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As a writer who has been quoted as saying she writes to save her life- that is she couldn't write, she would be a revolutionary- Antiguan novelist Jamaica Kincaid translates this passion into searing, exhilarating prose. Her weaving of history, autobiography,

fiction, and polemic has won her a large readership. In this first book-length study of her work, Moira Ferguson examines all of Kincaid's writing up to 1992, focusing especially on their entwinement of personal and political identity. In doing so, she draws a parallel between the dynamics of the mother-daughter relationship in Kincaid's fiction and the more political relationship of the colonizer and the

colonized. Ferguson calls this effect the "doubled mother"- a conception of motherhood as both colonial and biological. In Search of Annie Drew Picador USA
"Seeing the story illustrated with artwork by Ricardo Cortés gives it new life, and gives readers a whole new way of being drawn in. Kincaid and Cortés also capture the kind of wonder that children see new experiences through,

making this adventure a particularly heartwarming read." --Bookstr "Party has layers. It functions as a subtle message about what it means to witness horror to such a degree that we lose our language for it; it is a quiet story about coming of age, suddenly, as a young black girl because of what the world shows us. It is about the many words our silence can hold, the way our absences can ring as loudly and discordantly as the words we do feel able to say." --Literary Hub "The book's effervescent

pictures, and its playful, secretive ending, will have young readers paging through it again and again, constructing stories and observations of their own. Party: A Mystery is an ideal gift for young readers. The book will put kids's curiosity to work during a busy holiday season." --Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine "Kincaid believes that, in illustrating Party, Cortés only enhanced the story's enigma, providing a greater sense of intrigue and playfulness likely to

appeal to young readers." --Publishers Weekly, from a Miami Book Fair 2019 feature "Each girl is so unique and amiable that readers will be drawn into the mystery before they know it, desperately searching for clues. Cortés's expressive paintings help to show the characters' personalities and the setting, providing some hidden hints to readers...A charming book about character and suspense that will be intriguing to many young mystery readers." -- School Library Journal

"This story by acclaimed author Kincaid gets new life in this picture book with lush, glowingly realistic illustrations...The artwork is gorgeous and the feeling of being a kid who's a little too short to see what's happening will likely resonate with the target audience." -- Booklist "This send-up of the Nancy Drew mysteries by Kincaid first appeared as a 1980 New Yorker story about a gala celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first book's publication. Here, Kincaid's piece is recast

as a picture book with dramatic artwork by Cortés...Detailed, almost photographically realistic portraits of girls and partygoers by Cortés, shown against marble architectural backdrops that suggest the New York Public Library, engage throughout...A gem." -- Publishers Weekly "A beautifully drawn picture book adventure story that promises questions that will grab children ages 3-7--but does not guarantee an answer! Unique, uncommon, entertaining, and

thoroughly 'kid friendly,' Party: A Mystery is extraordinary and highly recommended." --Midwest Book Review "The illustrations and realism make Party a satisfying read that will resonate with younger siblings (or anyone who has experienced the frustration of ignorance). Two other aspects of Party enhance what is already a thoroughly satisfying book: the ending and the fact that the party is in celebration of Nancy Drew." --Glass of Wine, Glass of Milk Three

girls--Pam, Bess, and Sue--attend a party to celebrate the publication of the first of the Nancy Drew mystery books. There are many distractions at the fancy affair: flower arrangements, partygoers, refreshments, and lots and lots of marble. Suddenly, the oldest girl, Pam, sees what can only be described as something truly...bilibious...not good! Bess sees it too. The youngest, Sue, does not, and as usual she has a hard time getting anyone

to tell her anything. Party: A Mystery is a beautifully drawn adventure story that promises questions that will grab children, but does not guarantee an answer. Jamaica Kincaid State University of New York Press
Changing her name early in her career because her parents disapproved of her writing, Jamaica Kincaid crossed audiences to embrace feminist, American, postcolonial and world literature. This book offers an introduction and guided

overview of her characters, plots, humor, symbols, and classic themes. Designed for students, fans, librarians, and teachers, the 84 A-to-Z entries combine commentary from interviewers, feminist historians, and book critics with numerous citations from primary and secondary sources and comparative literature. The companion features a chronology of Kincaid's life, West Indies heritage and works, and includes a character name chart. **Jamaica Kincaid** Kampa

Verlag AG
From "The Talk of the Town," Jamaica Kincaid's first impressions of snobbish, mobbish New York Talk Pieces is a collection of Jamaica Kincaid's original writing for the New Yorker's "Talk of the Town," composed during the time when she first came to the United States from Antigua, from 1978 to 1983. Kincaid found a unique voice, at once in sync with William Shawn's tone for the quintessential elite insider's magazine, and (though unsigned) all her

own--wonderingly alive to the ironies and screwball details that characterized her adopted city. New York is a town that, in return, fast adopts those who embrace it, and in these early pieces Kincaid discovers many of its hilarious secrets and urban mannerisms. She meets Miss Jamaica, visiting from Kingston, and escorts the reader to the West Indian-American Day parade in Brooklyn; she sees Ed Koch don his "Cheshire-cat smile" and watches Tammy Wynette autograph a copy of

Lattimore's *Odyssey*; she learns the worlds of publishing and partying, of fashion and popular music, and how to call a cauliflower a crudite. The book also records Kincaid's development as a young writer--the newcomer who sensitively records her impressions here takes root to become one of our most respected authors.

Annie John McFarland
A brilliant look at colonialism and its effects in Antigua--by the author of *Annie John* "If you go to Antigua as a tourist, this

is what you will see. If you come by aeroplane, you will land at the V. C. Bird International Airport. Vere Cornwall (V. C.) Bird is the Prime Minister of Antigua. You may be the sort of tourist who would wonder why a Prime Minister would want an airport named after him--why not a school, why not a hospital, why not some great public monument. You are a tourist and you have not yet seen . . ." So begins Jamaica Kincaid's expansive essay, which shows us what we have not yet seen of the ten-

by-twelve-mile island in the British West Indies where she grew up. Lyrical, sardonic, and forthright by turns, in a Swiftian mode, *A Small Place* cannot help but amplify our vision of one small place and all that it signifies.

Am Grunde des Flusses
Routledge
Beginning with a biographical chapter, this text traces the development of Kincaid's work. Each of the novels and the collection of short stories is discussed in a separate chapter that

includes sections on plot, character, and theme. *Die Autobiografie meiner Mutter* Macmillan
Eine Maori-Siedlung an der Küste Neuseelands soll einem modernen Freizeitpark unter der Verheissung von Fortschritt und Wohlstand weichen. - Debütroman der neuseeländischen Maori-Autorin (Jg. 1937). *Die Buchhandlung* Farrar, Straus and Giroux
"Annie John" is a classic coming-of-age novel written by Jamaica Kincaid. The novel was first published in 1985.

The story is set in Antigua, a small island in the Caribbean. The story revolves around a girl who grows up in this island. The novel investigates several highly diverse themes that include family, mother-daughter relationship, racism, depression, poverty, education, lesbianism, and superstition versus science.

Making Homes in the West/Indies Akashic Books

A Study Guide for Jamaica Kincaid's "Annie John,"

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.

Annie John Annie John James Nagel offers the first systematic history and definition of the short-story cycle as exemplified in

contemporary American fiction, bringing attention to the format's wide appeal among various ethnic groups. He examines in detail eight recent manifestations of the genre, all praised by critics while uniformly misidentified as novels. Nagel proposes that the short-story cycle, with its concentric as opposed to linear plot development possibilities, lends itself particularly well to exploring themes of ethnic assimilation, which mirror some of the major issues facing American

society today.

Annie John GRIN Verlag
 Haunted by the memories of her powerfully destructive mother, Jamaica Kincaid is a writer out of necessity. Born Elaine Potter Richardson, Kincaid grew up in the West Indies in the shadow of her deeply contemptuous and abusive mother, Annie Drew. Drawing heavily on Kincaid's many remarks on the autobiographical sources of her writings, J. Brooks Bouson investigates the ongoing construction of Kincaid's

autobiographical and political identities. She focuses attention on what many critics find so enigmatic and what lies at the heart of Kincaid's fiction and nonfiction work: the "mother mystery." Bouson demonstrates, through careful readings, how Kincaid uses her writing to transform her feelings of shame into pride as she wins the praise of an admiring critical establishment and an ever-growing reading public.
Talk Stories Unionsverlag

A revision guide to *Annie John*, by Jamaica Kincaid.
Understanding Jamaica Kincaid's *Annie John*
 University of Virginia Press
 Annie John Macmillan
Jamaica Kincaid Farrar, Straus and Giroux
 There is perhaps no other person who has been so often and obsessively featured in any writer's canon as Jamaica Kincaid's mother, Annie Drew. In this provocative new book, Daryl Dance argues that everything Kincaid has written, regardless of its apparent

theme, actually relates to Kincaid's efforts to free herself from her mother, whether her subject is ostensibly other family members, her home nation, a precolonial world, or even Kincaid herself. A devoted reader of Kincaid's work, Dance had long been aware of the author's love-hate relationship with her mother, but it was not until reading the 2008 essay "The Estrangement" that Dance began to ponder who this woman named Annie Victoria Richardson Drew really

was. Dance decided to seek the answers herself, embarking on a years-long journey to unearth the real Annie Drew. Through interviews and extensive research, Dance has pieced together a fuller, more contextualized picture in an attempt to tell Annie Drew's story. Previous analyses of Kincaid's relationship with her mother have not gone beyond the writer's own carefully orchestrated and sometimes contrived portraits of her. In *Search of Annie Drew* offers an

alternate reading of Kincaid's work that expands our understanding of the object of such passionate love and such ferocious hatred, an ordinary woman who became an unforgettable literary figure through her talented daughter's renderings.

Talk Stories Turtleback Books

Understanding Jamaica Kincaid introduces readers to the prizewinning author best known for the novels *Annie John*, *Lucy*, and *The*

Autobiography of My Mother. Justin D. Edwards surveys Jamaica Kincaid's life, career, and major works of fiction and nonfiction to identify and discuss her recurring interests in familial relations, Caribbean culture, and the aftermath of colonialism and exploitation. In addition to examining the haunting prose, rich detail, and personal insight that have brought Kincaid widespread praise, Edwards also identifies and analyzes the novelist's primary

thematic concerns - the flow of power and the injustices faced by people undergoing social, economic, and political change. Edwards chronicles Kincaid's childhood in Antigua, her development as a writer, and her early journalistic work as published in the New Yorker and other magazines. In separate chapters he provides critical appraisals of Kincaid's early novels; her works of nonfiction, including *My Brother and A Small Place*; and her more recent novels,

including *Mr. Potter*. colonization and neocolonization and warns her readers about the dire consequences of inequality in the era of globalization. Unionsverlag Annie John, the headstrong, brilliant heroine of Jamaica Kincaid's bestseller, is a child of Antigua but an adolescent of the whole world. Her passage into young adulthood--the tumultuous love of her mother and their gradual separation--is a story that will speak to listeners of

all ages. Internationally acclaimed author Jamaica Kincaid has written a true contemporary classic, this generation's *Catcher in the Rye*.

Annie John Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Twayne's United States Authors, English Authors, and World Authors Series present concise critical introductions to great writers and their works. Devoted to critical interpretation and discussion of an author's work, each study takes account of major literary trends and important

scholarly contributions and provides new critical insights with an original point of view. An Authors Series volume addresses readers ranging from advanced high school students to university professors. The book suggests to the informed reader new ways of considering a writer's work. Each volume features: -- A critical, interpretive study and explication of the author's works -- A brief biography of the author -- An accessible chronology outlining the life, the

work, and relevant historical context -- Aids for further study: complete notes and references, a selected annotated bibliography and an index -- A readable style presented in a manageable length
Annie John Univ of South Carolina Press
At the Bottom of the River is Jamaica Kincaid's first published work, a selection of interconnected prose poems told from the perspective of a young Afro-Caribbean girl. Collecting pieces written for the New Yorker

and the Paris Review between 1978 and 1982, including the seminal 'Girl', these stunning works announced a fully-formed, generational talent and firmly established the themes that Kincaid would continue to return to in her later work: the loss of childhood, the fractious nature of mother-daughter relationships, the intangible beauty of the natural world, and the striving for independence in a colonial landscape. Powerful and lyrical, this

is an unforgettable collection from a unique and necessary literary voice. Part of the Picador Collection, a new series showcasing the best of modern literature. *The Contemporary American Short-Story Cycle* Kampa Verlag AG Celebrating Fifty Years of Picador Books Xuela Claudette Richardson is recalling the last seventy years of her life, and so she must begin with her birth, and the accompanying death of her mother. Xuela's vivid, visceral recollections of

the lonely, unsettled life that follows the trauma of her arrival include that of her distant father, who sends her away to another household at the earliest opportunity; of her passion for the stevedore Roland, who fulfils her sexually but not intellectually; and of her husband, who provides her with status and a wealthy lifestyle but whom she is incapable of loving. Poetic and disturbing, *The Autobiography of My Mother* is one of Kincaid's most powerful statements

of Afro-Caribbean women's struggle for identity and independence, against a hostile backdrop of sexism and colonialism. Part of the Picador Collection, a new series showcasing the best of modern literature. *Lucy Pan* Macmillan Mister Potter ist Analphabet und verdient sich seinen Lebensunterhalt als Taxifahrer auf den Straßen Antiguas. Er dreht

seine Runden, fährt vorbei an dem Friedhof, auf dem er begraben werden wird. Die Sonne steht direkt über ihm, das Meer umgibt ihn, unterdrückte Leidenschaften erfüllen die Luft. Mister Potter will mehr erreichen als sein Vater, ein armer Fischer, und seine Mutter, die sich das Leben genommen hat. Er will in besseren Verhältnissen leben, ein eigenes Auto besitzen, Freundinnen haben und die Schulden seiner

Töchter tilgen. Eine von ihnen ist Jamaica Kincaid. Nach seinem Tod wird sie seine Geschichte erzählen – mit ebenso viel Distanz wie Mitgefühl. Mit Mister Potter lässt Jamaica Kincaid nicht nur eine schillernde literarische Figur entstehen, die so einzigartig wie typisch ist, so real wie fiktiv – im Schreiben nähert sie sich auch jener Person an, die sie nie kennengelernt hat und die ihr im Leben am meisten fehlt.

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