a powerful woman who won't back down" (San Francisco Chronicle) and winner of the Pulitzer Prize and T. S. Eliot Prize

The Father chronicles these events in a connected narrative, from the onset of the illness to reflections in the years after the death. The book is, most of all, a series of acts of understanding. The poems are impelled by a passion to know, and a freedom to follow wherever the truth may lead. The book goes into area of feeling and experience rarely entered in poetry. The ebullient language, the startling, far-reaching images, the sense of extraordinary connectedness seize us immediately. Sharon Olds transforms a harsh reality with truthfulness, with beauty, with humor—and without bitterness. The deep pain in The Father arises from a death, and from understanding a life. But there is joy as well. In the end, we discover we have been reading not a grim accounting but an inspiring tragedy, transcending the personal. The radiance and daring that have

always distinguished Sharon Old's work find here their most powerful expression.

The Thing Is     Apr 24 2022 The Thing Is . . .  
A novel, a confession, a poem, an autofiction, a commonplace book, a prose poem. By turns serious and playful, profound and trivial, sad and joyful, *The Thing Is* is a shape-shifting narrative: one that starts out as written by an alien, seeing the earth and its inhabitants from the outside. This perspective then becomes that of an everychild, who vaguely remembers having once been an alien, and evolves into the biography of everybody who has ever lived. The narrative moves deftly from an ingenious theory about the origins of the universe and the emergence of life, to a riff on the poetic power of doorways (and other thresholds); or from stories about things hidden from view or buried by time, to what it feels like to be alive at this particular moment in history. Beautifully wrought, often funny and poignant, *The Thing Is* is designed to be read in a variety of ways: in gobbets, all in one go, slowly, quickly, repeatedly. This slow/fast read is the perfect novel for our fast/slow times. Whatever *The Thing Is* is to you, it will provide a new twist on the continuing

adaptability of the form that we call the novel.

Connaître Sacral Olo Feb 08 2021 I wrote this to help the American audience repair its relationship with sex. It took twenty-one years to write this book. No one has ever used one's own life as grounds for data gathering for sex. This book is not about tips and techniques but about philosophy. A female philosopher wrote this book. This book is a companion to *The Meaning of a Metaphorical Life*, a memoir that focuses on Christianity to show the inherent compatibility of sex with Christianity. This book is novel not only in content but also in format and style, where it is written as a collaboration between two people, both called me. The first part of the book is a giant quotation to maintain the integrity of what I had written previously as a younger person. The content of the first part of the book comes from me as a youthful writer. Footnotes come from me as editor.

Encyclopedia of Feminist Literature Sep 17 2021 Presents articles on feminist literature, including significant authors, themes and history.

Baseball/Literature/Culture May 02 2020 The Indiana State University Conference on

Baseball in Literature and American Culture has consistently produced a strong body of scholarship since its inception in 1995. Eighteen essays presented at the 2004 and 2005 ISU conferences are published in this work. In "Baseball is a Place: Reflections On Building a Baseball Novel," novelist Mick Cochrane discusses writing a baseball novel, using his 2002 novel *Sport* to exemplify the process. Tracy Collins, in "Women, American Society, and Baseball Literature in the High Cannon," examines the ways in which canonical baseball novels are obliged to exclude women. In "'A Grim Harvest': Baseball's Changing of the Guard, 1931," Steve Gietschier shows baseball progressing from the tenuous agreements of the early modern era to become a stable urban business ready to take on the challenges of the mid-century. Joan Thomas's "Baseball and America, a Timeless Love Story" muses on the ways in which fans' relationship with baseball is like that of the lover to the beloved, irrational, forgiving, even maddening but always total. Fourteen other essays on the literature and culture of the game take on topics that include Josh Gibson and Satchel Paige, August Wilson's *Fences*, baseball's long connection with presidents,

its even longer connection with tobacco, and the virtue of cheering Chicago's Cubs.

Understanding Sharon Olds      Dec 01 2022

Understanding Sharon Olds explores this Pulitzer Prize-winning poet's major themes, characters, life, and career, including her often-controversial portrayals of family dysfunction, sexuality, and violence against women. In this first book dedicated entirely to the poetry of Sharon Olds, Russell Brickey examines how Olds approaches these difficult and complex topics with pathos and intimate, sometimes provocatively private, details through poetry that not all her critics appreciate. Olds has never shied away from difficult subject matter. Her first award-winning book, *Satan Says*, is a feminist exploration of gender politics and adolescent discovery. *The Father* comprises a book-length elegy about cancer. *Stag's Leap*, Olds's Pulitzer Prize-winning volume, is a surprisingly tender look at divorce in modern American culture. Extremely personal, her poems often deal with the victories and contradictions of being a woman in the United States during a time when the country is often involved in racial upheavals and military conflicts overseas. She investigates the victories and



contradictions of being a wife and mother during the era of feminism, as one of our most honest, most overt poets of female sexuality and its relationship to family life and its place within the history of humanity. Brickey organizes each chapter around a theme or a persona within Olds's cast of characters. These include poems dedicated to mothers, fathers, children, and the arc of history. Through his close readings, Brickey shows how and where Olds has expanded the tradition of confessional poetry (literature that deals with psychology, family, love, and sexuality), a term Olds disdains but nevertheless expanded into commentary about the human condition in all its paradoxes.

One Secret Thing     Jan 02 2023 Sharon Olds completes her cycle of family poems in a book at once intense and harmonic, playful with language, and rich with a new self-awareness and sense of irony. The opening poem, with its sequence of fearsome images of war, serves as a prelude to poems of home in which humor, anger, and compassion sing together with lyric energy—sometimes comic, sometimes filled with a kind of unblinking forgiveness. These songs of joy and danger—public and private—illuminate one

another. As the book unfolds, the portrait of the mother goes through a moving revisioning, leading us to a final series of elegies of hard-won mourning. One Secret Thing is charged throughout with Sharon Olds's characteristic passion, imagination, and poetic power. The doctor on the phone was young, maybe on his first rotation in the emergency room. On the ancient boarding-school radio, in the attic hall, the announcer had given my boyfriend's name as one of two brought to the hospital after the sunrise service, the egg-hunt, the crash—one of them critical, one of them dead. I was looking at the stairwell banisters, at their lathing, the necks and knobs like joints and bones, the varnish here thicker here thinner—I had said Which one of them died, and now the world was an ant's world: the huge crumb of each second thrown, somehow, up onto my back, and the young, tired voice said my fresh love's name. from "Easter 1960"

Gold Cell Jul 28 2022 A new collection by the much praised poet whose second book THE DEAD AND THE LIVING, was both the Lamont Poetry Selection for 1983 and winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award.

Essential Love Nov 27 2019 In this

inspiring collection of vibrant poems, contemporary American poets speak out on a universal theme: the unbreakable bond shared by parents and their children. With kindness, nostalgia, forgiveness and love, poets recall their parents. Book jacket.

Poetics of the Body      Mar 31 2020 Poetics of the Body examines representations of the body in the work of four important twentieth-century poets: Edna St. Vincent Millay, Elizabeth Bishop, Marilyn Chin, and Marilyn Hacker. Drawing on both past and present discussions regarding the place of the body in relation to Western philosophy, gender, sexuality, desire, creative production, and narrative, this study reveals how the poetic bodies in the poetry of these women negotiate the intersecting ideologies that attempt to regulate the body, its characteristics, and its behaviors. Ultimately, this dynamic book considers what it means to possess a body.

Appetite      Dec 09 2020 A cornucopia of poems on food and its place in women's imaginations and sensibilities.

The House is Made of Poetry      May 14 2021 Ruth Stone has always eschewed self-promotion and, in the words of Leslie Fiedler, "has never been a member of any

school or clique or gaggle of mutual admirers." But her poems speak so vibrantly for her that she cannot be ignored. In her preface to this volume, Sandra M. Gilbert declares that Stone's "intense attention to the ordinary transforms it into (or reveals it as) the extraordinary. Her passionate verses evoke impassioned responses." At the same time, Gilbert continues, the essays collected here "consistently testify to Stone's radical unworldliness, in particular her insouciant contempt for the 'floor walkers and straw bosses' who sometimes seem to control the poetry 'factory' both inside and outside the university." Wendy Barker and Sandra Gilbert have organized the book into three sections: "Knowing Ruth Stone," "A Life of Art," and "Reading Ruth Stone." In "Knowing Ruth Stone," writers of different generations who have known the poet over the years provide memoirs. Noting Stone's singularity, Fiedler points out that "she resists all labels" and is "one of the few contemporaries whom it is possible to think of simply as a 'poet.'" Sharon Olds defines her vitality ("A Ruth Stone poem feels alive in the hands"), and Jan Freeman praises her aesthetic intensity ("Everything in the life of Ruth Stone is integrated with

poetry"). "A Life of Art" sketches the outlines of Stone's career and traces her evolution as a poet. Barker and Norman Friedman, for example, trace her development from the "high spirits and elegant craft" of her first volume--*In an Iridescent Time*--through the "deepening shadows," "poignant wit," and "bittersweet meditations" of her later work. In interviews separated by decades (one in the 1970s and one in the 1990s), Sandra Gilbert and Robert Bradley discuss with Stone her own sense of her aesthetic origins and literary growth.

"Reading Ruth Stone" is an examination of Stone's key themes and modes. Diane Wakoski and Diana O'Hehir focus on the tragicomic vision that colors much of her work; Kevin Clark and Elyse Blankley explore the political aspects of her poetry; Roger Gilbert analyzes her "often uncannily astute insights into the 'otherness' of other lives"; Janet Lowery and Kandace Brill Lombart draw on the biographical background of Stone's "grief work"; and Sandra Gilbert studies her *caritas*, her empathic love that redeems pain.

Known and Strange Things      Oct 07 2020 A blazingly intelligent first collection of essays from the award-winning author of *Open*

City and Every Day Is for the Thief. With these pieces on politics, photography, travel, history and literature - many of which have become viral sensations, shared and debated around the globe - Teju Cole solidifies his place as one of today's most powerful and original voices. On page after page, deploying prose dense with beauty and ideas, he finds fresh and potent ways to interpret art, people and historical moments. Cole tells of his engagement with Virginia Woolf through her diaries, before reflecting on an episode of temporary blindness in New York. He looks at the rise of Instagram and interrogates the value of its images. He examines the transition of the candidate Obama, the avid reader, into a 'forever-war' president on the global stage. Persuasive and provocative, erudite yet accessible, *Known and Strange Things* is an opportunity to live within Teju Cole's wide-ranging enthusiasms, curiosities and passions, and a chance to see the world in surprising and affecting new frames. 'A book written with a scalpel, a microscope, and walking shoes, full of telling details and sometimes big surprises.' Rebecca Solnit

Stag's Leap Oct 19 2021 Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry and the T.S. Eliot

Poetry Prize Stag's Leap, Sharon Olds' stunningly poignant new sequence of poems, tells the story of a divorce, embracing strands of love, sex, sorrow, memory, and new freedom. In this wise and intimate telling - which carries us through the seasons when her marriage was ending - Sharon Olds opens her heart to the reader, sharing the feeling of invisibility that comes when we are no longer standing in love's sight; the surprising physical passion that still exists between a couple during parting; the loss of everything from her husband's smile to the set of his hip. Olds is naked before us, curious and brave and even generous toward the man who was her mate for thirty years and now loves another woman. As she writes in the remarkable title poem, 'When anyone escapes, my heart / leaps up. Even when it's I who am escaped from, / I am half on the side of the leaver'. Olds' propulsive poetic line and the magic of her imagery are as lively as ever, and there is a new range to the music - sometimes headlong, sometimes contemplative and deep. Her unsparing approach to both pain and love makes this one of the finest, most powerful books of poetry Olds has yet given us.

Women Poets on Mentorship Aug 17 2021 Short

essays by women poets on mentoring women poets; includes poems by the subjects and authors.

Blessed Events Aug 24 2019 Blessed Events explores how women who give birth at home use religion to make sense of their births and in turn draw on their birthing experiences to bring meaning to their lives and families. Pamela Klassen introduces a surprisingly diverse group of women, in their own words, while also setting their birth stories within wider social, political, and economic contexts. In doing so, she emerges with a study that disrupts conventional views of both childbirth and religion by blurring assumed divisions between conservative and feminist women and by taking childbirth seriously as a religious act. Most American women who have a choice give birth in a hospital and request pain medication. Yet enough women choose and advocate unmedicated home birth--and do so for carefully articulated reasons, social resistance among them--to constitute a movement. Klassen investigates why women whose religious affiliations range from Old Order Amish to Reform Judaism to goddess-centered spirituality defy majority opinion, the medical establishment, and



sometimes the law to have their babies at home. In considering their interpretations--including their critiques of the dominant medical model of childbirth and their views on labor pain--she examines the kinds of agency afforded to or denied women as they derive religious meanings from childbirth. Throughout, she identifies tensions and affinities between feminist and traditionalist appraisals of the symbolic meaning of birth and the power of women. What does home birth--a woman-centered movement working to return birth to women's control--mean in practice for women's gender and religious identities? Is this supreme valuing of procreation and motherhood constraining, or does it open up new realms of cultural and social power for women? By asking these questions while remaining cognizant of religion's significance, *Blessed Events* challenges both feminist and traditionalist accounts of childbearing while broadening our understanding of how religion is "lived" in contemporary America.

The Dead and the Living      May 26 2022 Poems  
deal with death, childhood, marriage, love,  
parenthood, and family relationships

Help for the Haunted      Dec 21 2021 It begins

with a call one snowy February night. Lying in her bed, fourteen-year-old Sylvie Mason overhears her parents on the phone across the hall. This is not the first late-night call they have received, since her mother and father have an uncommon occupation: helping 'haunted souls' find peace. And yet something in Sylvie senses that this call is different from the others, especially when they are lured to the old church on the outskirts of town. Once there, her parents disappear, one after the other, behind the church's red door, leaving Sylvie alone in the car. Not long after, she drifts off to sleep, only to wake to the sound of gunfire. As the story weaves back and forth through the years leading up to that night and the months following, the ever-inquisitive Sylvie searched for answers and uncovers secrets that have haunted her family for years . . . Help for the Haunted is a psychological thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat, told in the captivating voice of a young heroine who is determined to discover the truth about what happened that winter night.

A Writer's Workbook    Apr 12 2021 Aspiring doctors have medical school. Karate students have belts of different colors. Pianists

have scales and arpeggios. But what system do writers have for getting and staying "in shape," to help them focus, practice, and make progress? A Writer's Workbook is Caroline Sharp's ingenious collection of exercises to inspire, encourage, warm up, and jump-start anyone who writes. A wise and funny friend who will cheerlead you through even your darkest can't-write days and "every idea I've ever had is awful" nights, she provides encouraging suggestions, hilarious observations, and an amazingly vivid catalogue of writers' neuroses (with advice on overcoming them, of course). From "Roget's Resume" and "Emulating Ernest" to "End Well," "The Rewrite Rut," and "Dear John," the exercises in this generous, wry workbook will keep your ideas fresh, your mind open, and your pen moving.

Strike Sparks      Oct 31 2022 A powerful collection from one of our most gifted and widely read poets—117 of her finest poems drawn from her seven published volumes. Michael Ondaatje has called Sharon Olds's poetry "pure fire in the hands" and cheered the "roughness and humor and brag and tenderness and completion in her work as she carries the reader through rooms of passion and loss." This rich selection exhibits

those qualities in poem after poem, reflecting, moreover, an exciting experimentation with rhythm and language and a movement toward an embrace beyond the personal. Subjects are revisited—the pain of childhood, adolescent sexual stirrings, the fulfillment of marriage, the wonder of children—but each recasting penetrates ever more deeply, enriched by new perceptions and conceits. *Strike Sparks* is a testament to this remarkable poet's continuing and amazing growth.

*Things We Found When the Water Went Down*  
Aug 05 2020 In this dark and ethereal debut novel, a young woman tries to make sense of strange artifacts and unsettling memories in an effort to find her mother—missing since being accused of murder. When brutish miner Hugo Mitchum is found murdered on the frozen shore of a North Country lake, the local officials and town gossips of Beau Caelais are quick to blame Marietta Abernathy, outspoken environmental activist and angry, witchy recluse. But Marietta herself has disappeared under mysterious circumstances. Living on an isolated island with her father, Marietta's sixteen-year-old daughter, Lena, begins sifting through her mother's journals and collected oddities in

an attempt to find her. While her father's grief threatens to consume him and her adoptive aunt Bea reckons with guilt and acceptance, it is the haunting town outcast Ellis Olsen who might have the most to lose if Lena fails to find her mother. A Nordic eco-noir shot through with magical realism, *Things We Found When the Water Went Down* examines power, identity, and myth in a story that asks us to explore what it means to heal—or not—after violence.

Balladz Jan 22 2022 Arguably America's greatest living poet, Sharon Olds enters her eightieth year with a book for our times: a book of fear, fragility and love of life 'At the time of have-not, I look at myself in this mirror,' writes Olds in this self-scouring, exhilarating collection, which opens with a section of quarantine poems, followed by her 'Amherst Balladz', honouring Emily Dickinson - 'she was our Girl - our Woman - / Man enough - for me' - and leads to celebrations of lost friends and lovers: her childhood, young womanhood, and old age all mixed up together. She examines her white privilege, sees her mother 'flushed and exalted at punishment time', celebrates the human body, even in ageing, and looks with wonder at the natural world and how

we've spoiled it. Renowned for her poetry of searing honesty, sexual frankness and brave originality, Sharon Olds' new book emerges 'at the eleventh hour of the end of the world', from the time of plague, this time of loss, where she can look at the world and her life and tell us plainly 'love is the love of who we are, it is a form of knowing.'

The Creative Writer, Level Three: Building Your Craft (The Creative Writer) \_\_\_\_\_ Jun 26 2022

The third volume of the four-book series that guides students into the creation of sophisticated short fiction and mature poetry. • Complements Peace Hill Press's expository series Writing With Skill by providing the imaginative element that many students want. • Unlike most "how to write" books, these are designed to be used in a mentor/student relationship, with teaching, guidance, and evaluation tips provided for the mentor or teacher. • All exercises build towards the production of finished creative pieces • Sequential, logical, step-by-step instruction • The third level builds on the introductory volume, The Creative Writer: Five Finger Exercises, but can be started directly by older students. • Instruction in the five essentials of fiction: plot,

characters, dialogue, point of view, and setting. Level Three leads students into the construction of more complex plots, evocative settings, and three-dimensional characters • Guidance in the essential art of poetry: sound, rhythm, word choice, and poem construction. Level Three draws students into even more sophisticated use of words and themes.

Liz Lochhead, Roger McGough, Sharon Olds

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Aug 29 2022 This is the fourth volume in a series which aims to show the richness and diversity of contemporary poetry. It offers representative poems of three poets, Liz Lochhead, Roger McGough and Sharon Olds, who chose the poems themselves.

Conversations with Natasha Trethewey Nov 19 2021 Collected interviews with the United States Poet Laureate, Pulitzer Prize winner, and author of *Domestic Work*, *Beyond Katrina*, and *Thrall*

The Poet's Companion: A Guide to the Pleasures of Writing Poetry Oct 26 2019 Explains the process of writing poetry, including what subjects to use, how to overcome writer's block, tips on getting published, and offers writing exercises

The Depiction of Human Misery in Sharon Olds' "The Food-Thief" and Adrienne Rich's

"Shattered Head" Nov 07 2020 Seminar paper from the year 2008 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 1,3, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (Department of English and Linguistics), language: English, abstract: When it comes to women's poetry in the 20th and 21st centuries, Sharon Olds and Adrienne Rich are two of the most accomplished poets of our time. Rich became famous in the 1960s and 1970s for her engagement in (feminist) politics, as an activist, strongly committed to the use of poetry as an instrument of social change. Olds, who was born thirteen years after Rich, is not so much known for her political engagement but rather her obsession with "the foodlike and procreative possibilities of human bodies," and her love for "images of animals, soil, blood and eggs" (Ostriker 242). The sometimes physical aggressiveness of her style and provocative poems like "The Pope's Penis" have even earned her a reputation for being pornographic. Human misery as a topic in poetry is probably as old as the genre of poetry itself, but what can be of particular interest is how such a seemingly basic human condition can be used poetically to bring across different messages. In the following analysis of



Rich's poem "Shattered Head" and Olds's "The Food-Thief", I will exemplify how the contrasting depictions of human misery were used by the poets to convey their very different political attitudes.

Real Things Feb 20 2022 "What a great premise for an anthology! And it succeeds, both in its celebration of our crazy culture and its fascinating analysis, through the poems, of popular myths that have stood the test of time." —Kliatt In the past few decades, poetry about and around popular culture has become a very hip contemporary art form. Real Things is a collection of over 150 poems by more than 130 poets who themselves represent the cultural diversity of the United States. With subjects ranging from the influence of Mickey Mouse on child-raising to the relationship of Barbie to sex in America, from the societal effects of the movie Psycho to our fascination with dirty politics and Ralph Kramden, the poems in this anthology question and celebrate the attitudes that our society shares.

The Father Dec 29 2019 A daughter chronicles the events of her father's illness and death in a sequence of poems

The Joy of Doing Things Badly Sep 05 2020  
In a society that puts so much emphasis on

perfection, Veronica Chambers mischievously casts aside the guilt-inducing litany of “shoulda, coulda, woulda” that seems to define modern-day life and replaces it with a resounding call to live with “foolish bravery.” Refreshingly open about the personal failures and limitations that once weighed her down with shame, Chambers describes how she turned her less-than-perfect qualities into sources of delight and satisfaction. From belting out off-key renditions of torch songs while washing the dishes to seeing even the most unlikely career opportunity as a chance to spread one’s wings, Chambers shows that a willingness to fall flat on one’s face heightens the joys of everyday life and opens a new, wonderfully liberating perspective on work, motherhood, aging, friendship, failure, and success. With a winning combination of lighthearted anecdotes and heartfelt musings, Chambers encourages readers to follow her example and do the things that tickle their fancies and fire their imaginations—no matter what other people (and that little voice inside) may say. Like Chambers herself, they’ll discover that “what we consider our failures have a surprising ability to charm . . . we are

loved for our imperfections—for our funny faces and walks and dances and songs.”

You Must Change Your Life Jul 04 2020 “Not limited to a single poem or collection of poems, ur-poetry arises when, in the interaction of an author's principal tropes, the origin of poetry is exposed as a process whereby words with inherited meaning take on a new poetic life that draws our attention to the “birth of sense”--The manner in which the manifold realities that surround us are revealed. And it is precisely through an experience of the birth of sense that we are able to understand and dwell differently among these realities.”--Jacket.

The Forms of Things Unknown Mar 24 2022 The Forms of Things Unknown: Teaching Poetry Writing to Teens and Adults draws from Shelley Savren’s forty years of teaching poetry writing to a diverse array of students, from teens with mental health issues to seniors to adults with developmental disabilities. Designed for use in a classroom or community setting, this book features forty-one lesson plans and nineteen more poetry-writing workshop ideas and provides guidance and inspiration for teaching poetry writing to teens and adults.

She-Fire Jan 28 2020 SHE-FIRE is a modern

vision quest whose narrative commentary shows language at work, probing metaphoric meanings. Readers on an armchair safari in Kenya study the human animal—via warthogs, elephants, zebras—confronting ancient religions' fabrications that still command today's America, unchallenged. Many consequent evils have been heaped on nature, human nature, women and sexuality, with medieval supernaturalism as accuser, while it poses as redeemer. Currently, wars of huge proportion loom over spectral tomorrows, as three fundamentalisms force their theistic cliches into power's killing fields, until atheism's dead religions look good. A better way opens with She-fire's mediating journey. It speaks the unspeakable in friendly, engaging ways, learning— from hides of giraffes, mating of lions, clear springs from Kilimanjaro—to evoke religions' transformations. She-fire redefines and relocates the sacred, urging seekers to create what the human spirit needs for the future, without throwing away what it needs from the past: our Greek heritage, plus the best from discredited faiths. While a thousand are hacking at the branches of evil, this book strikes at the root, (Thoreau). She-fire affirms Life and God,

honoring Nature, Earth, Humanity, Universe, Mystery almost palpable as safarists reclaim civilization, where America is still the best place to welcome open civil discussion.

Sing with the Heart of a Bear Jun 02 2020

"[Lincoln] invites fresh readings of the 'mainstream' poets, introduces literary scholars to useful critical viewpoints rarely encountered in English departments, provokes our historical imaginations with unexpected comparisons, and offers a sustained response to critics and authors who advocate rigid ethnic and literary categories."—Kenneth Roemer, University of Texas at Austin

The Body and the Book Feb 29 2020 The stimulating mix of academics and practising poets that have contributed to this volume provides an unusual and illuminating integration of critical and creative practice and a vibrantly diverse approach to questions of poetry and sexuality. Each section of essays is complemented by poems which creatively illustrate or develop the theme with which the essays critically engage. Rather than being limited to a specific genre, tradition, time or place, this collection seeks to make a virtue of contrast, comparison and juxtaposition. The

collection is arranged into sections that range broadly across the thematic ground of dichotomies, traditions and revisions, microscopic and macroscopic perspectives, women and embodiment, and the notion of play and performance. Positioning eighteenth-century tinkers ballads alongside medieval Hebrew lyrics and the Blues of 'Gorgeous Puddin', or making Dionysus rub shoulders with Sharon Olds and Mrs Rochester provides new perspectives on familiar material and valuable insights into more obscure work and the nature of sensual poetry as a mode of expression. As the editors suggest, the essays and poems presented collectively argue that writings about sexuality are always already about the way poets see and represent our bodies, the world and poetic language itself.

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