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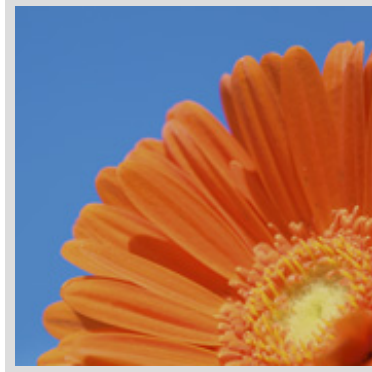
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"A Conspicuous Blossoming:" The Emergence of Prose Writing by Ukrainian Women.



Canadian Jenn Farrell's brazen collection *The Devil You Know* is closely examined by Joyce Nickel.

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THE BOOK OF HAPPENSTANCE

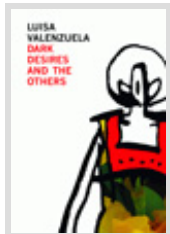
Ingrid Winterbach

Translated from the Afrikaans by Dirk and Ingrid Winterbach

When reading this novel, the words meditate, ruminate, and reflect all come to mind—a contemplation of the meaning of our lives, on loss and how we can deal with it in an increasingly secularized and fragmented world where the traditional comforts of family, religion and the "old ways" are disappearing.

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DARK DESIRES AND THE OTHERS

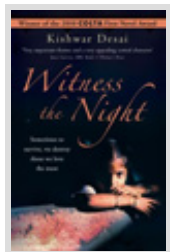
Luisa Valenzuela

Translated by Susan E. Clark

Dark Desires and the Others is both an erotic memoir and a meditation on writing. Taken from Valenzuela's diaries written in New York between 1979 and 1982, it is a series of essays ...

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WITNESS THE NIGHT

Kishwar Desai

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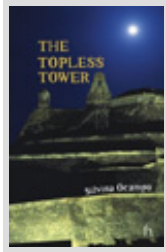
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THE TOPLESS TOWER

Silvina Ocampo

Translated from the Spanish by James Womack

Little Leandro, nine, having displeased a gentleman visitor who may be the Devil, finds himself a prisoner in the tower which gives this story its title. He discovers a room set up with all the requisites a painter could need. He begins to paint.

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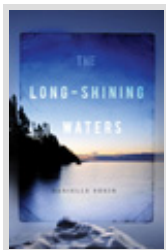
BIG GIRL SMALL

Rachel DeWoskin

Judy Lohden is smart and talented; she has a scathing sense of humour and is just a little bit conceited. She is 16 years old, starting a new year in a new school, trying to find her place in the often vicious, often changing world that is high school.

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THE LONG-SHINING WATERS

Danielle Sosin

Lake Superior in North America, which extends into both Canada and the United States, is arguably the largest freshwater lake in the world. For generations it has fascinated, frightened and served those who have visited its waters, among them Indians, explorers, trappers, hunters, missionaries ...

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Charlotte Simpson reports on this exciting literary event.



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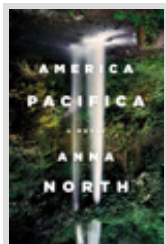


DOC: A NOVEL
Mary Doria Russell

Doc Holliday is known primarily as Hollywood and dime store novels have portrayed him: as a cold-blooded gunslinger, calculating at cards, and most often with a whiskey in one hand and a revolver in the other.

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AMERICA PACIFICA
Anna North

Anna North's young adult novel, *America Pacifica*, is a grungy, thrill-a-minute frappe of familiar dystopian elements—scuzzy landscape, crazy tyrants, social and environmental exploitation—garnished with ...

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