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**Perspectives on Barry Hannah** Martyn Bone 2006-12-04 "Perspectives on Barry Hannah" is a collection of essays devoted to the work of the award-winning fiction writer Barry Hannah. The anthology features a broad range of critical approaches and covers the span of Hannah's career from "Geronimo Rex" (1972) to "Yonder Stands Your Orphan" (2001). The book also includes a previously unpublished interview with Hannah. The ten essays cover all of Hannah's thirteen published books. The

contributors give fresh perspectives on Hannah's classic works ("Airships" and "Ray"), provide illuminating readings of important fiction that has received less critical attention ("Nighwatchmen," "Hey Jack!," and "Never Die"), and offer the first sustained criticism of Hannah's acclaimed later fiction ("Bats Out of Hell," "High Lonesome," and "Yonder Stands Your Orphan"). As Martyn Bone explains in his introduction, the essays--though varied in approach and style--consistently hone in on the recurrent themes that

characterize Hannah's career: his relationship to postmodernism; his interrogation of traditional ideas of masculinity and heroism; his complex engagement with southern history, literature, and culture; and his growing concern with spirituality and morality. The essays in "Perspectives on Barry Hannah" make connections between Hannah's work and that of several prominent modern and postmodern authors, including William Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway, James Joyce, Allen Tate, John Irving, J. M. Coetzee, and Cormac McCarthy. Contributors also consider Hannah's fiction in relation to non-literary cultural forms such as sport, film, and popular music. Ultimately, "Perspectives on Barry Hannah" affirms Hannah's status as a leading figure in contemporary American literature. Martyn Bone is assistant professor of American literature at the Institute for English, German, and Romance Languages at the University of

Copenhagen. His previous publications include "The Postsouthern Sense of Place in Contemporary Fiction." Of Art and Artists Louis D. Dollarhide 1981 Catalog of Copyright Entries. Third Series Library of Congress. Copyright Office 1974

### **Contemporary Fiction**

#### **Writers of the South** Joseph

M. Flora 1993 The extraordinary flowering of Southern literary talent in the early twentieth century has re-emerged in recent decades. The astonishing output of these newer fiction writers, poets, dramatists, and journalists constitutes a phenomenon worthy of being called a Second Southern Literary Renaissance. Retaining the same format as in their acclaimed *Fifty Southern Writers before 1900* and *Fifty Southern Writers after 1900*, editors Joseph M. Flora and Robert Bain have developed two new volumes on contemporary Southern writers. The first, focusing on fiction, comprises forty-nine

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talented novelists, including such popular figures as Pat Conroy, Gail Godwin, T.R. Pearson, Anne Tyler, and Alice Walker. The forthcoming companion volume will cover primarily poets, playwrights, and essayists. The essays, written by scholars and critics, present in each case a biographical sketch, an analysis of style and themes, an assessment of reviews and scholarship, a chronological list of works, and a bibliography of selected criticism. Collectively, these bio-bibliographical studies clearly demonstrate the state and strength of Southern letters.

*Barry Hannah's Geronimo Rex, Nightwatchmen, and Other Selected Works* David V. Broome 1985

**Southern Writers at Century's End** Jeffrey J. Folks 2021-12-14 Since the end of World War II, the South has experienced a greater awareness of growth and of its accompanying tensions than other regions of the United States. The rapid change that climaxed with the war in

Vietnam, the Cold War, civil rights demonstrations, and Watergate has forced the traditional South to come to terms with social upheaval. As the essays collected in *Southern Writers at Century's End* point out, southern writing: since 1975 reflects the confusion and violence that have characterized late-twentieth-century public culture. These essays consider the work of twenty-one of the foremost southern writers whose most important fiction has appeared in the last quarter of this century. As the region's contemporary writers have begun to gain a wide audience, critics have begun to distinguish what Hugh Holman has called "the fresh, the vital, and the new" in southern literary culture. *Southern Writers at Century's End* is the first volume to take an extensive look at the current generation of southern writers. Authors considered include: James Lee Burke, Fred Chappell, Robert Drake, Andre Dubus, Clyde Edgerton, Richard Ford, Kaye Gibbons,

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John Grisham, Barry Hannah, Mary Hood, Josephine Humphreys, Randall Kenan, Richard Marius, Bobbie Ann Mason, Cormac McCarthy, Tim McLaurin, T.R. Pearson, Lee Smith, Anne Tyler, Alice Walker, and James Wilcox.

**Geronimo Rex** Barry Hannah 2007-12-01 Nominated for the National Book Award, Barry Hannah's brilliant debut offers "a fresh angle on the great American subject of growing up" (John Updike). Roiling with love and torment, lunacy and desire, hilarity and tenderness, *Geronimo Rex* is the bildungsroman of an unlikely hero. Reared in gloomy Dream of Pines, Louisiana, whose pines have long since yielded to paper mills, Harry Monroe is ready to take on the world. Inspired by the great Geronimo's heroic rampage through the Old West, Harry puts on knee boots and a scarf and voyages out into the swamp of adolescence in the South of the 1950s and '60s. Along the way he is attacked by an unruly peacock; discovers women, rock 'n' roll, and jazz;

and stalks a pervert white supremacist who fancies himself the next Henry Miller in this "stunning piece of entertainment . . . vulgar, ribald, and wildly comic" (*The New York Times*). "Hannah writes about adolescence with a rare pizzazz and insight." —Rolling Stone

**Ray** Barry Hannah 2007-12-01 "A shorthand epic of extraordinary power . . . A novel of brilliant particulars and dizzying juxtapositions" from the acclaimed southern author of *Geronimo Rex* (*Newsweek*). Nominated for the American Book Award, *Ray* is the bizarre, hilarious, and consistently adventurous story of a life on the edge. Dr. Ray—a womanizer, small-town drunk, vigilante, poet, adoring husband—is a man trying to make sense of life in the twentieth century. In flight from the death he dealt flying over Vietnam, Dr. Ray struggles with those bound to him by need, sickness, lunacy, by blood and by love. "This novel hangs in the memory like a fishhook. It will haunt you

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long after you have finally put it down. Barry Hannah is a talent to reckon with, and I can only hope that Ray finds an audience it deserves.” —Harry Crews, *The Washington Post Book World*

Postregional Fictions Clare Chadd 2021-07-07 Drawing from recent debates about the validity of regional studies and skepticism surrounding the efficacy of the concept of authenticity, Clare Chadd's *Postregional Fictions* focuses on questions of southern regional authenticity in fiction published by Barry Hannah from 1972 to 2001. The first monograph on the Mississippi author's work to appear since his death, this study considers the ways in which Hannah's novels and short stories challenge established conceptual understandings of the U.S. South. Hannah's writing often features elements of metafiction, through which the putative sense of "southernness" his stories dramatize is complicated by an intense self-reflexivity about the extent to which a sense of

place has never been foundational or essential but has always been constructed and performed. Such texts locate a productive terrain between the local and the global, with particular relevance for critical apprehensions of the post-South and postsouthern literature. Offering sustained close readings of selected stories, and focusing especially on Hannah's late work, Chadd argues that his fiction reveals the region constantly shifting in a process of mythmaking, dialogue, and performance. In turn, she uses Hannah's work to suggest how notions of the "South" and "southernness" might survive the various deconstructive approaches leveled against them in recent decades of southern studies scholarship. Rather than seeing an impasse between the regional and the global, Chadd's reading of Hannah shows the two existing and flourishing in tandem. In *Postregional Fictions*, Chadd offers a new interpretation of Hannah based on an

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appreciation of the vital intersection of southern and postmodern elements in his work.

**Reconstructing the Native South** Melanie Benson Taylor 2012-01-15 In *Reconstructing the Native South*, Melanie Benson Taylor examines the diverse body of Native American literature in the contemporary U.S. South--literature written by the descendants of tribes who evaded Removal and have maintained ties with their southeastern homelands. In so doing Taylor advances a provocative, even counterintuitive claim: that the U.S. South and its Native American survivors have far more in common than mere geographical proximity. Both cultures have long been haunted by separate histories of loss and nostalgia, Taylor contends, and the moments when those experiences converge in explicit and startling ways have yet to be investigated by scholars. These convergences often bear the scars of protracted colonial

antagonism, appropriation, and segregation, and they share preoccupations with land, sovereignty, tradition, dispossession, subjugation, purity, and violence. Taylor poses difficult questions in this work. In the aftermath of Removal and colonial devastation, what remains--for Native and non-Native southerners--to be recovered? Is it acceptable to identify an Indian "lost cause"? Is a deep sense of hybridity and intercultural affiliation the only coherent way forward, both for the New South and for its oldest inhabitants? And in these newly entangled, postcolonial environments, has global capitalism emerged as the new enemy for the twenty-first century? *Reconstructing the Native South* is a compellingly original work that contributes to conversations in Native American, southern, and transnational American studies.

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Mississippi is a study in contradictions. One of the

richest states when the Civil War began, it emerged as possibly the poorest and remains so today.

Geographically diverse, the state encompasses ten distinct landform regions. As people traverse these, they discover varying accents and divergent outlooks. They find pockets of inexhaustible wealth within widespread, grinding poverty. Yet the most illiterate, disadvantaged state has produced arguably the nation's richest literary legacy. Why Mississippi? What does it mean to write in a state of such extremes? To write of racial and economic relations so contradictory and fraught as to defy any logic? Willie Morris often quoted William Faulkner as saying, "To understand the world, you must first understand a place like Mississippi." What Faulkner (or more likely Morris) posits is that Mississippi is not separate from the world. The country's fascination with Mississippi persists because the place embodies the very conflicts that plague the nation. This

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volume examines indigenous literature, Southwest humor, slave narratives, and the literature of the Civil War. Essays on modern and contemporary writers and the state's changing role in southern studies look at more recent literary trends, while essays on key individual authors offer more information on luminaries including Faulkner, Eudora Welty, Richard Wright, Tennessee Williams, and Margaret Walker. Finally, essays on autobiography, poetry, drama, and history span the creative breadth of Mississippi's literature. Written by literary scholars closely connected to the state, the volume offers a history suitable for all readers interested in learning more about Mississippi's great literary tradition.

Beacham's Encyclopedia of Popular Fiction Kirk H. Beetz 1996

Yonder Stands Your Orphan Barry Hannah 2007-12-01 "A wildly colorful, darkly comic, and ultimately sinister tale of madness and murder" from the

award-winning master of Southern fiction (*Library Journal*). "Set in a lake community in the vicinity of Vicksburg, Miss., the story revolves around a fellow named Man Mortimer, a thief, pimp and murderer—and those are his good qualities—who physically resembles the late country singer Conway Twitty. On his trail are Byron Egan, a somewhat reformed biker-turned-preacher and prophet, and Max Raymond, a former doctor who plays saxophone in a bar band and has an attractive Cuban wife who sings, sometimes for the band, sometimes nude in her backyard. Meanwhile, the young town sheriff, distrusted since he hails from the North, manages to shock even the most degenerate denizens of the area with his affair with a luscious 72-year-old widow. The plot is kaleidoscopic, with flashes and slashes of wonder, humor and the macabre expertly mixed...Reading today's fiction is too often like eating stale bread. With Hannah, just imagine your

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most mouthwatering meal, take a double helping and you've come close to the pleasure of reading this book."—Publishers Weekly (starred review)

"Maddeningly brilliant...a stunning assemblage of characters: ruffians, high rollers, heartbroken luses, prostitutes, bikers-turned-preachers, dead ringers, drug addicts, third-rate porn stars, lounge lizards...They do not so much interact as collide, like atomic particles in a cyclotron."—The Hartford Courant "An electrifying prose style, memorable characters, plot lines laced with violence and absurdity, and humor as black as an Ace comb...an expert navigator of the back roads of the human heart."—The Denver Post "Like moonshine whisky, [Hannah's fiction] packs quite a wallop."—The Wall Street Journal

*The Last Season* Stuart Stevens 2015-09-15 Fathers, sons, and sports are enduring themes of American literature. Here, in this fresh and moving account, a son returns to his native

South to spend a special autumn with his ninety-five-year-old dad, sharing the unique joys, disappointments, and life lessons of Saturdays with their beloved Ole Miss Rebels. After growing up in Jackson, Stuart Stevens built a successful career as a writer and political consultant. But in the fall of 2012, not long after he turned sixty, the presidential campaign he'd worked on suffered a painful defeat. Grappling with a profound sense of loss and mortality, he began asking himself some tough questions, not least about his relationship with his father. The two of them had spent little time together for decades. He made a resolution: to invite his father to attend a season of Ole Miss football games together, as they'd done when college football provided a way for his father to guide him through childhood—and to make sense of the troubled South of the 1960s. Now, driving to and from the games, and cheering from the stands, they take stock of their lives as father

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and son, and as individuals, reminding themselves of their unique, complicated, precious bond. Poignant and full of heart, but also irreverent and often hilarious, *The Last Season* is a powerful story of parents and children and of the importance of taking a backward glance together while you still can.

[Perspectives on Barry Hannah](#)  
Martyn Bone 2007 A career-spanning examination of a masterful fiction writer's output

**Popular World Fiction, 1900-present: Do-La** Walton Beacham 1987 Publishing and critical history of best-selling world fiction writers; critical evaluations of selected titles.

[Variations on an Existential Theme](#) Christopher O. Griffin 1996

**In Faulkner's Shadow**  
Lawrence Wells 2020-08-10  
What happens when you marry into a family that includes a Nobel Prize winner who is arguably the finest American writer of the twentieth century? Lawrence Wells, author of *In Faulkner's*

*Shadow: A Memoir*, fills this lively tale with stories that answer just that. In 1972, Wells married Dean Faulkner, the only niece of William Faulkner, and slowly found himself lost in the Faulkner mystique. While attempting to rebel against the overwhelming influence of his in-laws, Wells had a front-row seat to the various rivalries that sprouted between his wife and the members of her family, each of whom dealt in different ways with the challenges and expectations of carrying on a literary tradition. Beyond the family stories, Wells recounts the blossoming of a literary renaissance in Oxford, Mississippi, after William Faulkner's death. Both the town of Oxford and the larger literary world were at a loss as to who would be Faulkner's successor. During these uncertain times, Wells and his wife established Yoknapatawpha Press and the quarterly literary journal the *Faulkner Newsletter* and *Yoknapatawpha Review*. In his dual role as publisher and author, Wells encountered and

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befriended Larry Brown, Barry Hannah, Willie Morris, and many other writers. He became both participant and observer to the deeds and misdeeds of a rowdy collection of talented authors living in Faulkner's shadow. Full of personal insights, this memoir features unforgettable characters and exciting behind-the-scene moments that reveal much about modern American letters and the southern literary tradition. It is also a love story about a courtship and marriage, and an ode to Dean Faulkner Wells and her family. *The Companion to Southern Literature* Joseph M. Flora 2001-11-01 Selected as an Outstanding Academic Title by Choice Selected as an Outstanding Reference Source by the Reference and User Services Association of the American Library Association There are many anthologies of southern literature, but this is the first companion. Neither a survey of masterpieces nor a biographical sourcebook, *The Companion to Southern Literature* treats every

conceivable topic found in southern writing from the pre-Columbian era to the present, referencing specific works of all periods and genres. Top scholars in their fields offer original definitions and examples of the concepts they know best, identifying the themes, burning issues, historical personalities, beloved icons, and common or uncommon stereotypes that have shaped the most significant regional literature in memory. Read the copious offerings straight through in alphabetical order (Ancestor Worship, Blue-Collar Literature, Caves) or skip randomly at whim (Guilt, The Grotesque, William Jefferson Clinton). Whatever approach you take, *The Companion's* authority, scope, and variety in tone and interpretation will prove a boon and a delight. Explored here are literary embodiments of the Old South, New South, Solid South, Savage South, Lazy South, and "Sahara of the Bozart." As up-to-date as grit lit, K Mart fiction, and postmodernism,

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and as old-fashioned as Puritanism, mules, and the tall tale, these five hundred entries span a reach from Lady to Lesbian Literature. The volume includes an overview of every southern state's belletristic heritage while making it clear that the southern mind extends beyond geographical boundaries to form an essential component of the American psyche. The South's lavishly rich literature provides the best means of understanding the region's deepest nature, and *The Companion to Southern Literature* will be an invaluable tool for those who take on that exciting challenge. Description of Contents 500 lively, succinct articles on topics ranging from Abolition to Yoknapatawpha 250 contributors, including scholars, writers, and poets 2 tables of contents — alphabetical and subject — and a complete index A separate bibliography for most entries *Conversations with Barry Hannah* James G. Thomas 2015-12-17 Between 1972 and 2001, Barry Hannah

(1942-2010) published eight novels and four collections of short stories. A master of short fiction, Hannah is considered by many to be one of the most important writers of modern American literature. His writing is often praised more for its unflinching use of language, rich metaphors, and tragically damaged characters than for plot. "I am doomed to be a more lengthy fragmentist," he once claimed. "In my thoughts, I don't ever come on to plot in a straightforward way." *Conversations with Barry Hannah* collects interviews published between 1980 and 2010. Within them Hannah engages interviewers in discussions on war and violence, masculinity, religious faith, abandoned and unfinished writing projects, the modern South and his time spent away from it, the South's obsession with defeat, the value of teaching writing, and post-Faulknerian literature. Despite his rejection of the label "southern writer," Hannah's work has often been

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compared to that of fellow Mississippian William Faulkner, particularly for each author's use of dark humor and the Southern Gothic tradition in their work. Notwithstanding these comparisons, Hannah's voice is distinctly and undeniably his own, a linguistic tour de force.

*Survey of Contemporary Literature* Frank Northen Magill 1977

*The Southern Writer in the Postmodern World* Fred C. Hobson 1991 In *The Southern Writer in the Postmodern World* Fred Hobson offers a witty and engaging 'preliminary estimate' of some of the most prominent new figures in southern fiction. Although he discovers no shortage of talent, he does find 'various and conflicting attitudes toward the southe and the contemporary world.' Especially concerned with the relationship of these new writers to their literary predecessors, he traces the continuity--or lack of continuity--or lack of continuity--of certain attitudes,

fictional approaches, and even values that informed southern writing during its earlier flowering in the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s.

*Accidental Shotgun Wound Fiction?* David Royston Patterson 1996

**Jim Harrison** Gregg Orr 2009-06 Jim Harrison, a literary maverick, is widely considered one of the great and iconic writers in contemporary American literature. This pioneering volume, an extensive and up-to-date illustrated guide to Harrison's published works, is the first full-length catalog of a distinguished literary career spanning more than forty years. Longtime Harrison readers and collectors Gregg Orr and Beef Torrey have amassed a thorough list of the author's wide-ranging work, annotated and arranged by genre to provide a full view of the breadth of Harrison's accomplishment. This work contains more than sixteen hundred citations of writings by and about Harrison, including his fiction, poetry,

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essays, interviews, screenplays, criticism, and reviews; it also features photographs of his books, dust jackets, and broadsides. With a foreword by Harrison, penned especially for this seminal volume, and an introduction by writer and scholar Robert DeMott, this is the definitive bibliographical study of a major figure in late twentieth- and early twenty-first-century American letters.

Ray Barry Hannah 1994  
Nominated for the American Book Award, *Ray* is the bizarre, hilarious, and consistently adventurous story of a life on the edge. Dr. Ray--a womanizer, small-town drunk, vigilante, poet, adoring husband--is a man trying to make sense of life in the twentieth century. In flight from the death he dealt flying over Vietnam, Dr. Ray struggles with those bound to him by need, sickness, lunacy, by blood and by love.

Barry Hannah Mark J. Charney 1992 "Born in Clinton, Mississippi, Barry Hannah has been a major force in southern literature since the 1970

publication of his first novel, *Geronimo Rex*, which won the Bellman Foundation Award in fiction. It was followed by his first collection of stories, *Airships* (1978), winner of the prestigious Arnold Gringrich Short Fiction Award, and the acclaimed novel *Ray* (1980). The honesty of Hannah's vision and his varied narrative voices have won him comparison to Walker Percy, William Faulkner, Eudora Welty, and Flannery O'Connor. One of the South's most original writers, Hannah explores the human psyche; he may write primarily about his experiences in the South, but his experiments with prose are not restricted to region. In this first full-length critical study of Hannah's works--six novels and two volumes of short stories--Mark Jay Charney deftly explores Hannah's connections with southern writers like Faulkner and Welty by examining both his progression as a fiction writer and his experiments with language, voice, and form. Expertly combining biographical information with

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critical analysis, Charney correlates Hannah's literary themes and techniques with the influences shaping his life." "The book is organized chronologically to illustrate Hannah's growing preoccupation with unconventional narrative form and to delineate the thematic shift from violence and isolation to peaceful alternatives and community acceptance. This book is a most welcome introduction to the works of a writer who promises to remain one of South's most startling and iconoclastic voices."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

[Airships](#) Barry Hannah  
2007-12-01 Winner of the PEN/Malamud Award, *Airships* is a "strong, original, tragic and funny" story collection of "the creative Southern tradition" (Alfred Kazin). One of the most revered short story collections of the past fifty years, *Airships* remains a vital text in the history of the American short story. The

award-winning contemporary classic features twenty wildly original, exuberant, often hilarious stories that celebrate the universal peculiarities of the new American South—a land of high school band contests where good old boys from Vicksburg are reunited in Vietnam, and petty nostalgia and the incessant pain of disappointed love prevail in spite of our worst efforts. Hailed by none other than Larry McMurtry as "the best young writer to appear in the South since Flannery O'Connor," Barry Hannah's immense storytelling gifts are on striking display in this essential work. "Hannah takes fiction by surprise—scenes, shocks, sounds and amazements: an explosive but meticulous originality."

—Cynthia Ozick

**Nightwatchmen** Barry Hannah 1973

**American Novelists Since World War II** James E. Kibler 1980 Contains biographical sketches of writers who either began writing novels after 1945 or have done their most

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important work since then.  
**The Indian in American Southern Literature** Melanie Benson Taylor 2020-06-30  
Indians are everywhere and nowhere in the US South. Cloaked by a rhetoric of disappearance after Indian Removal, actual southeastern tribal groups are largely invisible but immortalized in regional mythologies, genealogical lore, romanticized stereotypes, and unpronounceable place names. These imaginary 'Indians' compose an ideological fiction inextricable from that of the South itself. Often framed as hindrances to the Cotton Kingdom, Indians were in fact active participants in the plantation economy and chattel slavery before and after Removal. Dialectical tropes of Indigeneity linger in the white southern imagination in order to both conceal and expose the tangle of land, labor, and race as formative, disruptive categories of being and meaning. This book is not, finally, about the recovery of the region's lost Indians, but a

reckoning with their inaccessible traces, ambivalent functions, and the shattering implications of their repressed significance for modern southern identity.

*Our Lady of Mississippi* Barry Hannah 1972

**Critical Survey of Long Fiction: Ralph Ellison-Jamake Highwater 2000**  
**Boomerang ; Never Die**

Barry Hannah 1993 In *Boomerang*, a novel told in vignettes both real and fictive, a father attempting to cope with the tragic murder of his son learns that actions return to haunt or reward. He becomes the embodiment of Hannah's ideal of forbearance, dignity, and decency in the face of incomprehensible death. In *Never Die* Hannah mingles hilarity and horror as the frontier West is killed off by the onset of automobiles, biplanes, and nitroglycerine bombs. A gallery of grotesque characters - a judges' evil dwarf henchman, a nymphomaniacal schoolteacher, and a homosexual doctor named

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Fingo - populate this rollicking postmodern novel in which Old West myths collide with the anarchy of the twentieth century.

**Boomerang** Barry Hannah  
1989 The life of a Mississippi-

born-and-bred boy brings struggles for a "tiny but sincere" child who comes of age amidst staggering lust, hatred, love, and mayhem and who has a pivotal meeting with an old man