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an analytic and historical perspective of literary texts to understand the position of domestic workers in south africa more than a million black south african women are domestic workers precariously situated between urban and rural areas rich and poor white and black these women are at once intimately connected and at a distant remove from the families they serve ena jansen shows that domestic worker relations in south africa were shaped by the institution of slavery establishing social hierarchies and patterns of behavior that persist today to support her argument jansen examines the representation of domestic workers in a diverse range of texts in english and afrikaans authors include andré brink jm coetzee imraan coovadia nadine gordimer elsa joubert antjie krog sindiwe magona kopano matlwa es kia mphahlele sisonke msimang zukiswa wanner and zoë wicomb like family is an updated version of the award winning soos familie 2015 and the highly acclaimed 2016 dutch translation bijna familie

now a firmly established part of world literature course offerings in many general education curricula african literature is no longer housed exclusively with african studies programs and is often studied in english french portuguese women s studies and comparative studies departments this book helps fill the great need for research materials on this topic presenting the best resources available for 300 african writers these writers have been carefully selected to include both well known writers and those less commonly studied yet highly influential they are drawn from both the sub sahara and the maghreb the major geographical regions of africa the study of africa was introduced into the curriculum of institutions of higher learning in the united states in the 1960s when the black consciousness movement in the united states and the cold war and decolonization movements in africa created a need for the systematic study of other regions of the world between 1986 and 1991 three africans won nobel literature prizes soyinka mahfouz and gordimer and the visibility of african writers increased they are now a firmly established part of world literature courses in many general education curricula throughout north america african writers is meant to serve as a resource for introductory material on 300 writers from 39 countries these writers were selected on the basis on two criteria that there is material on them in an easily available reference work and that there is some information of research value on free sites each writer is from the late 19th or 20th century with the notable exception of olaudah equiano an 18th century african whose slave narrative is generally considered the first work of african literature all entries are annotated

the complex politics of english as a world language provides the backdrop both for linguistic studies of varieties of english around the world and for postcolonial literary criticism the present volume offers contributions from linguists and literary

scholars that explore this common ground in a spirit of open interdisciplinary dialogue leading authorities assess the state of the art to suggest directions for further research with substantial case studies ranging over a wide variety of topics from the legitimacy of language norms of lingua franca communication to the recognition of newer post colonial varieties of english in the online oed four regional sections treat the caribbean including the diaspora africa the indian subcontinent and australasia and the pacific rim each section maintains a careful balance between linguistics and literature and external and indigenous perspectives on issues the book is the most balanced complete and up to date treatment of the topic to date

wide ranging and engaging selves in question considers the various ways in which auto biographical accounts situate and question the self in contemporary southern africa the twenty seven interviews presented here consider both the ontological status and the representation of the self they remind us that the self is constantly under construction in webs of interlocution and that its status and representation are always in question the contributors therefore look at ways in which auto biographical practices contribute to placing understanding and troubling the self and selves in postcolonies in the current global constellation they examine topics such as the contexts conducive to production processes the contents and forms of auto biographical accounts and finally their impact on the producers and the audience in doing so they map out a multitude of variables including the specific historical juncture geo political locations social positions cultures languages generations and genders in their relations to auto biographical practices those interviewed include the famous and the hardly known women and men writers and performers who communicate in a variety of languages afrikaans english xhosa isizulu sesotho and yiddish an extensive introduction offers a general framework on the contestation of self through auto biography a historical overview of auto biographical representation in south africa up to the present time an outline of theoretical and thematic issues at stake in southern africa auto biography and extensive primary and secondary biographies interviewees breyten breytenbach dennis brutus valentine cascarino vanitha chetty wilfred cibane greig coetzee j m coetzee paul faber david goldblatt stephen gray dorian haarhoff rayda jacobs elsa joubert k limakatso kendall ester lee doris lessing sindiwe magona margaret mccord n chabani manganyi zolani mkiva jonathan morgan es kia mphahlele rob nixon mpho nthunya robert scott gillian slovo alex j thembela pieter dirk uys johan van wyk wilhelm verwoerd david wolpe d l p yali manisi

from the outset south africa s history has been marked by division and conflict along racial and ethnic lines from 1948 until

1994 this division was formalized in the national party's policy of apartheid because apartheid intruded on every aspect of private and public life south african literature was preoccupied with the politics of race and social engineering since the release from prison of nelson mandela in 1990 south africa has been a new nation in the making inspired by a nonracial idealism yet beset by poverty and violence south african writers have responded in various ways to njabulo ndebele's call to rediscover the ordinary the result has been a kaleidoscope of texts in which evolving cultural forms and modes of identity are rearticulated and explored an invaluable guide for general readers as well as scholars of african literary history this comprehensive text celebrates the multiple traditions and exciting future of the south african voice although the south african constitution of 1994 recognizes no fewer than eleven official languages english has remained the country's literary lingua franca this book offers a narrative overview of south african literary production in english from 1945 to the postapartheid present an introduction identifies the most interesting and noteworthy writing from the period alphabetical entries provide accurate and objective information on genres and writers an appendix lists essential authors published before 1945

documents the history and development of post colonial literatures in english together with english and american literature and includes original research relating to the literatures of some 50 countries and territories in more than 1 600 entries written by more than 600 internationally recognized scholars it explores the effect of the colonial and post colonial experience on literatures in english worldwide

covers the history of the entire african continent from prehistory to the present day a companion to african history embraces the diverse regions subject matter and disciplines of the african continent while also providing chronological and geographical coverage of basic historical developments two dozen essays by leading international scholars explore the challenges facing this relatively new field of historical enquiry and present the dynamic ways in which historians and scholars from other fields such as archaeology anthropology political science and economics are forging new directions in thinking and research comprised of six parts the book begins with thematic approaches to african history exploring the environment gender and family medical practices and more section two covers africa's early history and its pre colonial past early human adaptation the emergence of kingdoms royal power and warring states the third section looks at the era of the slave trade and european expansion part four examines the process of conquest the discovery of diamonds and gold military and social response and more colonialism is discussed in the sixth section with chapters on the economy

transformed due to the development of agriculture and mining industries the last section studies the continent from post world war ii all the way up to modern times aims at capturing the enthusiasms of practicing historians and encouraging similar passion in a new generation of scholars emphasizes linkages within africa as well as between the continent and other parts of the world all chapters include significant historiographical content and suggestions for further reading written by a global team of writers with unique backgrounds and views features case studies with illustrative examples in a field traditionally marked by narrow specialisms a companion to african history is an ideal book for advanced students researchers historians and scholars looking for a broad yet unique overview of african history as a whole

inspiring oral history of the impact of cultural and educational exchange between south africa and the united states during apartheid for almost forty years under the watchful eye of the apartheid regime some three thousand south africans participated in cultural and educational exchange with the united states exposure to american democracy brought hope during a time when social and political change seemed unlikely in the end the process silently triumphed over the resistance of authorities and many of the individuals who participated in the program later participated in south africa s first democratic elections in 1994 and now occupy key positions in academia the media parliament and the judiciary in outsmarting apartheid daniel whitman former program development officer at the us embassy in pretoria interviews the south africans and americans who administered advanced and benefited from government funded exchange the result is a detailed account of the workings and effectiveness of the us information agency and a demonstration of the value of soft power in easing democratic transition in a troubled area outsmarting apartheid is a major contribution to the study of soft diplomacy it is a wonderful picture of how the public diplomacy section of an embassy works and the positive impact it can have on advancing us interests the detail of daily life under apartheid for south africans of all races is fascinating and will become more important as memories of that period recede john campbell author of nigeria dancing on the brink updated edition this book fills an important void in the literature it provides great insight from the point of view of actual participants in the dismantling of apartheid and the construction of a postapartheid democratic system in south africa john mukum mbaku author of corruption in africa causes consequences and cleanups

she doesn t take prisoners she takes souls the silent binds is the eighth book in the epic metalwood saga series as the cataclysmic fall hurtles closer threatening to obliterate the fragile worlds of valaralda and beyond trey finds himself

bound to an ancient magical key known as edrafen said to be the only hope of activating the defense mechanism and averting total annihilation edrafen begins to intertwine with trey's very soul its enigmatic power both guiding and consuming him but trey's quest is imperiled by cariel a prime mage of terrifying power who uses her soulbinding magic to enslave arra and rylan driven by obsession and cruelty cariel amasses a legion of unwilling servants forcing trey into a dangerous game of strategy and sacrifice the battle comes to a head at the fabled palace of memory where ancient truths haunting betrayals and the fate of the universe converge to stop cariel's reign of terror and unlock the true purpose of edrafen trey must confront the ghosts of the past and make an unthinkable choice one that could save countless lives or doom them all

under apartheid black south africans experienced severe material and social disadvantages occasioned by the government's policies and they had limited time for entertainment still they closely engaged with an array of textual and visual cultures in ways that shaped their responses to this period of ethical crisis marshaling forms of historical evidence that include passbooks memoirs american b movies literary and genre fiction magazines and photocomics black cultural life in south africa considers the importance of popular genres and audiences in the relationship between ethical consciousness and aesthetic engagement this study provocatively posits that states of oppression including colonial and postcolonial rule can elicit ethical responses to imaginative identification through encounters with popular culture and it asks whether and how they carry over into ethical action its consideration of how globalized popular culture travels not just in material form but also through the circuits of the imaginary opens a new window for exploring the ethical and liberatory stakes of popular culture each chapter focuses on a separate genre yet the overall interdisciplinary approach to the study of genre and argument for an expansion of ethical theory that draws on texts beyond the western canon speak to growing concerns about studying genres and disciplines in isolation freed from oversimplified treatments of popular forms common to cultural studies and ethical theory alike this book demonstrates that people can do things with mass culture that reinvigorate ethical life lily saint's new volume will interest africanists across the humanities and the social sciences and scholars of anglophone literary globalization and cultural studies race ethical theories and philosophies film studies book history and material cultures and the burgeoning field of comics and graphic novels

this volume of essays poetry and prose fiction records various attempts to read the fracture zones created by the discursive strategy of a democratic imagination where space and ideas are opened to new linguistic and literary insights

pride of place is taken by essays on the caribbean writer wilson harris which explore the implications of his awareness of a polyphony of coexistent voices that dislodges the hegemony of cartesian dualism this group of studies is rounded off with an interview with and searching testimony by harris himself the further contributions take up the implications of the encounter with alterity strangers natives barbarians in order to underline not only wonder in the face of an unknown presence or the shame through which the subject discovers itself but also the resentment involved in the creation of demonized others as the poet charles tomlinson states what we take to be otherness alterity can be readmitted into our literary consciousness and seen as part of the whole causing us to readjust our awareness of the possibilities of english these essays confirm that resistance is an interface of ambivalence between discursive worlds encouraging us to read the living network of a text contrapuntally specific topics include billy bragg and new labour schopenhauer in britain objectivist poetry gender and sexual identity in nancy cunard in scottish fiction multivocal discourse in south africa specific forms of alterity in jamaica kincaid in the poetry of edwin morgan in allosemitism and the deculturalizing perils of globalization

critically examines influential novels in english by eminent black female writers studying these writers key engagements with nationalism race and gender during apartheid and the transition to democracy barbara boswell traces the ways in which black women s fiction critically interrogates narrow ideas of nationalism she examines who is included and excluded while producing alternative visions for a more just south african society this is an erudite analysis of ten well known south african writers spanning the apartheid and post apartheid era miriam tlali laretta ngcobo farida karodia agnes sam sindiwe magona zoë wicomb rayda jacobs yvette christiansë kagiso lesego molope and zukiswa wanner boswell argues that black women s fiction could and should be read as a subversive site of knowledge production in a setting which for centuries denied black women s voices and intellects reading their fiction as theory for the first time these writers works are placed in sustained conversation with each other producing an arc of feminist criticism that speaks forcefully back to the abuse of a racist white dominated patriarchal power

this is partly autobiography partly history of an engineering firm serving the world steel industry and partly of its customers there are chapters about life at davy united in sheffield and chapters about 36 countries where there were significant events candid portraits of colleagues and clients anecdotes funny stories and jokes litter the pages whilst in appendices there are summaries of family background growing up at frinton on sea essex school life life in the army and

university a lifelong interest in new orleans jazz jokes near the bone professional activities and recent career as organiser of over 80 concerts in martock church in somerset

ii women and health

this book investigates the strategies and identities of colonials who have learned the languages of colonised people using the stories of white south africans who acquired isixhosa during the apartheid years this book offers insights into relationships between language power race identity and change

riots in literature addresses representations of crowd disorder as manifestations of popular politics including colonial and postcolonial contexts the terms used to describe disorder are themselves of course contested words like mob demonstration and protest not to mention riot itself denote a particular perspective based on an elitist taxonomy for dealing with social and cultural phenomena in society of primary concern is the way in which the text describes and designates crowd behaviour using the language of denigration metaphors of the primitive and animalistic brutal images and silences and where the mediation of the event is expressed in terms of the binary order disorder the contributors to this volume are interested in the analysis of the interaction of official political culture and crowd politics as represented in literature and orature and how such representations contribute to the discourses of authority and subversion of their period the essays are wide ranging and explore the phenomenon of riots in literature through studies of popular risings in shakespeare carlyle and the french revolution the rebecca riots in wales popular ballads and the indian war of independence in 1857 post partition riots in india and pakistan in the 1960s township violence in south african fiction post 1948 the 1965 watts riots in los angeles in detective fiction and avant garde disturbances in france of the 1920s and 1930s throughout the book these essays focus attention on the tension filled relationship that is perceived between literature and discourses of power and popular resistance

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