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## Reviews

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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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Reviewed by **Kathleen Ambrogi**



**LIKE BEES TO HONEY**  
*Caroline Smailes*

In her latest novel *Like Bees to Honey* Smailes weaves a beautiful story of redemption and renews our way of seeing the world as she does so. The storyline follows Nina, a burdened and troubled woman, as she travels from her adopted home in Liverpool to her native hometown in Malta.

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Reviewed by **Flavia Baralle**



**FIVE BELLS**  
*Gail Jones*

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Reviewed by **Amanda Meale**

## Jacqueline Bishop



Arlene McKanic interviews the Caribbean author, editor and poet



## Anna Gavalda



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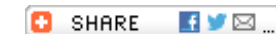
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**DOC: A NOVEL**  
*Mary Doria Russell*

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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Reviewed by **Lisa Sanders**



**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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Reviewed by **Andy Barnes**



**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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Reviewed by **Tad Deffler**

## PEN Free the Word! festival in London



Charlotte Simpson reports on this exciting literary event.



## CONVERSATIONS:



Three readers discuss Kathleen Winter's Award-Winning novel, *Annabel*





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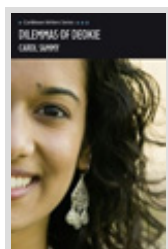
*Mercè Rodoreda*

*Translated from the Catalan by Martha Tennent*

When General Franco took power in Spain, he repressed all regional languages including Catalan, prompting the twenty-six year old Mercè Rodoreda to go into exile, where she did not write for twenty years. Now a legendary Catalan writer...

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**Reviewed by Andrew Stancek**



## DILEMMAS OF DEOKIE

*Carol Sammy*

Deokie Ramoutar is different from the other girls in her Trinidadian village. Nineteen years old, she is more sober and thoughtful than her giddy, frivolous friends and not really interested in boys. Instead, Deokie ...

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**Reviewed by Charlotte Simpson**

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