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The most-trusted anthology for complete works, balanced selections, and helpful editorial apparatus, The Norton Anthology of American Literature features a cover-to-cover revision. The Ninth Edition introduces new General Editor Robert Levine and three new-generation editors who have reenergized the volume across the centuries. Fresh scholarship, new authors—with an emphasis on contemporary writers—new topical clusters, and a new ebook make the Norton Anthology an even better teaching tool and an unmatched value for students. This Concise Companion is a guide to the creative output of the United States in the period, in its diverse energies, shapes and forms. Embracing diversity, covering Vietnam literature, gay and lesbian literature, American Jewish fiction, Italian American literature, Irish American writing, emergent ethnic literatures

African American writing, jazz, film, drama and more. Shows how different genres and approaches opened up creative possibilities and interacted in the postwar period. Portrays postwar United States split by differences of wealth and position, by ethnicity and race, and by agendas of left and right, but united in the intensity of its creative drive. Focuses on a variety of topics, from the violence of war and the struggle for civil rights to the social impact of technology and the moral significance of money, this colorfully illustrated guide to American literature from the postwar period to present day has been expanded and fully updated. A new section titled "Into the Future" contains a discussion of the best young writers of recent years. A concise, engaging introduction to American contemporary literature, this volume provides information on 21st-century writers; the 1950s, '60s, and beyond; contemporary American poetry; and the postmodernist movement. Topics include: Post-World War II and Vietnam War literature New Journalism Beat literature and existentialism The rise of ethnic and minority literature The civil rights movement Postmodernism Confessional poetry poetry of witness Millennial voices in fiction And more. Writers covered include: Raymond Carver Sandra Cisneros Ralph Ellison Robert Frost Norman Mailer N. Scott Momaday Toni Morrison Sylvia Plath Thomas Pynchon Adrienne Rich J.D. Salinger Kurt Vonnegut Tom Wolfe And many others. American Literature in Transition, 2000–2010 illuminates the dynamic transformations that occurred in American liter

culture during the first decade of the twenty-first century. This volume is the first major critical collection to address the literature of the 2000s, a decade that saw dramatic changes in digital technology, economics, world affairs, and environmental awareness. Beginning with an introduction that takes stock of the period's major historical, cultural, and literary movements, the volume features accessible essays on a wide range of topics, including genre fiction, the treatment of social networking in literature, climate change fiction, the ascendancy of Amazon and online booksellers, 9/11 literature, finance and literature, and the rise of prestige television. Mapping the literary culture of a decade of promise and threat, *American Literature in Transition, 2000–2010* provides an invaluable resource on twenty-first century American literature for general readers, students, and scholars alike. *Brief History of American Literature* offers students and general readers a concise and up-to-date history of the range of American writing from its origins until the present day. Represents the only up-to-date concise history of American literature. Covers fiction, poetry, drama and non-fiction, as well as looking at other forms of literature including folktales, spirituals, the detective story, the thriller, and science fiction. Considers how our understanding of American literature has changed over the past twenty years. Offers students an abridged version of *History of American Literature*, a book widely considered the standard survey text. Provides an invaluable introduction to the subject for students.

of American literature, American studies and all those interested in the literature and culture of the United States. This is a book that's built for you and your students. Flexible and innovative, *American Literature & Rhetoric* provides everything you need to teach your course. Combining reading and writing instruction to build essential skills in its four opening chapters and a unique anthology you need to keep your students engaged in Chapters 5-10, this book makes it easy to teach chronologically, thematically, or by genre. A discussion of the literature of the war and a study of literary consciousness relative to the larger process of cultural making.

Volume I of *The Cambridge History of American Literature* was originally published in 1997, and covers the colonial and early national periods and discusses the work of a diverse assemblage of authors, from Renaissance explorers and Puritan theocrats to Revolutionary pamphleteers and poets and novelists of the new republic. Addressing those characteristics that render the texts distinctively American while placing the literature in an international perspective, the contributors offer a compelling new evaluation of both the literary importance of early American history and the historical value of early American literature. In the years leading up to and around the First World War, American poets, fiction writers, and dramatists came to the forefront of the international movement we call Modernism. At the same time, a vast amount of non- and anti-Modernist culture was produced, mostly supporting, but also critical of, the US

effort. *A History of American Literature and Culture of the First World War* explores this fraught cultural moment, teasing out the multiple and intricate relationships between insurgent Modernism, a still-powerful traditional culture, and a variety of cultural and social forces that interacted with and influenced them. Including genre studies, focused analyses of important wartime movements and groups, and broad historical assessments of the significance of the war as prosecuted by the United States on the world stage, this book presents original essays defining the state of scholarship on the American culture of the First World War. *Gender in American Literature and Culture* introduces readers to key developments in gender studies and American literary criticism. It offers nuanced readings of literary conventions and genres from early American writings to the present and moves beyond inflexible categories of masculinity and femininity that have reinforced misleading assumptions about public and private spaces, domesticity, individualism, and community. The book also demonstrates how rigid inscriptions of gender have perpetuated a legacy of violence and exclusion in the United States. Responding to a sense of 21st century cultural and political crisis, it illuminates the literary history and cultural imaginaries that have set the stage for urgent contemporary debates. From William Dickson's *Rip Van Winkle* films (1896) to Baz Luhrmann's big-budget production of *The Great Gatsby* (2013) and beyond, cinematic adaptations of American literature participate in a rich and

fascinating history. Unlike previous studies of American literature and film, which emphasize particular authors like Edith Wharton and Nathaniel Hawthorne, particular texts like *Moby-Dick*, particular literary periods like the American Renaissance, or particular genres like the novel, this volume considers the multiple functions of filmed American literature as a cinematic genre in its own right—one that reflects the specific political and aesthetic priorities of different national and historical cinemas even as it plays a decisive role in defining American literature for a global audience. In presenting a more inclusive canon of American literature

THE HEATH ANTHOLOGY OF AMERICAN LITERATURE:
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7th Edition, continues to balance the traditional, leading names in American literature with lesser-known writers. Available in five volumes for greater flexibility, the 7th Edition offers thematic groupings, called "In Focus," to stimulate classroom discussions and showcase the treatment of important topics across the genres. American Literature World is an innovative anthology offering a new way to understand the global forces that have shaped the making of American literature. The wide-ranging selections are structured around five interconnected nodes: war; food; play, and travel; religions; and human and nonhuman interfaces. Through these five categories, Wai Chee Dimock and a team of emerging scholars reveal American literature to be a complex network, informed by crosscurrents both national and international.

and micro, with local practices intensified by international concerns. Selections include poetry from Anne Bradstreet, Jorie Graham; the fiction of Herman Melville, Gertrude Stein, and William Faulkner; Benjamin Franklin's parables; Frederick Douglass's correspondence; Theodore Roosevelt's *Rough Riders*; Langston Hughes's journalism; and excerpts from *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* as well as Octavia Butler's *Dawn*. Popular genres such as the crime novels of Raymond Chandler, the comics of Art Spiegelman, the science fiction of Philip K. Dick, and recipes from Alice B. Toklas are all featured. More recent authors include Junot Diaz, Leslie Marmon Silko, Jonathan Safran Foer, Edwidge Danticat, Gary Shteyngart, and Jhumpa Lahiri. These selections speak to readers at all levels and invite them to try out fresh groupings and remap American literature. A continually updated interactive component at www.amlitintheworld.yale.edu complements the anthology.

Gregory S. Jay boldly challenges the future of American literary studies. Why pursue the study and teaching of a distinctly American literature? What is the appropriate purpose and scope of such pursuits? Is the notion of a traditional canon of great books out of date? Where does American literature leave off and Mexican or Caribbean or Canadian or postcolonial literature begin? Are today's campus conflicts fueled more by economics or ideology? Jay addresses these questions and others relating to American literary studies to explain why this once arcane academic

discipline found itself so often in the news during the cultural wars of the 1990s. While asking some skeptical questions about new directions and practices, Jay argues forcefully in favor of opening the borders of American literary and cultural analysis. He relates the struggle for representation in literary theory to a larger cultural clash over the meaning and justice of representation, then shows how this struggle might change both the contents and the teaching of American literature. In an account of the vexed legacy of the Declaration of Independence, he provides a historical context for the current quarrels over literature and politics. Prominent among these debates are those over multiculturalism, which Jay takes up in an essay on the impasses of identity politics. In closing, he considers how the field of comparative American cultural studies might be constructed. Using a cultural studies perspective, he examines both fiction and autobiographical writings from minority authors including Toni Morrison, Gerald Vizenor, and Sandra Cisneros. Regionalism often evokes provinciality and an affiliation with minor literary genres, but Robert Jackson shows that region is an integral part of American identity, providing grounding for major independent voices. Jackson offers a new critical model of region that contributes to literary and cultural study across a wide range of topics. He addresses American literature since the Civil War with particular attention to Mark Twain, William Faulkner, Flannery O'Connor, and Toni Morrison. In advancing their own diverse aesthetic and social agendas,

reactionary and progressive, theological and secular, gender-based, race-based, and above all, dissident -- these writers, Jackson argues, articulate some of the most perceptive and innovative expressions of the American region in the literary history of the United States. According to Jackson, the region transcends both rigidly defined spatial categories -- the South of slavery, the North of freedom, the West of unlimited possibility -- and derivative cultural connotations of local color to reveal subtle and powerful insights. He provides a regional reading of Twain's greatest novel, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, and a meaningful new interpretation of the work and its place in the American canon. He explores Faulkner's obsession with regional identity and places the Mississippian's work in problematic relation to the Depression-era Nashville Agrarian movement. O'Connor, searching for a critical vocabulary to confront mainstream American literature, religion, and gender, transforms the region from a hothouse of sentimentality into a sharp, deadly weapon in short fiction. Morrison's brilliant appropriation of regional history enables her to fashion an aesthetic that is both race-conscious and endowed with revisionist agency; through the region she imagines a new grounding for American identity. Jackson illuminates the importance of rethinking long-established assumptions and demonstrates the vast potential of the region in critical considerations of American literature and culture. Even as he devotes significant attention to realism, modernism, southern literature, and African American

literature, he speaks to a wide range of fields in American Cultural studies. The antebellum period has long been identified with the belated emergence of a truly national literature. And yet, as Meredith L. McGill argues, a mass market for books in this period was built and sustained through what we would call rampant literary piracy: a national literature developed not despite but because of systematic copying of foreign works. Restoring a political dimension to accounts of the economic grounds of antebellum literature, McGill unfolds the legal arguments and political struggles that produced an American "culture of reprinting" and held it in place for two crucial decades. In this culture of reprinting, the circulation of print outstripped authorial and editorial control. McGill examines the workings of literary culture within this market, shifting her gaze from first and authorized editions to reprints and piracies, from the form of the book to the intersection of book and periodical publication, and from a national literature to an internally divided and transatlantic literary marketplace. Through readings of the work of Dickens, Poe, and Hawthorne, McGill seeks both to analyze how changes in the conditions of publication influenced literary form and to measure what was lost as literary markets became centralized and literary culture became stratified in the early 1850s. *American Literature and the Culture of Reprinting, 1834-1853* delineates a distinct literary culture that was regional in articulation and transnational in scope, while questioning the grounds of

startlingly recent but nonetheless powerful equation of national interest with the extension of authors' rights. The second edition of this book, published in 2002, aimed to complete the study material for our students of American literature. The third edition strives to emphasize this aspect while expanding and deepening the general overview as well as including new important movements and authors. The exposition of the nineteenth century underwent major changes: the scholars added new texts while supplementing the older ones to comply with the development of critical and academic approaches. The book is written to the point and in comprehensible language, corresponding with the ambition to present and explain the development of one of the most interesting world literatures to university students. A spirited and lively introduction to American literature, this book acquaints readers with the authors, works, and events in the nation's rich and eclectic literary tradition. Each essay in this collection focuses on an individual classical American author--Thoreau, Hawthorne, Melville, Moore, and Stevens--and the author's primary works. Traditional interpretations are reassessed based on close study of source texts and criticism. This expansive Companion offers a set of fresh perspectives on the wealth of texts produced in and around what is now the United States. Highlights the diverse voices that constitute American literature, embracing oral traditions, slave narratives, regional writing, literature of the environment, and more. Demonstrates that American literature was multicultural.

before Europeans arrived on the continent, and even more thereafter Offers three distinct paradigms for thinking about American literature, focusing on: genealogies of American literary study; writers and issues; and contemporary theory and practices Enables students and researchers to generate richer, more varied and more comprehensive readings of American literature What is our definition of "modernism" imagine it stretching from 1865 to 1965 instead of 1890-1945? How does the captivity narrative change when we consider it as a contemporary, not just a "colonial,genre? What does the course of American literature look like seen against the backdrop of federal denials of Native sovereignty or housing policies that exacerbated segregation? Filled with challenges to scholars, inspirations for teachers (anchored in an appendix of syllabi), and entry points for students, Timelines of American Literature gathers some of the most exciting new work in the field to showcase the revelatory potential of fresh thinking about how we organize the literary past. Along the way readers encounter the diversity of Indigenous peoples who, owing to their differing lands, livelihoods, and customs, evolved literatures adapted to the nation's specific needs. While, in the nineteenth century, public lecture and journalism fortified eastern Indigenous writers against removal west, nearly a century later autobiography enabled western Indigenous authors to tell their side of the winning of the west. Throughout he treats Indigenous literature with such complexity. He describes

single-handed invention of a written Indigenous language, the first Indigenous language newspaper, and the literary occupation of Alcatraz Island. Returning to contemporary poetry, drama, and novel by authors such as D'Arcy McNalley, Leslie Silko, Sherman Alexie, Louise Erdrich, Craig Womack, and Teuton demonstrates that, like Indigenous people, Indigenous literature survives because it adapts, honoring the past while reaching for the future. "The American dream" has never been defined exactly, and probably never can be. It is both too various and too vague: many men have meant many different things by it. I shall therefore follow popular practice and use the phrase inclusively. But "American Literature" has been defined more exactly, and has been outlined in courses and embodied in anthologies. Most men agree that it is somewhat very different from English literature, and many have sought to describe the difference. This book began as a series of essays in interpretation of the major American authors. In the process of writing, an idea crystallized: American literature has differed from English because of the constant and omnipresent influence of the American dream upon it. This influence has usually been indirect and unconscious because the dream has remained vague and undefined. But a vague idea has influenced the plotting of our fiction and the imagining of our poetry. Almost by inadvertence our literature has accomplished a symbolic and experimental projection of it. The American dream, and the patterns of thinking and feeling which it has inspired, has given form and significance

to American literature. The city's 'Americanness' has been disputed throughout US history. Pronounced dead in the twentieth century, cities have enjoyed a renaissance in the twenty-first. Engaging the history of urban promise and struggle as represented in literature, film, and visual arts, drawing on work in the social sciences, *The City in American Literature and Culture* examines the large and local forces that shape urban space and city life and the street-level activity that remakes culture and identities as it contests injustice and separation. The first two sections examine a range of city spaces and lives; the final section brings this into conversation with Marxist geography, critical race studies, trauma theory, slow/systemic violence, security theory, posthumanism, and critical regionalism, with a conclusion on city literature and democracy. This book charts how cartographies of American literature as an institutional category have varied radically across different times and places. Arguing that American literature was consolidated as a distinctively nationalist entity only in the wake of the Civil War, Paul Giles identifies this formation as extending until the beginning of the Reagan presidency in 1981. He contrasts this with the more amorphous boundaries of American culture in the eighteenth century, and with ways in which conditions of globalization at the turn of the twenty-first century have reconfigured the parameters of the subject. In light of these fluctuating conceptions of space, Giles suggests new ways of understanding the shifting territory of American literature.

literary history. ranging from Cotton Mather to David Foster Wallace, and from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow to Zora Neale Hurston. Giles considers why European medievalism and Native American prehistory were crucial to classic nineteenth-century authors such as Emerson, Hawthorne, and Melville. He discusses how twentieth-century technological innovations, such as air travel, affected representations of national domain in the texts of F. Scott Fitzgerald and Gertrude Stein. And he analyzes how regional projections of the South and the Pacific Northwest helped to shape the work of writers such as William Gilmore Simms, José Martí, Elizabeth Bishop, and William Gibson. Bringing together literary analysis, political history, and cultural geography, *The Global Remapping of American Literature* reorients the subject for the transnational era. While the field of childhood studies has blossomed in recent years, few scholars have taken up the question of age more broadly as a lens for reading American literature. *Adulthood and Other Fictions* shows how a diverse array of nineteenth-century writers, thinkers, and artists responded to the rise of chronological age in social and political life. Over the course of the century, age was codified in the census; schools were organized around age groups; birthday cards were mass-produced; geriatrics became a medical specialty. *Adulthood and Other Fictions* reads American literature as a rich, critical account of this modern culture of age, and it examines how our most well-known writers registered—and often resisted—age expectations.

particularly as they applied to women and people of color. More than simply adding age to the list of identity categories that have become de rigueur sites of scholarly attention, *Adulthood and Other Fictions* argues that these other measures of social location (race, gender, sexuality, class) are largely legible through the seemingly more natural and essential identity defined by age. That is, longstanding cultural ideals about maturity and development anchor ideologies of heterosexuality, race, nationalism, and capitalism, and in this sense, age rhetoric serves as one of our most pervasive disciplinary discourses. Writers including Louisa May Alcott, Frederick Douglass, and Henry James anticipated the age of our moment, but they also recognized how age norms structure and limit the lives of individuals at all points on the age continuum. Ultimately, the volume argues for an intersectional understanding of age that challenges the celebration of independence and autonomy imbricated in the fantasies of adulthood and in American identity itself. So far, the book presents American fiction in the political climate of its time. Through the 1930s, he portrays authors as typically left-center and becoming disillusioned with communism as a result of Stalin's purges and his nonaggression pact with Hitler. Subsequent authors embraced a different path. His general discussion could also focus on the works of Barth, O'Connor, Ellison, and Morrison. Paper edition (unseen), \$12.95. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR A comprehensive, chronological overview of American literature in three

scholarly and authoritative volumes *A Companion to American Literature* traces the history and development of American literature from its early origins in Native American oral tradition to 21st century digital literature. This comprehensive three-volume set brings together contributions from a diverse international team of accomplished young scholars and established figures in the field. Contributors explore a broad range of topics in historical, cultural, political, geographic, and technological contexts, engaging with the work of both well-known and non-canonical writers of every period. Volume One is an inclusive and geographically expansive examination of early American literature, applying a range of cultural and historical approaches and theoretical models to a dramatically expanded canon of texts. Volume Two covers American literature between 1820 and 1914, focusing on the development of print culture and the literary marketplace, the emergence of various literary movements, and the impact of social and historical events on writers and their writings of the period. Spanning the 20th and early 21st centuries, Volume Three studies traditional areas of American literature as well as the literature from previously marginalized groups and contemporary writers often overlooked by scholars. This inclusive and comprehensive study of American literature: Examines the influences of ethnicity, gender, class, and disability on American literature. Discusses the role of technology in book production and circulation, the rise of literacy, and changing reading

practices and literary forms Explores a wide range of writing in multiple genres, including novels, short stories, drama and a variety of poetic forms, as well as autobiographies, essays, lectures, diaries, journals, letters, sermons, historical and graphic narratives. Provides a thematic index that groups chapters by contexts and illustrates their links across disciplinary traditional chronological boundaries A Companion to American Literature is a valuable resource for students coming to the subject for the first time or preparing for examinations, instructors in American literature courses, and scholars with more specialized interests in specific authors, genres, movements, or periods. Accounts of the rise of American literature often start in the 1850s with a cluster of "great American novels"—Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*, Melville's *Moby-Dick* and Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. But these great works did not spring fully formed from the minds of their creators. All three relied on conventions of short fiction built up during the "culture of beginnings," the three decades following the War of 1812 when public figures glorified the American past and called for a patriotic national literature. Decentering the novel as the favored form of nineteenth-century national literature, Lydia Fash repositions the sketch and the tale at the center of accounts of American literary history, revealing how cultural forces shaped short fiction that was subsequently mined for these celebrated midcentury novels and for the first novel published by an African American. In the shorter works of writers such as

Washington Irving, Catharine Sedgwick, Edgar Allan Poe, and Lydia Maria Child, among others, the aesthetic of brevity enabled the beginning idea of a story to take the outsized importance fitted to the culture of beginnings. Fash argues that these short forms, with their ethnic exclusions and narrative innovations, coached readers on how to think about the United States' past and the nature of narrative time. Combining history, print history, and literary criticism, this book treats short fiction as a vital site for debate over what was meant to be American, thereby offering a new account of the birth of a self-consciously national literary tradition. This volume describes the greatest achievements in American literature, from the earliest times to the present. Special attention has been paid to the individual works of great authors, but also to literary movements, ideals, and animating principles, and the relation of all these to English literature. The author hopes this book will inspire students to investigate for themselves the remarkable American record of spirit, initiative, and democratic accomplishment contained in our national literature. An incisive, thought-provoking, and timely meditation, at once panoramic and synoptic, on American literature for an age of xenophobia, heightened nationalism, and economic disparity. The distinguished cultural critic I. M. Stavons explores the nation's identity through the prism of its books, from the indigenous past to the early settlers, the colonial period, the age of independence, its ascendancy to global power, and its shallow, fracturing response to the

COVID-19 pandemic. The central motives that make the United States a flawed experiment - its celebration of do yourself individualism, its purported exceptionalism, and constitutional government based on checks and balance explored through canonical works like Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*, Emily Dickinson's poetry, F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, the work of Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, and Toni Morrison, and immigrant voices such as those of Americo Paredes, Henry Roth, Saul Bellow, Isaac Bashevis Singer, Jhumpa Lahiri, and others. This is literary criticism at its best-informed: broad-ranged yet pungent and uncompromising. "This collection of essays relates to the notion of the traveling essence of the myth of the American West from different geographical and disciplinary standpoints. The volume originates in Europe, in Spain, where the myth traveled, was received, assimilated, and re-presented. It intends to travel back to the West, in a two-way cross-journey, which will hopefully contribute to the delineation of the New-always self-renewing-American West"-- Update throughout and with much new material, *A History of American Literature, Second Edition*, is the most up-to-date and comprehensive survey available of the myriad forms of American Literature from pre-Columbian times to the present. The most comprehensive and up-to-date history of American literature available today. Covers fiction, poetry, drama, and non-fiction, as well as other forms of literature including

folktale, spirituals, the detective story, the thriller, and science fiction Explores the plural character of American literature including the contributions made by African American, Native American, Hispanic and Asian American writers Considers how our understanding of American literature has changed over the past thirty years Situates American literature in the contexts of American history, politics and society Offers an invaluable introduction to American literature for students at all levels, academic and general readers Teachers have struggled for years to balance the competing demands of American Literature and AP English Language. Now, the text that brought you the bestselling Language of Composition is here to help. Conversations in American Literature: Language, Rhetoric, and Culture is a new kind of American Literature anthology—putting nonfiction on equal footing with the traditional fiction and poetry, and emphasizing the skills of rhetoric, close reading, argument, and synthesis. To support critical thinking, the book includes TalkBack pairings and synthesis Conversations that let students explore how ideas and texts from the past continue to impact the present Whether you're teaching AP English Language, or gearing up for Common Core, Conversations in American Literature will help you revolutionize the way American literature is taught. The idea of America has always encouraged apocalyptic visions. The 'American Dream' has not only imagined the prospect of material prosperity; it has also imagined the end of the world. 'Final forecasts' constitute one of America's

oldest literary genres, extending from the eschatological theology of the New England Puritans to the revolutionary discourse of the early republic, the emancipatory rhetoric of the Civil War, the anxious fantasies of the atomic age, and the doomsday digital media of today. For those studying the history of America, renditions of the apocalypse are simply unavoidable. This book brings together two dozen essays by prominent scholars that explore the meanings of apocalypse across different periods, regions, genres, registers, modes, and traditions of American literature and culture. It locates the logic and rhetoric of apocalypse at the very core of American literary history.

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