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Our Fathers and Mothers 60 Years Ago  
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Beatitudes, Not  
Platitudes shows that  
the Beatitudes are not  
overused, well-worn  
answers to the  
question, ""What would  
Jesus do?"" Rather,  
they are undervalued  
and hardly touched

claims that transform our destinies. More than spiritual nuggets for personal devotion, practical advice, or propositions to be believed, the Beatitudes in Matthew 5 envision and entail a reorientation of the good life in view of Jesus' kingdom. Jesus' teachings reveal to us that living our best purpose-driven life now involves dying to self and the world system, and dying for our enemies. Ideal for group study, this series of meditations on each of the Beatitudes, followed by cultural reflections and study questions, helps to bridge the gaps between personal devotion and societal revolution, the academic and the practical, the ancient and the contemporary.

All of us want to be happy, to be well and blessed, and esteemed with honor. However, we look for happiness, wellness, blessing, and honor in different places and with mixed results. This book helps us reimagine the good life by taking a fresh look at the Beatitudes as citizens of Jesus' ever-new kingdom order. (Designer-- Please use the first three names on this list for the back cover, the rest will go in the front cover) ""I was most impressed with Paul Louis Metzger's not only evangelical but also social-justice reading and interpretation of Jesus' powerful Beatitudes. May his tribe increase!"" --Frederick Dale Bruner, author of Matthew: A Commentary ""For

preachers and teachers who value Scripture, Paul Louis Metzger provides a robust theological reading of Scripture rooted in sound exegesis. In addition to the careful reading of the biblical text, Metzger offers historical, theological, social, and practical insights that call us to actually embody Scripture instead of just talking about it." - Soong-Chan Rah, author of *The Next Evangelicalism: Freeing the Church from Western Cultural Captivity* "Beatitudes Not Platitudes reveals what we are missing when we bypass Jesus' Sermon on the Mount or minimize its meaning to avoid distressing ourselves. Paul Louis Metzger implores us to take a closer look and ponder

Jesus' words. Jesus means to jolt us out of the status quo--even our American Christian status quo--so we will hunger for and cultivate the values of his kingdom. A wise and important book for such a time as this!" -- Carolyn Custis James, author of *The Gospel of Ruth: Loving God Enough to Break the Rules*, and Malestrom: *Manhood Swept into the Currents of a Changing World* "In clear and accessible prose, Paul Louis Metzger walks us through Jesus' simple but revolutionary introduction to the upside-down kingdom of God . . . With the heart of a friend and the mind of a scholar, Metzger guides us through the cultural setting and contemporary

relevance for each of Jesus' beatitudes. This highly readable book provides a winsome vision for any Christian hungering to walk afresh in the way of Jesus. But it's also an exceptional resource for preachers and teachers who want to lead their people through this potent and beautiful section of Scripture." --Matt Woodley, editor of *Preaching Today*, author of *The Gospel of Matthew: God with Us*

"Beatitudes, Not Platitudes is one of the few books in recent memory that meets more than one need in the church today. It is theologically informative and devotionally inspirational, while at the same time, it encourages us to be more sensitive to the

social challenges that many are struggling to overcome. Paul Louis Metzger has written a masterpiece for our times." --Jimi Calhoun, Lead Pastor, Bridging Austin, author of *A Story of Rhythm and Grace: What the Church Can Learn from Rock and Roll About Healing the Racial Divide*

"The Beatitudes are spiritual treasures. They are like diamonds that never lose their value or beauty with the passing of time. However, too often our church theologies and cultural challenges gloss them over with a thick venee

[American Slang and Sayings](#) Liturgical Press  
 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER •  
 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER •  
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TEN BEST NONFICTION BOOKS OF THE DECADE • PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST • NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD FINALIST • ONE OF OPRAH'S "BOOKS THAT HELP ME THROUGH" • NOW AN HBO ORIGINAL SPECIAL EVENT Hailed by Toni Morrison as "required reading," a bold and personal literary exploration of America's racial history by "the most important essayist in a generation and a writer who changed the national political conversation about race" (Rolling Stone) NAMED ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL BOOKS OF THE DECADE BY CNN • NAMED ONE OF PASTE'S BEST MEMOIRS OF THE DECADE • NAMED ONE

OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The New York Times Book Review • O: The Oprah Magazine • The Washington Post • People • Entertainment Weekly • Vogue • Los Angeles Times • San Francisco Chronicle • Chicago Tribune • New York • Newsday • Library Journal • Publishers Weekly In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily

on the bodies of black women and men—bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden? *Between the World and Me* is Ta-Nehisi Coates's attempt to answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son. Coates shares with his son—and readers—the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world through a series of revelatory experiences, from Howard University to Civil War battlefields,

from the South Side of Chicago to Paris, from his childhood home to the living rooms of mothers whose children's lives were taken as American plunder. Beautifully woven from personal narrative, reimagined history, and fresh, emotionally charged reportage, *Between the World and Me* clearly illuminates the past, bracingly confronts our present, and offers a transcendent vision for a way forward.

*The Black Swan* Duke University Press  
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**Slavery and the Post-Black Imagination** Oxford

University Press  
Essays exploring contemporary black fiction and examining important issues in current African

American literary studies. In this volume, Lovalerie King and Shirley Moody-Turner have compiled a collection of essays that offer access to some of the most innovative contemporary black fiction while addressing important issues in current African American literary studies. Distinguished scholars Houston Baker, Trudier Harris, Darryl Dickson-Carr, and Maryemma Graham join writers and younger scholars to explore the work of Toni Morrison, Edward P. Jones, Trey Ellis, Paul Beatty, Mat Johnson, Kyle Baker, Danzy Senna, Nikki Turner, and many others. The collection is bracketed by a foreword by novelist and graphic artist Mat Johnson, one

of the most exciting and innovative contemporary African American writers, and an afterword by Alice Randall, author of the controversial parody *The Wind Done Gone*. Together, King and Moody-Turner make the case that diversity, innovation, and canon expansion are essential to maintaining the vitality of African American literary studies. "A compelling collection of essays on the ongoing relevance of African American literature to our collective understanding of American history, society, and culture. Featuring a wide array of writers from all corners of the literary academy, the book will have national appeal and offer strategies for teaching African



American literature in colleges and universities across the country.” —Gene Jarrett, Boston University “[This book describes] a fruitful tension that brings scholars of major reputation together with newly emerging critics to explore the full range of literary activities that have flourished in the post-Civil Rights era. Notable are such popular influences as hip-hop music and Oprah Winfrey’s Book Club.” —American Literary Scholarship, 2013  
Coffee Will Make You Black Cambridge University Press  
In the author’s point of view, a black swan is an improbable event with three principal characteristics - It is unpredictable; it

carries a massive impact; and, after the fact, we concoct an explanation that makes it appear less random, and more predictable, than it was. Why do we not acknowledge the phenomenon of black swans until after they occur? Part of the answer, according to Taleb, is that humans are hardwired to learn specifics when they should be focused on generalities. We concentrate on things we already know and time and time again fail to take into consideration what we don’t know. We are, therefore, unable to truly estimate opportunities, too vulnerable to the impulse to simplify, narrate, and categorize, and not open enough to rewarding those who

can imagine the 'impossible'.

**Black Male Fiction and the Legacy of Caliban** Oxford

University Press  
With *The Tempest's* Caliban, Shakespeare created an archetype in the modern era depicting black men as slaves and savages who threaten civilization. As contemporary black male fiction writers have tried to free their subjects and themselves from this legacy to tell a story of liberation, they often unconsciously retell the story, making their heroes into modern-day Calibans. Coleman analyzes the modern and postmodern novels of John Edgar Wideman, Clarence Major, Charles Johnson, William Melvin Kelley, Trey Ellis, David

Bradley, and Wesley Brown. He traces the Caliban legacy to early literary influences, primarily Ralph Ellison, and then deftly demonstrates its contemporary manifestations. This engaging study challenges those who argue for the liberating possibilities of the postmodern narrative, as Coleman reveals the pervasiveness and influence of Calibanic discourse. At the heart of James Coleman's study is the perceived history of the black male in Western culture and the traditional racist stereotypes indigenous to the language. Calibanic discourse, Coleman argues, so deeply and subconsciously influences the texts of black male writers that

they are unable to cast off the oppression inherent in this discourse. Coleman wants to change the perception of black male writers' struggle with oppression by showing that it is their special struggle with language. *Black Male Fiction and the Legacy of Caliban* is the first book to analyze a substantial body of black male fiction from a central perspective.

**African American Literature in Transition, 1980-1990: Volume 15** Scarecrow Press  
Originally published in hardcover in 2021 by Aladdin.

*Platitudes* Peeters Publishers  
2022 Catholic Media Association second place award in theology: history of theology, church

fathers and mothers  
The Sayings and Stories of the Desert Fathers and Mothers offers a new translation of the Greek alphabetical Apophthegmata Patrum, The Sayings of the Desert Fathers. For the first time in an English translation, this volume provides: extensive background and contextual notes significant variant readings in the alphabetical manuscripts and textual differences vis-à-vis the systematic and anonymous Apophthegmata reference notes to both quotations from Scriptures and the many allusions to Scripture in the sayings and stories. In addition, there is an extensive glossary that offers information and further

resources on people, places, and significant monastic vocabulary. Perfect for students and enthusiasts of the desert tradition.

*Bearing Witness to African American Literature* University Press of Kentucky  
An anthology of writings on Music, Books and Politics by Jon Downes; Author, musician, filmmaker, manic-depressive, singer, granddad, editor, husband, stepdad, poet, cripple, cryptozoologist editor of Gonzo Weekly magazine, and Director, Centre for Fortean Zoology.

*The Concise Oxford Companion to African American Literature* Cambridge University Press  
Aquest estudi analitza un ordre literari canviant: Amèrica com

unitat i diversitat, com un ens nacional i transnacional. Els escrits crítics literaris reunits aquí ofereixen una sèrie de perspectives que tracen gran part de la geografia cultural en joc: la narrativa, l'autobiografia, el teatre, etc. Es presenten també un conjunt d'assajos i ressenyes que, amb diverses direccions d'enfocament, posen atenció als fonaments previs a Colón, a una antologia canònica nord-americana de poesia i al que s'ha omès; la narrativa llatina i als principals dramaturgs antics. Inclou entrevistes a creatius i acadèmics com Gerald Vizenor, Frank Chin, Louis Owens, John Cawelti i Rex Burns. La secció de ressenyes final

ofereix una sèrie de monografies de rellevant erudició multicultural així com contribucions a l'emergent i ampli mural d'anàlisi. *Apocalypticism in the Synoptic Sayings* Source Random House Digital, Inc. Back cover: Recently reconstructed by scholars, Q is one of the New Testament's earliest source documents. Olegs Andrejevs performs a new literary-critical, narrative, and philological analysis of a number of Q passages, supplementing it with recent advances made in the study of Jewish apocalyptic literature. *Alone* University of Washington Press Including 410 entries-drawn from over 100 years of novels, short

stories, plays, and children's and young adult literature-this bibliography demonstrates both the extent and the richness of the fiction which has been written about Black-Jewish relations in America, thus enhancing our view of American ethnic literature as a whole. *Hausa Sayings & Folklore* Columbia University Press A breathtaking achievement, this Concise Companion is a suitable crown to the astonishing production in African American literature and criticism that has swept over American literary studies in the last two decades. It offers an enormous range of writers-from Sojourner Truth to Frederick Douglass, from Zora Neale Hurston to Ralph

Ellison, and from Toni Morrison to August Wilson. It contains entries on major works (including synopses of novels), such as Harriet Jacobs's *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, Richard Wright's *Native Son*, and Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun*. It also incorporates information on literary characters such as Bigger Thomas, Coffin Ed Johnson, Kunta Kinte, Sula Peace, as well as on character types such as Aunt Jemima, Brer Rabbit, John Henry, Stackolee, and the trickster. Icons of black culture are addressed, including vivid details about the lives of Muhammad Ali, John Coltrane, Marcus Garvey, Jackie Robinson, John Brown, and Harriet Tubman. Here, too, are general

articles on poetry, fiction, and drama; on autobiography, slave narratives, Sunday School literature, and oratory; as well as on a wide spectrum of related topics.

Compact yet thorough, this handy volume gathers works from a vast array of sources--from the black periodical press to women's clubs--making it one of the most substantial guides available on the growing, exciting world of African American literature.

*African American Satire*  
 Mohr Siebeck  
 Jacques Barzun's masterful translation proves that Flaubert's *Dictionary of Accepted Ideas*--an acid catalogue of the clichés of 19th-century France--is as relevant today as ever.

What They Say in New England Wayne State University Press

A major new history of the literary traditions, oral and print, of African-descended peoples in the United States.

**Beatitudes, Not Platitudes** Agate Publishing

This collection contributes to scholarly discussions about the African American novel as a literary form.

Essays respond to the general question, what has been the impact of the African American vernacular tradition from the spirituals, blues, gospel and jazz to hip hop on the structure and style of the modern African American novel?

*Contemporary African American Literature* New Directions Publishing

Collected from Africa and the Americas, these proverbs remain as relevant now as they were generations ago.

Between the World and Me Springer

Honorable Mention for the 2022 Modern Language Association Prize for an Edited Collection Interrogates how artists have created new ways to imagine the past of American slavery From Kara Walker's hellscape antebellum silhouettes to Paul Beatty's bizarre twist on slavery in *The Sellout* and from Colson Whitehead's literal Underground Railroad to Jordan Peele's body-snatching *Get Out*, this volume offers commentary on contemporary artistic works that present, like musical deep cuts, some challenging

“alternate takes” on American slavery. These artists deliberately confront and negotiate the psychic and representational legacies of slavery to imagine possibilities and change. The essays in this volume explore the conceptions of freedom and blackness that undergird these narratives, critically examining how artists growing up in the post-Civil Rights era have nuanced slavery in a way that is distinctly different from the first wave of neo-slave narratives that emerged from the Civil Rights and Black Power Movements. Slavery and the Post-Black Imagination positions post-blackness as a productive category of analysis that brings

into sharp focus recent developments in black cultural productions across various media. These ten essays investigate how millennial black cultural productions trouble long-held notions of blackness by challenging limiting scripts. They interrogate political as well as formal interventions into established discourses to demonstrate how explorations of black identities frequently go hand in hand with the purposeful refiguring of slavery’s prevailing tropes, narratives, and images. A V Ethel Willis White Book The Sayings and Doings of the Celebrated Mrs. Partington Crown Now in paperback—the intimate, powerful, and inspiring memoir by



the former First Lady of the United States, featuring a new introduction by Michelle Obama, a letter from the author to her younger self, and a book club guide with 20 discussion questions and a 5-question Q&A #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • WATCH THE EMMY-NOMINATED NETFLIX ORIGINAL DOCUMENTARY • OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB PICK • NAACP IMAGE AWARD WINNER • ONE OF ESSENCE'S 50 MOST IMPACTFUL BLACK BOOKS OF THE PAST 50 YEARS In a life filled with meaning and accomplishment, Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era. As First Lady of the United States of America—the first

African American to serve in that role—she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history, while also establishing herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls in the U.S. and around the world, dramatically changing the ways that families pursue healthier and more active lives, and standing with her husband as he led America through some of its most harrowing moments. Along the way, she showed us a few dance moves, crushed Carpool Karaoke, and raised two down-to-earth daughters under an unforgiving media glare. In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers

into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her—from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world’s most famous address. With unerring honesty and lively wit, she describes her triumphs and her disappointments, both public and private, telling her full story as she has lived it—in her own words and on her own terms. Warm, wise, and revelatory, *Becoming* is the deeply personal reckoning of a woman of soul and substance who has steadily defied expectations—and whose story inspires us to do the same.

*The Sayings and*

*Stories of the Desert Fathers and Mothers*  
CFZ Press  
An interdisciplinary, code-switching, critical collection by revisionist African American scholar and activist Bernard W. Bell. *Bearing Witness to African American Literature: Validating and Valorizing Its Authority, Authenticity, and Agency* collects twenty-three of Bernard W. Bell’s lectures and essays that were first presented between 1968 and 2008. From his role in the culture wars as a graduate student activist in the Black Studies Movement to his work in the transcultural Globalization Movement as an international scholar and Fulbright cultural ambassador in Spain,

Portugal, and China, Bell's long and inspiring journey traces the modern institutional origins and the contemporary challengers of African American literary studies. This volume is made up of five sections, including chapters on W. E. B. DuBois's theory and trope of double consciousness, an original theory of residually oral forms for reading the African American novel, an argument for an African Americentric vernacular and literary tradition, and a deconstruction of the myths of the American melting pot and literary mainstream. Bell considers texts by contemporary writers like Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, William Styron, James Baldwin,

and Jean Toomer, as well as works by Mark Twain, Frederick Douglas, and William Faulkner. In a style that ranges from lyricism to the classic jeremiad, Bell emphasizes that his work bears the imprint of many major influences, including his mentor, poet and scholar Sterling A. Brown, and W. E. B. DuBois. Taken together, the chapters demonstrate Bell's central place as a revisionist African American literary and cultural theorist, historian, and critic. *Bearing Witness to African American Literature* will be an invaluable introduction to major issues in the African American literary tradition for scholars of American, African American, and

cultural studies.

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