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## **Teaching the Trees** - Joan Maloof 2010-09-15

In this collection of natural-history essays, biologist Joan Maloof embarks on a series of lively, fact-filled expeditions into forests of the eastern United States. Through Maloof's engaging, conversational style, each essay offers a lesson in stewardship as it explores the interwoven connections between a tree species and the animals and insects whose lives depend on it—and who, in turn, work to ensure the tree's survival. Never really at home in a laboratory, Maloof took to the woods early in her career. Her enthusiasm for firsthand observation in the wild spills over into her writing, whether the subject is the composition of forest air, the eagle's preference for nesting in loblolly pines, the growth rings of the bald cypress, or the gray squirrel's fondness for weevil-infested acorns. With a storyteller's instinct for intriguing particulars, Maloof expands our notions about what a tree "is" through her many asides—about the six species of leafhoppers who eat only sycamore leaves or the midges who live inside holly berries and somehow prevent them from turning red. As a scientist, Maloof accepts that trees have a spiritual dimension that cannot be quantified. As an unrepentant tree hugger, she finds support in the scientific case for biodiversity. As an activist, she can't help but wonder how much time is left for our forests.

## The Leaves on the Trees - Thom Wiley 2011

Follows a group of children as they enjoy the sights and smells of fall, including the crunchy leaves and those that have changed color. Based

on the song "The wheels on the bus."

## *From the Tops of the Trees* - Kao Kalia Yang 2022-01-01

Audisee® eBooks with Audio combine professional narration and sentence highlighting for an engaging read aloud experience! "Father, is all of the world a refugee camp?" Young Kalia has never known life beyond the fences of the Ban Vinai Refugee Camp. The Thai camp holds many thousands of Hmong families who fled in the aftermath of the little-known Secret War in Laos that was waged during America's Vietnam War. For Kalia and her cousins, life isn't always easy, but they still find ways to play, racing with chickens and riding a beloved pet dog. Just four years old, Kalia is still figuring out her place in the world. When she asks what is beyond the fence, at first her father has no answers for her. But on the following day, he leads her to the tallest tree in the camp and, secure in her father's arms, Kalia sees the spread of a world beyond. Kao Kalia Yang's sensitive prose and Rachel Wada's evocative illustrations bring to life this tender true story of the love between a father and a daughter.

## Salmon in the Trees - Amy Gulick 2010

Salmon in the Trees tells the story of the Tongass, a 17-million acre temperate rainforest spread along the coast and across thousands of islands in the panhandle of Alaska. With some of the highest densities of grizzly bears, black bears, and bald eagles in the world, the Tongass National Forest is a place that time hasn't quite caught up to-yet. Can the great forest's

biological treasures withstand the modern pressures of a globalized world? For the past two years, wildlife photographer Amy Gulick has documented the grizzlies, wolves, eagles, humpback whales, and wild salmon of the Tongass. Combined with essays from renowned conservationists, scientists, and writers Richard Nelson, Brad Matsen, Dr. Carl Safina, Ray Troll, Rosita Worl, Richard Carstensen, John Schoen, Douglas Chadwick, and John Straley, Gulick's images tell a hopeful story of a rare ecosystem that still contains all of its original components—and where the local people continue to sustainably manage its resources.

**The Silence of Trees** - Valya Dudycz Lupescu 2010

In Chicago's Ukrainian Village, Nadya Lysenko has built her life on a foundation of secrets. When she was sixteen, Nadya snuck out of her house in Western Ukraine to meet a fortuneteller in the woods. She never expected it to be the last time she would see her family. Decades later, Nadya continues to be haunted by the death of her parents and sisters. The myths and magic of her childhood are still a part of her reality: dreams unite friends across time and space, house spirits misplace keys and glasses, and a fortuneteller's cards predict the future. Nadya's beloved dead insist on being heard through dreams and whispers in the night. They want the truth to come out. Nadya needs to face her past and confront the secrets she buried. Too often the women of history have been silenced, but their stories have power—to reveal, to teach, and to transform. This is one such story.

*The Songs of Trees* - David George Haskell 2018-04-03

WINNER OF THE 2018 JOHN BURROUGHS MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING NATURAL HISTORY WRITING “Both a love song to trees, an exploration of their biology, and a wonderfully philosophical analysis of their role they play in human history and in modern culture.” —Science Friday The author of *Sounds Wild and Broken* and the Pulitzer Prize finalist *The Forest Unseen* visits with nature's most magnificent networkers — trees David Haskell has won acclaim for eloquent writing and deep engagement with the natural world. Now, he brings his powers of observation to the

biological networks that surround all species, including humans. Haskell repeatedly visits a dozen trees, exploring connections with people, microbes, fungi, and other plants and animals. He takes us to trees in cities (from Manhattan to Jerusalem), forests (Amazonian, North American, and boreal) and areas on the front lines of environmental change (eroding coastlines, burned mountainsides, and war zones.) In each place he shows how human history, ecology, and well-being are intimately intertwined with the lives of trees. Scientific, lyrical, and contemplative, Haskell reveals the biological connections that underpin all life. In a world beset by barriers, he reminds us that life's substance and beauty emerge from relationship and interdependence.

*To Speak for the Trees* - Diana Beresford-Kroeger 2021-10-05

Diana Beresford-Kroeger's startling insights into the hidden life of trees have sparked a quiet revolution. In this captivating account, she shows us how forests can not only heal us, but can also save the planet.

**Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (Puffin Modern Classics)** - Mildred D. Taylor 2004-04-12

Winner of the Newbery Medal, this remarkably moving novel has impressed the hearts and minds of millions of readers. Set in Mississippi at the height of the Depression, this is the story of one family's struggle to maintain their integrity, pride, and independence in the face of racism and social injustice. And it is also Cassie's story—Cassie Logan, an independent girl who discovers over the course of an important year why having land of their own is so crucial to the Logan family, even as she learns to draw strength from her own sense of dignity and self-respect. \* “[A] vivid story.... Entirely through its own internal development, the novel shows the rich inner rewards of black pride, love, and independence.”—Booklist, starred review

**The Woman in the Trees** - Theoni Bell 2021-12-14

Set within the expanses of the American frontier, this story follows Slainie, an inquisitive pioneer girl, whose life is forever transformed when a mysterious seer shows up at her door. Amidst the backdrop of the Civil War, family tragedy, and the nation's most destructive wildfire,

Slainie must navigate her rugged pioneer life as she encounters love and loss, and comes face to face with the story of America's first approved Marian apparition.

*The Wind and the Trees* - Todd Stewart  
2021-03-15

A gentle meditation on the cycle of life, told by two trees One day, a tiny pine seedling strikes up a conversation with a nearby tree. As the seedling grows larger, the older pine shares what it has learned about the strong wind that blows through the forest. Wind stretches trees and dries them out, but it also scatters seeds, spreads messages across the forest, and helps trees grow strong as it pushes against their trunks. As time passes, the wind takes its toll on the older tree. It loses needles and starts to droop as the young tree grows fuller and stronger. When a fierce storm rolls in, the heavy winds take down the older tree, leaving the younger one all alone. Or so it thinks. Soon after, a new seedling blown in by the wind lands on the spot where the old tree fell, and the cycle begins again. This moving picture book poignantly honors intergenerational relationships and the exchange of wisdom, while also opening up conversations about loss and environmental stewardship.

**The Forest For The Trees** - Mimi Pantelides  
2021-08-17

A book of poetry on life and nature

**A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** - Betty Smith  
2009-11-10

**Far From the Tree** - Andrew Solomon 2012

The National Book Award-winning author of *The Noonday Demon* explores the consequences of extreme personal differences between parents and children, describing his own experiences as a gay child of straight parents while evaluating the circumstances of people affected by physical, developmental or cultural factors that divide families. 150,000 first printing.

*The Song of the Tree* - Coralie Bickford-Smith  
2021-03-04

Bird loves the towering tree that grows in the jungle, but when the seasons change she must say goodbye until next year. Then one day Bird wonders- what happens to the tree when she flies away? Illustrated with care and told with love, Coralie Bickford-Smith's latest fable follows

Bird as she discovers the stories of the other creatures who live in the tree, finding her way to sing a new song. *The Song of the Tree* is a celebration of community, belonging and the natural world. It is a timeless tale, one that will be enjoyed by readers of animal stories, of all ages, for years to come.

*The Road to Memphis* - Mildred D. Taylor  
2016-04-12

A stunning repackage of a companion to Mildred D. Taylor's *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, with cover art by two-time Caldecott Honor Award winner Kadir Nelson! As America hovers on the brink of war, seventeen year-old Cassie Logan fights a battle closer to home. She dreams of college and law school. But no amount of schooling can prepare her for the violent explosion that takes place when her friend Moe lashes out at his white tormentors--an action unheard of in Mississippi as the country prepares for World War II. Moe will be in even greater danger if he stays in town, so it is up to Cassie, her brother, and their friends to accompany Moe on the road to Memphis--and to safety. "Cassie recounts harrowing events during late 1941. An engrossing picture of fine young people endeavoring to find the right way in a world that persistently wrongs them."—Kirkus Reviews "An enlightening, moving novel."—Publishers Weekly

*Mississippi Bridge* - Mildred D. Taylor  
2000-06-01

Another powerful story in the Logan Family Saga and companion to Mildred D. Taylor's Newbery Award-winning *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. A day of conflict and tragedy. Jeremy Simms watches from the porch of the general store as the weekly bus from Jackson comes through his town. His neighbor Stacey Logan and Stacey's brothers and sister are there to see their grandmother off on a trip. Jeremy's friend Josias Williams is taking the bus to his new job. But Josias and the Logans are black, and in Mississippi in the 1930s, black people can't ride the bus if that means there won't be enough room for white people to ride. When several white passengers arrive at the last minute, the driver sends Josias and Stacey's grandmother off the bus. Then comes a terrifying moment that unites all the townspeople in a nightmare that will change their lives forever. "Well written and

thought provoking, this book will haunt readers and generate much discussion.”—School Library Journal

[Song of the River](#) - Joy Cowley 2019-07

View more details of this book at [www.walkerbooks.com.au](http://www.walkerbooks.com.au).

**Song of the Trees** - Mildred D. Taylor 2003-05-26

During the Depression, a rural black family deeply attached to the forest on their land tries to save it from being cut down by an unscrupulous white man.

**A House Among the Trees** - Julia Glass 2018-05-01

From the National Book Award-winning author of *Three Junes*, a richly imagined novel that begins just after the sudden death of world-renowned children’s book author Mort Lear, who leaves behind a wholly unexpected will, an idyllic country house, and difficult secrets about a childhood far darker than those of the beloved characters he created for young readers of all ages. Left to grapple with the consequences of his final wishes are Tommy Daulair, his longtime live-in assistant; Merry Galarza, a museum curator betrayed by those wishes; and Nick Greene, a beguiling actor preparing to play Lear in a movie. When Nick pays a visit to Lear’s home, he and Tommy confront what it means to be entrusted with the great writer’s legacy and reputation. Tommy realizes that despite his generous bequest, the man to whom she devoted decades of her life has left her with grave doubts about her past as well as her future. Vivid and gripping, filled with insight and humor, *A House Among the Trees* is an unforgettable story about friendship and love, artistic ambition, the perils of fame, and the sacrifices made by those who serve the demands of a creative genius.

[Song of the Trees](#) - Mildred D. Taylor 2003-05-26

Another powerful story in the Logan Family Saga and companion to Mildred D. Taylor's Newbery Award-winning *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. With the depression bearing down on her family, there isn't much that Cassie Logan can count on anymore. But there is one thing that hasn't changed—the whispering trees outside her window. Cassie's trees, which have stood for centuries, are a great source of comfort to her. But they are also worth a lot of money. With Cassie's daddy gone to lay tracks

for the railroad, it seems like no one can stop Mr. Andersen from forcing Big Ma to sell their valuable trees. How can Cassie sit by and watch them disappear? The beloved heroine of *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* enchants us again in this story of strength and pride. "A triumphant book...A true story truly told."—The New York Times Book Review

**When the Trees Say Nothing** - Thomas Merton 2003-01-01

First published in 2003 and now available in paperback to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of Thomas Merton's birth, *When the Trees Say Nothing* has sold more than 60,000 copies and continually inspires readers with its unique collection of Merton's luminous writings on nature, arranged for reflection and meditation. Thomas Merton was a Trappist monk, author, poet, social commentator, and perhaps the most influential and widely published spiritual writer of the twentieth century. In *When the Trees Say Nothing*, editor Kathleen Deignan sheds new light on Merton by focusing on a neglected theme of his writing: the natural world as a manifestation of the divine. Drawing from Merton's voluminous writing on nature, Deignan has thematically assembled a collection of lucid, poetic reflections. Chapters on the four elements, the seasons, the Earth and its creatures, and the sun, moon, and stars provide brief passages from his diverse works that reveal the presence of God in creation.

[Tree Song](#) - Tiffany Stone 2019-10-10

Listen to the music of the trees. This joyful book follows the life cycle of a tree as it grows from seedling to mature tree, and finally gives way to a new sapling. At every stage of the tree's life, children are seen playing under its branches. Each season brings with it new sounds, whether it's the chirping of birds in the spring or the flutter flutter of leaves in the fall. As well as a home for animals, the tree provides a canopy for a summer picnic, and a perfect place to hang a swing. Most important of all, when old age fells the tree, it provides an acorn from which a new tree will grow. Colorful illustrations with lots of small details will capture the attention of young readers, while the lyrical text makes this an ideal read-aloud book. It can also serve as the perfect introduction to nature's life cycles.

*Trees* - Katharine Hall 2015-01-20

Compares and contrasts the features of different types of trees.

*The Fractal Brain Theory* - Wai Tsang  
2016-08-02

The Fractal Brain Theory, or the Symmetry, Self Similarity and Recursivity Theory of Brain and Mind, is a Revolutionary new way of looking at the nature of intelligence and also genomics. It is the key to a powerful and new kind of Recursively Self Modifying Artificial Intelligence. Wai H. Tsang presents an exciting new synthesis of all things psychological, linguistic, neuroscientific, genomic, evolutionary, informatic, computational, complex and fractal. Dealing with the most central puzzles of mind science and AI, and weaving in some of the most fundamental concepts in mathematics such as symmetry, geometry, functions, discrete maths and formal axiomatic systems. This book presents nothing less than a seamless unified theory of Brain, Mind, Artificial Intelligence, Functional Genomics, Ontogenesis and Evolution. Also covering topics such as the quest for the Perfect & Universal Language, Recursively Self Modifying Algorithms, Super Intelligence & Technological Singularity.

**Winter Trees** - Carole Gerber 2008-07-01

A boy and his dog walk through a wintry forest and identify seven common trees.

**The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes (A Hunger Games Novel)** - Suzanne Collins  
2020-05-19

Ambition will fuel him. Competition will drive him. But power has its price. It is the morning of the reaping that will kick off the tenth annual Hunger Games. In the Capitol, eighteen-year-old Coriolanus Snow is preparing for his one shot at glory as a mentor in the Games. The once-mighty house of Snow has fallen on hard times, its fate hanging on the slender chance that Coriolanus will be able to outcharm, outwit, and outmaneuver his fellow students to mentor the winning tribute. The odds are against him. He's been given the humiliating assignment of mentoring the female tribute from District 12, the lowest of the low. Their fates are now completely intertwined - every choice Coriolanus makes could lead to favor or failure, triumph or ruin. Inside the arena, it will be a fight to the death. Outside the arena, Coriolanus starts to feel for his doomed tribute . . . and must weigh

his need to follow the rules against his desire to survive no matter what it takes.

**The Forest Unseen** - David George Haskell  
2013-03-26

Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award "Injects much-needed vibrancy into the stuffy world of nature writing." —Outside, "The Outdoor Books That Shaped the Last Decade" The biologist and author of *Sounds Wild* and *Broken* combines elegant writing with scientific expertise to reveal the secret world hidden in a single square meter of old-growth forest In this wholly original book, biologist David Haskell uses a one-square-meter patch of old-growth Tennessee forest as a window onto the entire natural world. Visiting it almost daily for one year to trace nature's path through the seasons, he brings the forest and its inhabitants to vivid life. Each of this book's short chapters begins with a simple observation: a salamander scuttling across the leaf litter; the first blossom of spring wildflowers. From these, Haskell spins a brilliant web of biology and ecology, explaining the science that binds together the tiniest microbes and the largest mammals and describing the ecosystems that have cycled for thousands- sometimes millions-of years. Each visit to the forest presents a nature story in miniature as Haskell elegantly teases out the intricate relationships that order the creatures and plants that call it home. Written with remarkable grace and empathy, *The Forest Unseen* is a grand tour of nature in all its profundity. Haskell is a perfect guide into the world that exists beneath our feet and beyond our backyards.

**The Poisonwood Bible** - Barbara Kingsolver  
2008-09-04

'Breathtaking.' Sunday Times 'Exquisite.' The Times 'Beautiful.' Independent 'Powerful.' New York Times An international bestseller and a modern classic, this suspenseful epic of one family's tragic undoing and their remarkable reconstruction has been read, adored and shared by millions around the world. This story is told by the wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce, evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. They carry with them everything they believe they will need from home, but soon find that all of it - from garden seeds to Scripture - is

calamitously transformed on African soil. What readers are saying 'This remains one of the most fascinating books I have ever read.' 'I felt every emotion under the sky with this book.' 'Riveting.' 'This novel left a lasting - YEARS LASTING - impression.' 'This is one of those books that stands the test of time and is worth rereading.' 'Five epic, no-wonder-this-book-is-so-well-loved stars!'

#### The Singing Trees - Boo Walker 2021-08

A young artist forges a path of self-discovery in an enriching novel about forgiving the past and embracing second chances, from the bestselling author of *An Unfinished Story*. Maine, 1969. After losing her parents in a car accident, aspiring artist Annalisa Mancuso lives with her grandmother and their large Italian family in the stifling factory town of Payton Mills. Inspired by her mother, whose own artistic dreams disappeared in a damaged marriage, Annalisa is dedicated only to painting. Closed off to love, and driven as much by her innate talent as she is the disillusionment of her past, Annalisa just wants to come into her own. The first step is leaving Payton Mills and everything it represents. The next, the inspiring opportunities in the city of Portland and a thriving New England art scene where Annalisa hopes to find her voice. But she meets Thomas, an Ivy League student whose attentions--and troubled family--upend her pursuits in ways she never imagined possible. As their relationship deepens, Annalisa must balance her dreams against an unexpected love. Until the unraveling of an unforgivable lie. For Annalisa, opening herself up to life and to love is a risk. It might also be the chance she needs to finally become the person and the artist she's meant to be.

#### **The Giving Tree** - Shel Silverstein 2014-02-18

As *The Giving Tree* turns fifty, this timeless classic is available for the first time ever in ebook format. This digital edition allows young readers and lifelong fans to continue the legacy and love of a classic that will now reach an even wider audience. "Once there was a tree...and she loved a little boy." So begins a story of unforgettable perception, beautifully written and illustrated by the gifted and versatile Shel Silverstein. This moving parable for all ages offers a touching interpretation of the gift of giving and a serene acceptance of another's

capacity to love in return. Every day the boy would come to the tree to eat her apples, swing from her branches, or slide down her trunk...and the tree was happy. But as the boy grew older he began to want more from the tree, and the tree gave and gave and gave. This is a tender story, touched with sadness, aglow with consolation. Shel Silverstein's incomparable career as a bestselling children's book author and illustrator began with *Lafcadio, the Lion Who Shot Back*. He is also the creator of picture books including *A Giraffe and a Half*, *Who Wants a Cheap Rhinoceros?*, *The Missing Piece*, *The Missing Piece Meets the Big O*, and the perennial favorite *The Giving Tree*, and of classic poetry collections such as *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, *A Light in the Attic*, *Falling Up*, *Every Thing On It*, *Don't Bump the Glump!*, and *Runny Babbit*. And don't miss the other Shel Silverstein ebooks, *Where the Sidewalk Ends* and *A Light in the Attic*!

#### *Mildred D. Taylor: The Logan Family Saga Complete Collection* - Mildred D. Taylor 2020-09-01

This 10-book complete collection includes all the books in Mildred D. Taylor's award-winning Logan Family Saga! In this digital package you'll find: 1. *Song of the Trees* 2. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* 3. *Let the Circle Be Unbroken* 4. *The Gold Cadillac* 5. *The Friendship 6. Mississippi Bridge* 7. *The Road to Memphis* 8. *The Well* 9. *The Land* 10. *All the Days Past, All the Days to Come* *The Logan Family Saga* follows the Logans, a tight-knit family who grapple with living in America during the 20th century. We follow this family as they experience prejudice, racism, and the major events that characterize our modern racial history. From the Great Depression to the Civil Rights movement, this gripping series will both educate and capture the hearts of all readers as they read about how Cassie Logan finds her voice in an era characterized by oppression, and the often violent confrontations that bring about change. AWARDS & ACCOLADES FOR THE LOGAN FAMILY SAGA Ms. Taylor's first book in *The Logan Family Saga*, *Song of the Trees* received *The Council on Interracial Books Award*; her second, *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* was the winner of the *Newbery Medal* and a *National Book Award* finalist. Two other novels about the

Logan family followed: *Let the Circle Be Unbroken* and *The Gold Cadillac*, as well as a prequel, *The Land*; all three received The Coretta Scott King Award. Ms. Taylor is also author of *The Friendship*, her fourth Coretta Scott King Award winner; *The Well*, *The Gold Cadillac*, and *Mississippi Bridge*. In 2020, Ms. Taylor released her tenth and final installment of *The Logan Family Saga*, *All the Days Past, All the Days to Come*. In 2020 Ms. Taylor also received the Coretta Scott King-Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement.

**Sounds Wild and Broken** - David George Haskell 2022-03-01

"[A] glorious guide to the miracle of life's sound." —The New York Times Book Review A lyrical exploration of the diverse sounds of our planet, the creative processes that produced these marvels, and the perils that sonic diversity now faces We live on a planet alive with song, music, and speech. David Haskell explores how these wonders came to be. In rain forests shimmering with insect sound and swamps pulsing with frog calls we learn about evolution's creative powers. From birds in the Rocky Mountains and on the streets of Paris, we discover how animals learn their songs and adapt to new environments. Below the waves, we hear our kinship to beings as different as snapping shrimp, toadfish, and whales. In the startlingly divergent sonic vibes of the animals of different continents, we experience the legacies of plate tectonics, the deep history of animal groups and their movements around the world, and the quirks of aesthetic evolution. Starting with the origins of animal song and traversing the whole arc of Earth history, Haskell illuminates and celebrates the emergence of the varied sounds of our world. In mammoth ivory flutes from Paleolithic caves, violins in modern concert halls, and electronic music in earbuds, we learn that human music and language belong within this story of ecology and evolution. Yet we are also destroyers, now silencing or smothering many of the sounds of the living Earth. Haskell takes us to threatened forests, noise-filled oceans, and loud city streets, and shows that sonic crises are not mere losses of sensory ornament. Sound is a generative force, and so the erasure of sonic diversity makes the world less creative, just, and

beautiful. The appreciation of the beauty and brokenness of sound is therefore an important guide in today's convulsions and crises of change and inequity. *Sounds Wild and Broken* is an invitation to listen, wonder, belong, and act.

**The Tree** - Dana Lyons 2002

An 800-year-old Douglas fir ponders the many things it has seen in the natural world as it hears the bulldozers coming, and then some people arrive to save it from destruction.

*The Well* - Mildred D. Taylor 1998-09-01

Another powerful story in the Logan Family Saga and companion to Mildred D. Taylor's Newbery Award-winning *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. For David Logan, a time of distress means taking the higher road. During a drought, the Logan family shares their well water with their neighbors, black and white alike. But David's brother Hammer finds it hard to share with Charlie Simms, who torments them because they are black. Hammer's pride and Charlie's meanness are a dangerous combination, and tensions between the boys build and build—until they explode. \* "A compelling novel about prejudice and the saving power of human dignity."—School Library Journal, starred review *Autumn* - Lisa Bell 2015-03

Discusses the weather, plants and animals, and activities of autumn and suggests things to do.

*Boys in the Trees* - Carly Simon 2015-11-24

Carly Simon's New York Times bestselling memoir, *Boys in the Trees*, reveals her remarkable life, beginning with her storied childhood as the third daughter of Richard L. Simon, the co-founder of publishing giant Simon & Schuster, her musical debut as half of The Simon Sisters performing folk songs with her sister Lucy in Greenwich Village, to a meteoric solo career that would result in 13 top 40 hits, including the #1 song "You're So Vain." She was the first artist in history to win a Grammy Award, an Academy Award and a Golden Globe Award, for her song "Let the River Run" from the movie *Working Girl*. The memoir recalls a childhood enriched by music and culture, but also one shrouded in secrets that would eventually tear her family apart. Simon brilliantly captures moments of creative inspiration, the sparks of songs, and the stories behind writing "Anticipation" and "We Have No Secrets" among many others. Romantic

entanglements with some of the most famous men of the day fueled her confessional lyrics, as well as the unraveling of her storybook marriage to James Taylor.

**The Trees** - Percival Everett 2021-09-21

Shortlisted for the 2022 Booker Prize Winner of the 2022 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award Finalist for the 2022 PEN/Jean Stein Book Award Longlisted for the 2022 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction An uncanny literary thriller addressing the painful legacy of lynching in the US, by the author of Telephone Percival Everett's *The Trees* is a page-turner that opens with a series of brutal murders in the rural town of Money, Mississippi. When a pair of detectives from the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation arrive, they meet expected resistance from the local sheriff, his deputy, the coroner, and a string of racist White townfolk. The murders present a puzzle, for at each crime scene there is a second dead body: that of a man who resembles Emmett Till. The detectives suspect that these are killings of retribution, but soon discover that eerily similar murders are taking place all over the country. Something truly strange is afoot. As the bodies pile up, the MBI detectives seek answers from a local root doctor who has been documenting every lynching in the country for years, uncovering a history that refuses to be buried. In this bold, provocative book, Everett takes direct aim at racism and police violence, and does so in a fast-paced style that ensures the reader can't look away. *The Trees* is an enormously powerful

novel of lasting importance from an author with his finger on America's pulse.

**The Gold Cadillac** - Mildred D. Taylor 1998-02-01

Another powerful story in the Logan Family Saga and companion to Mildred D. Taylor's Newbery Award-winning *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. A drive South becomes dangerous for 'lois and her family. 'Lois and Wilma are proud of their father's brand-new gold Cadillac, and excited that the family will be driving it all the way from Ohio to Mississippi. But as they travel deeper into the rural South, there are no admiring glances for the shiny new car; only suspicion and anger for the black man behind the wheel. For the first time in their lives, Lois and her sister know what it's like to feel scared because of the color of their skin. "A personal, poignant look at a black child's first experience with institutional racism."--The New York Times [Tree of Smoke](#) - Denis Johnson 2007-09-04

The lives of Skip Sands, a spy-in-training engaged in psychological operations against the Vietcong, and brothers Bill and James Houston, young men who drift out of the Arizona desert into a war, intertwine in a compelling novel of America during the Vietnam War.

**The Land** - Mildred D. Taylor 2001

After the Civil War Paul, the son of a white father and a black mother, finds himself caught between the two worlds of colored folks and white folks as he pursues his dream of owning land of his own.