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*Women, Autobiography, Theory  
Convergent Books*

The first comprehensive guide to the burgeoning field of women's autobiography. Essays from 39 prominent critics and writers explore narratives across the centuries and from around the globe. A list of more than 200 women's autobiographies and a comprehensive bibliography provide invaluable information for scholars, teachers, and readers.

*Where I Come From* Bantam

In this irresistible collection of wide-ranging and endearingly personal columns culled from his best-loved pieces in *Southern Living* and *Garden & Gun*, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Rick Bragg muses on everything from his love of Tupperware to the decline of country music; from the legacy of Harper Lee to the metamorphosis of the pickup truck;

and from the best way to kill fire ants to why any self-respecting Southern man worth his salt should carry a good knife. An ode to the stories and the history of the South, crackling with tenderness, wit, and deep affection, *Where I Come From* celebrates “a litany of great talkers, blue-green waters, deep casseroles, kitchen-sink permanents, lying fishermen, haunted mansions, and dogs that never die, things that make this place more than a dotted line on a map or a long-ago failed rebellion, even if only in some cold-weather dream.” Evoking the beauty and the odd particularity of humble origins, Bragg's searching vision, generous humor, and richly nuanced voice bring a place, a people, and a world vividly to life.

*Interfaces* Standard Ebooks

To many, the task of writing about one's life seems daunting and difficult. Where does one begin? What stories will inspire your children and grandchildren, and which will simply amuse them? Writing Your Life: A Guide to Writing Autobiographies breaks down the barriers of personal narrative with an easy-to-follow guide that includes thought-provoking questions, encouraging suggestions, memory-jogging activities, tips for writing, advice on publishing one's stories in print and online, and examples of ordinary people's writing. Writing Your Life has already helped thousands write their life stories, and this fourth edition is sure to help today's writers preserve their memories and wisdom for many generations to come.

This Boy's Life Candlewick Press  
Charts the ways that woman artists have represented themselves and their life stories

*The Scribe Method* Univ of Wisconsin Press

Highlighting the importance of everyday mentorship, a Hollywood star shares his personal story of mentoring and mentors who shaped his life, and introduces the life-changing stories of more than seventy of America's leading personalities, including Bill Clinton, Alex Rodriguez, Whoopie Goldberg, Bonnie Raitt, and many others. 100,000 first printing.

Educated Anchor

Various encounters helped us transform what was originally just a response to a trendy 1980s phrase--Get A life!--into the

pointed yet heterogeneous engagement with everyday practices that we believe this collection represents. Papers submitted for the session on the everyday uses of autobiography at the Modern Language Association's convention in 1992 enabled us to connect with scholars around the country.

The Gucci Mane Guide to Greatness

Hesperus Press

This unforgettable memoir, by one of our most gifted writers, introduces us to the young Toby Wolff, by turns tough and vulnerable, crafty and bumbling, and ultimately winning. Separated by divorce from his father and brother, Toby and his mother are constantly on the move, yet they develop an extraordinarily close, almost telepathic relationship. As Toby

fights for identity and self-respect against the unrelenting hostility of a new stepfather, his experiences are at once poignant and comical, and Wolff does a masterful job of re-creating the frustrations and cruelties of adolescence. His various schemes - running away to Alaska, forging checks, and stealing cars - lead eventually to an act of outrageous self-invention that releases him into a new world of possibility.

*Reading Jackie* Vanderbilt University Press

With the memoir boom, life storytelling has become ubiquitous and emerged as a distinct field of study. *Reading Autobiography*, originally published in 2001, was the first comprehensive critical introduction to life writing in all its forms. Widely adopted for

undergraduate and graduate-level courses, it is an essential guide for students and scholars reading and interpreting autobiographical texts and methods across the humanities, social sciences, and visual and performing arts. Thoroughly updated, the second edition of *Reading Autobiography* is the most complete assessment of life narrative in its myriad forms. It lays out a sophisticated, theoretical approach to life writing and the components of autobiographical acts, including memory, experience, identity, embodiment, space, and agency. Sidonie Smith and Julia Watson explore these components, review the history of life writing and the foundations of autobiographical subjectivity, and provide a toolkit for working with twenty-

three key concepts. Their survey of innovative forms of life writing, such as autographics and installation self-portraiture, charts recent shifts in autobiographical practice. Especially useful for courses are the appendices: a glossary covering dozens of distinct genres of life writing, proposals for group and classroom projects, and an extensive bibliography.

**Getting a Life** Random House

This is a quietly passionate and witty defence of the joys and consolations of reading in both the difficult and day-to-day aspects of our lives.

Writing Your Life Candlewick Press

Do you have a story that you just have to tell? Do you seek to preserve your life history as a gift for loved ones, or to pay tribute to those who have meant the

most to you? Do you yearn to write about one major life experience to inspire others? You're not alone. The desire to write our life story is a timeless, universal urge. Somewhere inside us we know that writing a book about our life will touch those we love, while enriching our lives in today's cell phone-laptop lifestyle. Life is a book, and women and men from 19 to 99 are hearing the call to write it. Someone is waiting to hear you tell your life story: who you are, how you've lived, what you've learned. They want to hear all the stories that have shaped your life. Your *Life Is a Book - And It's Time to Write It! An A-to-Z Guide to Help Anyone Write Their Life Story* will take you on the journey of creating your memoir, autobiography, or life story. It doesn't

matter how old or how young you are, or whether you've written a lot, a little, or not at all. Through practical tools, lively writing exercises, engaging questions, and helpful illustrations, you'll receive the guidance and encouragement you need from an expert life-writing teacher. Start writing your life story today! Kevin Quirk, M.A., has been helping ordinary people of all ages and backgrounds write their life stories as ghostwriter, personal historian, and *Writing Your Life Story* teacher since 1998. A former journalist and founder of *Life Is a Book*, he is coauthor of *Brace for Impact: Miracle on the Hudson Survivors Share Their Stories of Near Death and Hope for New Life. Memoir Writing For Dummies* Hillcrest Publishing Group  
A comprehensive work on the

autobiographical tradition in Arabic letters, which includes a detailed introduction to the genre and a selection of autobiographical texts ranging from the 9th to the 19th centuries.

**Where the Light Fell** SIU Press

"This is a novel in the guise of the tape-recorded recollections of a black woman who has lived 110 years, who has been both a slave and a witness to the black militancy of the 1960's. In this woman Ernest Gaines has created a legendary figure, a woman equipped to stand beside William Faulkner's Dilsey in *The Sound And The Fury*." Miss Jane Pittman, like Dilsey, has 'endured,' has seen almost everything and foretold the rest. Gaines' novel brings to mind other great works *The Odyssey* for the way his heroine's travels manage to summarize

the American history of her race, and Huckleberry Finn for the clarity of her voice, for her rare capacity to sort through the mess of years and things to find the one true story in it all." -- Geoffrey Wolff, *Newsweek*. "Stunning. I know of no black novel about the South that excludes quite the same refreshing mix of wit and wrath, imagination and indignation, misery and poetry. And I can recall no more memorable female character in Southern fiction since Lena of Faulkner's *Light In August* than Miss Jane Pittman." -- Josh Greenfeld, *Life*

**The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman** University of Michigan Press

A compact, pithy guide to the most popular form of life-writing, *Memoir: An Introduction* provides a primer to the ubiquitous literary form and its many

subgenres.

Book: My Autobiography U of Minnesota Press

Life Writing in the Long Run gathers twenty-one essays by Sidonie Smith and Julia Watson written in collaboration or solo and published over the last quarter-century. It includes the introductions to their five edited collections; essays focused on such autobiographical genres as autoethnography, Bildungsroman, diary, digital life writing, genealogy, graphic memoir, human rights witnessing, manifesto; and essays engaging the key concepts of authenticity, performativity, postcoloniality, relationality, and visuality. Available in print, eBook, and open access versions, this collection captures decades of exciting

developments in the field, making it indispensable reading for courses on modes and media of self-presentation in cultural, gender, and literary studies and feminist theory.

**Reading- The Grand Illusion** U of Minnesota Press

The author shares his insights into the craft of writing and offers a humorous perspective on his own experience as a writer.

*The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man*  
John Wiley & Sons

The fast and easy way to write your memoir Memoir writing is a growing phenomenon, and not just by celebrities and politicians. Everyone has a story to tell, and *Memoir Writing For Dummies* provides hopeful writers with the tools they need to share their life stories with



the world and become published authors. With easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions—along with helpful tips and advice on how to get published—*Memoir Writing For Dummies* shows you how to put pen to paper and hone the craft of writing a truly compelling memoir. You'll get advice on how to explore your memories, map out your story, perfect your plot, setting, character, and dialogue, and so much more. Includes tips on getting over writer's block. Guides you through every step of the writing and editing processes. Covers the best ways to market a finished memoir. Packed with proven tips and writing tricks of the trade, *Memoir Writing For Dummies* gives you everything you need to ensure your life story is never forgotten.

### **The Forms of Autobiography** Vintage

A life worth living is worth recording—a guide for everyone who wants to share their story with the next generation

### **They Called Us Enemy - Expanded Edition** Simon and Schuster

At 2 months old a horse almost takes his life. Horses become part of his livelihood for the next 60 years. Follow a boy who works alongside German prisoners of war. At 15, runs away with the circus. Travel the adventure trail to be a cowboy in the Chilcotin in the heart of the Caribou. Venture's to the Peace River Country, to become a Forest Ranger. Is instrumental, sending a politician to jail. Learn how he and his wife with six small children face the wilderness to build a homestead into a ranching enterprise, 24 miles back in the mountains from the

nearest road. Trades - their ranch, for the farthest ranching operation, in Northern British Columbia on the Alaska Highway. Has a horse save his life from drownings. Buys a Hunting Area, becomes one of the most successful Big Game Outfitters in North America. Bush pilot, who walks away, from four major, airplane crashes. Stories of Hunters adventure in pursuit of Mt. Sheep, Moose, Mt. Caribou, Mountain Goat, Grizzly and Black Bear. Crosse's the Berlin Wall. With a wife that stood by him through thick and thin.

Life Writing in the Long Run Lioncrest Publishing

Why do we endlessly tell the stories of our lives? And why do others pay attention when we do? The essays collected here address these questions,

focusing on three different but interrelated dimensions of life writing. The first section, "Narrative," argues that narrative is not only a literary form but also a social and cultural practice, and finally a mode of cognition and an expression of our most basic physiology. The next section, "Life Writing: Historical Forms," makes the case for the historical value of the subjectivity recorded in ego-documents. The essays in the final section, "Autobiography Now," identify primary motives for engaging in self-narration in an age characterized by digital media and quantum cosmology.

**A Hand to Guide Me** Routledge  
Books contain countless tales--but what if Book told its own story? From clay tablets to e-readers, here is a quirky, kid-friendly look at the book. Books are

one of humankind's greatest forms of expression, and now Book, in a witty, idiosyncratic voice, tells us the inside story. A wonderfully eccentric character with strong opinions and a poetic turn of phrase, Book tells of a journey from papyrus scrolls to medieval manuscripts to printed paper and beyond--pondering,

along the way, many bookish things, including the evolution of the alphabet, the library (known to Egyptians as "the healing place of the soul"), and even book burning. With bold, black-and-white illustrations by Neil Packer, Book is a captivating work of nonfiction by one of England's leading poets.