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All Over Creation

Harper Collins

Barbara Kingsolver, a writer praised for her "extravagantly gifted narrative voice" (New York Times Book Review), has created with this novel a hymn to wildness that celebrates the prodigal spirit of human nature, and of nature itself. *Prodigal Summer* weaves together three stories of human love within a larger tapestry of lives inhabiting the forested mountains and struggling small farms of southern Appalachia. At the heart of these intertwined narratives is a den of coyotes that have recently migrated into the region. Deanna Wolfe, a reclusive wildlife biologist, watches the forest from her outpost in an isolated mountain cabin where she is caught off-guard by Eddie Bondo, a young hunter who comes to invade her most private spaces and confound her self-assured, solitary life. On a farm several miles down the mountain, another web of lives unfolds as Lusa Maluf Landowski, a bookish city girl turned farmer's wife,

finds herself unexpectedly marooned in a strange place where she must declare or lose her attachment to the land. And a few more miles down the road, a pair of elderly, feuding neighbors tend their respective farms and wrangle about God, pesticides, and the complexities of a world neither of them expected. Over the course of one humid summer, as the urge to procreate overtakes a green and profligate countryside, these characters find connections to one another and to the flora and fauna with which they necessarily share a place. Their discoveries are embedded inside countless intimate lessons of biology, the realities of small farming, and the final, urgent truth that humans are only one part of life on earth. With the richness that characterizes Barbara Kingsolver's finest work, *Prodigal Summer* embraces pure thematic originality and demonstrates a balance of narrative and ideas that only an accomplished novelist could render so beautifully. :

High Tide in Tucson

Harper Perennial

In this poignant novel, a man guilty of a minor

offense finds purpose unexpectedly by way of his punishment—reading to others. After an accident—or “the misfortune,” as his cancer-ridden father’s caretaker, Celeste, calls it—Eduardo is sentenced to a year of community service reading to the elderly and disabled. Stripped of his driver’s license and feeling impotent as he nears thirty-five, he leads a dull, lonely life, chatting occasionally with the waitresses of a local restaurant or walking the streets of Cuernavaca. Once a quiet town known for its lush gardens and swimming pools, the “City of Eternal Spring” is now plagued by robberies, kidnappings, and the other myriad forms of violence bred by drug trafficking. At first, Eduardo seems unable to connect. He movingly reads the words of Dostoyevsky, Henry James, Daphne du Maurier, and more, but doesn’t truly understand them. His eccentric listeners—including two brothers, one mute, who moves his lips while the other acts as ventriloquist; deaf parents raising children they don’t know are hearing; and a beautiful, wheelchair-

bound mezzo soprano—sense his detachment. Then Eduardo comes across a poem his father had copied by the Mexican poet Isabel Fraire, and it affects him as no literature has before. Through these fascinating characters, like the practical, quick-witted Celeste, who intuitively grasps poetry even though she never learned to read, Fabio Morábito shows how art can help us rediscover meaning in a corrupt, unequal society. *A Study Guide for Barbara Kingsolver's The Poisonwood Bible* Harper Perennial Modern Classics Picking up where her modern classic *The Bean Trees* left off, Barbara Kingsolver's bestselling *Pigs in Heaven* continues the tale of Turtle and Taylor Greer, a Native American girl and her adoptive mother who have settled in Tucson, Arizona, as they both try to overcome their difficult pasts. Taking place three years after *The Bean Trees*, Taylor is now dating a musician named Jax and has officially adopted Turtle. But when a lawyer for the Cherokee Nation begins to investigate the adoption—their new life together begins to

crumble. Depicting the clash between fierce family love and tribal law, poverty and means, abandonment and belonging, *Pigs in Heaven* is a morally wrenching, gently humorous work of fiction that speaks equally to the head and the heart. This edition includes a P.S. section with additional insights from Barbara Kingsolver, background material, suggestions for further reading, and more.

Holding the Line

HarperCollins *Feminist Ecocriticism* examines the interplay of women and nature as seen through literary theory and criticism, drawing on insights from such diverse fields as chaos theory and psychoanalysis, while examining genres ranging from nineteenth-century sentimental literature to contemporary science fiction. The book explores the central claim of ecofeminism that there is a connection between environmental degradation and the subordination of women with the goal of identifying and fostering liberatory alternatives. *Feminist Ecocriticism* analyzes the work of such diverse women writers as Rachel Carson, Barbara

Kingsolver, Ursula K. Le Guin, and Mary Shelley. By including chapters from a comparable number of women and men, this book dispels the notion that ecofeminism is relevant to and used by only female scholars. After uncovering the oppressive dichotomies of male/female and nature/culture that underlie contemporary environmental problems, *Feminist Ecocriticism* focuses specifically on emancipatory strategies employed by ecofeminist literary critics as antidotes, asking what our lives might be like as those strategies become increasingly successful in overcoming oppression. Thus, ecofeminism is not limited to the critique of literature, but also helps identify and articulate liberatory ideals that can be actualized in the real world, in the process transforming everyday life. Providing an alternative to rugged individualism, for example, ecofeminist literature promotes a more fulfilling sense of interrelationship with both community and the land. In the process of exploring literature from ecofeminist perspectives, the book reveals strategies of

emancipation that have already begun to give rise to more hopeful ecological narratives. Feminist Ecocriticism provides a novel integration of two important strands of contemporary literary criticism that have often failed to make contact: feminist criticism and ecocriticism. The openness of both feminist criticism and ecocriticism to multiple, even incompatible perspectives, without the insistence on unitary definitions of their fields, has given rise to a new hybrid discipline: feminist ecocriticism."

Women in the Great Arizona Mine Strike of 1983 Seal Press

A selection of writing by the most unknown great traveller.

Homeland Cornell University Press

From Barbara Kingsolver, the acclaimed author of *Flight Behavior*, *The Lacuna*, *The Bean Trees*, and other modern classics, *Animal Dreams* is a passionate and complex novel about love, forgiveness, and one woman's struggle to find her place in the world. At the end of her rope, Codi Noline returns to her Arizona home to face her ailing father, with whom she has a difficult, distant

relationship. There she meets handsome Apache trainman Loyd Peregrina, who tells her, "If you want sweet dreams, you've got to live a sweet life." Filled with lyrical writing, Native American legends, a tender love story, and Codi's quest for identity, *Animal Dreams* is literary fiction at its very best.

This edition includes a P.S. section with additional insights from Barbara Kingsolver, background material, suggestions for further reading, and more.

The Bean Trees Faber & Faber

Wildlife biologist Deanna is caught off guard by an intrusive young hunter, while bookish city wife Lusa finds herself facing a difficult identity choice, and elderly neighbors find attraction at the height of a long-standing feud.

The Poisonwood Bible U of Nebraska Press

In her bestselling novel *Prodigal Summer*, Barbara Kingsolver weaves together three stories of human love within a larger tapestry of lives inhabiting the forested mountains and struggling small farms of southern Appalachia. Award-winning author of *Flight Behavior*, *The Lacuna*, and *The Poisonwood Bible*, Kingsolver here

introduces a wildlife biologist whose reclusive life in a mountain cabin is disrupted by a young hunter; a city girl-turned-farmer's wife who must decide whether or not to fight for the land she now inhabits; and a pair of feuding, elderly neighbors who forge a bond neither of them could have predicted. As the humid summer progresses, the characters grow closer to each other and the nature that surrounds them in this beautifully-written work that helped solidify Barbara Kingsolver's place in the literary firmament. This Harper Perennial Deluxe Modern Classic edition features beautiful cover artwork on uncoated stock, French flaps, and deckle-edge pages.

Essays Lulu.com

The poems of *How to Fly (In Ten Thousand Easy Lessons)* find breath and lightness in the common business of living. Barbara Kingsolver's generous collection is divided into thematic sections that loop and interweave to form a carefully patterned whole: a series of 'How to' poems that smartly balance tongue-in-cheek pragmatism with revelatory wisdom, a complicated yet affirmative family

pilgrimage to Italy, cherished childhood memories, the perils and pleasures of being a [female] writer, elegies to lost loved ones, and elegies to the planet. Blending resourcefulness and wonder with all the compassionate humanity of her prose, *How to Fly* will both delight Kingsolver's devoted readership and welcome a host of new readers to her startling verse, while revealing an intimate side to her creative practice as yet unseen.

A Novel Harper Collins
Set in the present day in the rural community of Feathertown, Tennessee, *Flight Behavior* tells the story of Dellarobia Turnbow, a petite, razor-sharp 29-year-old who nurtured worldly ambitions before becoming pregnant and marrying at seventeen. Now, after more than a decade of tending to small children on a failing farm, oppressed by poverty, isolation and her husband's antagonistic family, she has mitigated her boredom by surrendering to an obsessive flirtation with a handsome younger man. In the opening scene, Dellarobia is headed for a secluded mountain cabin to meet this man and

initiate what she expects will be a self-destructive affair. But the tryst never happens. Instead, she walks into something on the mountainside she cannot explain or understand: a forested valley filled with silent red fire that appears to her a miracle. After years lived entirely in the confines of one small house, Dellarobia finds her path suddenly opening out, chapter by chapter, into blunt and confrontational engagement with her family, her church, her town, her continent, and finally the world at large.

Homeland and Other Stories Faber & Faber
In her new essay collection, the beloved author of *High Tide in Tucson* brings to us out of one of history's darker moments an extended love song to the world we still have. From its opening parable gleaned from recent news about a lost child saved in an astonishing way, the book moves on to consider a world of surprising and hopeful prospects, ranging from an inventive conservation scheme in a remote jungle to the backyard flock of chickens tended by the author's small daughter. Whether she is contemplating the Grand Canyon, her

vegetable garden, motherhood, adolescence, genetic engineering, TV-watching, the history of civil rights, or the future of a nation founded on the best of all human impulses, these essays are grounded in the author's belief that our largest problems have grown from the earth's remotest corners as well as our own backyards, and that answers may lie in those places, too. In the voice Kingsolver's readers have come to rely on—sometimes grave, occasionally hilarious, and ultimately persuasive—*Small Wonder* is a hopeful examination of the people we seem to be, and what we might yet make of ourselves.

The Lacuna Eland Pub Limited
Here I am not someone's little sister. Not someone's daughter. Not someone's friend. This game beckons me—chooses me. I am a warrior. An Amazon. I am beautiful. And I play to win. Holloway Braxton takes no prisoners on the tennis court. She's nationally ranked on the junior circuit, and she has outgrown the local competition. Her parents want to send her to a tennis academy where

they regularly churn out professional players, but Hall isn't sure she's ready to devote her entire life to tennis, especially after her training partner has a breakdown at a tournament. Is it possible to be a tennis phenom and a regular teenager at the same time?

The Forbidden Woman

National Geographic

From Pulitzer Prize

nominee and award

winning author of

Homeland, The

Poisonwood Bible and

Flight Behaviour, The

Lacuna is the

heartbreaking story of a

man torn between the

warm heart of Mexico and

the cold embrace of

1950s America in the

shadow of Senator

McCarthy. Born in

America and raised in

Mexico, Harrison

Shepherd is a liability to

his social-climbing flapper

mother, Salome. When he

starts work in the

household of Mexican

artists Diego Rivera and

Frida Kahlo - where the

Bolshevik leader, Lev

Trotsky, is also being

harboured as a political

exile - he inadvertently

casts his lot with art,

communism and

revolution. A compulsive

diarist, he records and

relates his colourful

experiences of life with

Diego Rivera, Frida Kahlo and Trotsky in the midst of the Mexican revolution.

A violent upheaval sends him back to America; but political winds continue to throw him between north and south, in a plot that turns many times on the unspeakable breach - the lacuna - between truth and public presumption.

Seeds of Change Harper Collins

Holding the Line, Barbara

Kingsolver's first non-

fiction book, is the story

of women's lives

transformed by an a

signal event. Set in the

small mining towns of

Arizona, it is part oral

history and part social

criticism, exploring the

process of empowerment

which occurs when people

work together as a

community. Like

Kingsolver's award-

winning novels, *Holding*

the Line is a beautifully

written book grounded on

the strength of its

characters. Hundreds of

families held the line in

the 1983 strike against

Phelps Dodge Copper in

Arizona. After more than a

year the strikers lost their

union certification, but the

battle permanently

altered the social order in

these small,

predominantly Hispanic

mining towns. At the time

the strike began, many

women said they couldn't leave the house without their husband's

permission. Yet, when

injunctions barred union

men from picketing, their

wives and daughters

turned out for the daily

picket lines. When the

strike dragged on and

men left to seek jobs

elsewhere, women

continued to picket,

organize support, and

defend their rights even

when the towns were

occupied by the National

Guard. "Nothing can ever

be the same as it was

before," said Diane

McCormick of the Morenci

Miners Women's Auxiliary.

"Look at us. At the

beginning of this strike,

we were just a bunch of

ladies."

How to Fly Harper

Perennial

Jane Larson is an attorney

on the Upper East Side of

New York City, and the

Gentleman Rapist has

chosen her to receive his

calls announcing each

conquest. He also reminds

her in chilling terms that

he will one day twist his

wire around her throat

and bend her to his will.

Jane has professional and

personal problems of her

own, but she is forced to

try to catch this monster

when he stalks her

newest client. Susan is a

sweet young woman who

cannot remember large time periods of her past and who has dreams about a prior life in which she was raped. Soon, the Gentleman escalates to murder, and Jane wonders if he was involved in Susan's forgotten past, or if Susan is simply a means to get to Jane. Either way, Jane is caught in the deadly game of stopping the Gentleman before another woman feels the wire at her throat and hears his sinister whisper to Mind Me, Milady.

A Novel Other Press, LLC
A Study Guide for Barbara Kingsolver's "The Poisonwood Bible," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Novels for Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Novels for Students for all of your research needs.

Moths of the Limberlost Text Publishing

From "Mother Earth" to "Mother Nature," women have for centuries been associated with nature. Feminists, troubled by the way in which such representations show

women controlled by powerful natural forces and confined to domestic space, have sought to distance themselves from nature. In *Undomesticated Ground*, Stacy Alaimo issues a bold call to reclaim nature as feminist space. Her analysis of a remarkable range of feminist writings—as well as of popular journalism, visual arts, television, and film—powerfully demonstrates that nature has been and continues to be an essential concept for feminist theory and practice. Alaimo urges feminist theorists to rethink the concept of nature by probing the vastly different meanings that it carries. She discusses its significance for Americans engaged in social and political struggles from, for example, the "Indian Wars" of the early nineteenth century, to the birth control movement in the 1920s, to contemporary battles against racism and heterosexism. Reading works by Catherine Sedgwick, Mary Austin, Emma Goldman, Nella Larsen, Donna Haraway, Toni Morrison, and others, Alaimo finds that some of these writers strategically invoke nature for feminist

purposes while others cast nature as a postmodern agent of resistance in the service of both environmentalism and the women's movement. By examining the importance of nature within literary and political texts, this book greatly expands the parameters of the nature writing genre and establishes nature as a crucial site for the cultural work of feminism.

Small Wonder Paw Prints Prodigal Summer Faber & Faber

Feminist Ecocriticism Faber & Faber

From a bestselling and beloved author, an intensely personal collection of poetry "rich with political and human resonance" (Ursula K. LeGuin) Before becoming the bestselling author we know today, Barbara Kingsolver, as a new college graduate in search of adventure, moved to the borderlands of Tucson, Arizona. What she found, she says, was "another America." Interweaving past political events, from the US-backed dictatorships in South America to the government surveillance carried out in the Reagan years, Kingsolver's early poetry expands into a broader examination of

the racism, discrimination, and immigration system she witnessed at close range. The poems coalesce in a record of her emerging adulthood, in which she confronts the hypocrisy of the national myth of America—a confrontation that would come to shape her not only as an artist, but as a citizen. With a new introduction from Kingsolver that reflects on the current border crisis, *Another America* is a striking portrait of a country deeply divided between those with privilege and those without, and the lives of urgent purpose that may be carved out in between. [Ecofeminism and the Quest for Democracy](#) U of

Minnesota Press
 Heroic mothers defending home and hearth against a nature deformed by multinationalist corporate practice: this may be a compelling story, but it is not necessarily the source of valid feminist or ecological critique. What's missing is the democratic element, an insistence on bringing to public debate all the relations of gender and nature that such a view takes for granted. This book aims to situate a commitment to theory and politics -- that is, to democratic practice -- at the center of ecofeminism and, thus, to move toward an ecofeminism that is truly both feminist and ecological. The Good-

Natured Feminist inaugurates a sustained conversation between ecofeminism and recent writings in feminist postmodernism and radical democracy. Starting with the assumption that ecofeminism is a body of democratic theory, the book tells how the movement originated in debates about "nature" in North American radical feminisms, how it then became entangled with identity politics, and how it now seeks to include nature in democratic conversation and, especially, to politicize relations between gender and nature in both theoretical and activist milieus.

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