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Gloria Naylor Shirley A. Stave 2001 "This collection of essays treats Gloria Naylor's novels *Mama Day* and *Bailey's Cafe*, recognized by scholars and critics as her most significant works. Long understood to be a major African-American woman writer, Gloria Naylor is finally gaining recognition as a contemporary American writer who needs no qualifiers or adjectives before her name. One of the few critical studies of her work, this text represents the work of a group of scholars who are looking seriously and carefully at Naylor, attempting to determine her place, not within an intellectual tradition, but rather within several traditions."--BOOK JACKET. Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Linden Hills Gloria Naylor 1986

The figurative language in Gloria Naylor's "Linden Hills" and "Mama Day" Olga Založnik 2002

Burning Down the House Jenny Elizabeth Mundell 2011

Constructs of "home" in Gloria Naylor's Quartet Claudia Drieling 2011

Contemporary American Literature and Excremental Culture Mary C. Foltz 2020-10-08 Contemporary American Literature and Excremental Culture: American Sh*t analyzes post-1960 scatological novels that utilize representations of human waste to address pressing issues, including pollution of waterways, environmental racism, and militarism. Primarily examining postmodern parody, the book shows the value of aesthetic renderings of sanitary engineering for composting ideologies that fuel a ruinous impact on the world. Drawing on late twentieth-century psychoanalytic thinkers Norman O. Brown, Frantz Fanon, and Leo Bersani, American Sh*t shows the continued relevance of psychoanalytic interpretations of contemporary fiction for understanding post-45 authors' engagement with waste. Ultimately, the monograph reveals how novelists Ishmael Reed, Jonathan Franzen, Gloria Naylor, Don DeLillo, and Samuel R. Delany critique subjects who abnegate their status as waste-producing beings and bring readers back to embrace Winner of the 2019 Northeast Modern Language Association Book Award for Literary Criticism of English Language Literature

Conversations with Gloria Naylor Gloria Naylor 2004 Collected interviews with the author of *The Women of Brewster Place*, *The Men of Brewster Place*, and *Linden Hills*

Postcolonial Perspectives on Women Writers from Africa, the Caribbean, and the US Martin Japtok 2003 Combining postcolonial perspectives with race and culture based studies, which have merged the fields of African and black American studies, this volume concentrates on women writers, exploring how the (post) colonial condition is reflected in women's literature. The essays are united by their focus on attempts to create alternative value systems through the rewriting of history or the reclassification of the woman's position in society. By examining such strategies these essays illuminate the diversity and coherence of the postcolonial project.

Palimpsests in Ethnic and Postcolonial Literature and Culture Yiorgos D. Kalogeras 2021-03-01 This volume explores ways in which the literary trope of the palimpsest can be applied to ethnic and postcolonial literary and cultural studies. Based on contemporary theories of the palimpsest, the innovative chapters reveal hidden histories and uncover relationships across disciplines and seemingly unconnected texts. The contributors focus on diverse forms of the palimpsest: the incarceration of Native Americans in military forts and their response to the elimination of their cultures; mnemonic novels that rework the politics and poetics of the Black Atlantic; the urban palimpsests of Rio de Janeiro, Marseille, Johannesburg, and Los

Angeles that reveal layers of humanity with disparities in origin, class, religion, and chronology; and the palimpsestic configurations of mythologies and religions that resist strict cultural distinctions and argue against cultural relativism.

Methods of Intertextuality in Gloria Naylor's Linden Hills Christine G. Berg 1997 This project complicates the distinctions between two often polarized visions in American literature: between legitimized canonical works and marginalized multicultural works. In Gloria Naylor's *Linden Hills*, multicultural experience and canonical text intersect in the characters of Lester Tilson and Willie K. Mason, the two young male African American protagonists who admire and even memorize the poetry of "dead white males" (among others) and are poets themselves. Naylor employs two intertextual strategies in the novel, one recognized by critics and another heretofore uncelebrated. First, Naylor alludes to Dante's *Inferno*, as she patterns the journey that Willie and Lester take into the community of Linden Hills against the descent that Dante and Virgil follow into Hell. Naylor herself calls attention to her borrowings from Dante, and several scholars have begun to analyze their literary relationship. Second, Naylor incorporates three canonical American poems by quoting them in the text of her narrative: "Whoever You are Holding Me Now in Hand" by Walt Whitman, "Cuisine Bourgeoise" by Wallace Stevens, and "Gerontion" by T.S. Eliot. Using the variety of textual approaches categorized under the umbrella term of intertextuality, I examine each of these references separately, for the individual importance of each in the novel, and together, for their collective effect overall. Ultimately, I am concerned with the implications of Naylor's revisions of works belonging to the canons of Western and American literature and of her version of the vitality of those works for her African American characters in *Linden Hills*.

The Fiction of Gloria Naylor Maxine Lavon Montgomery 2010-11-26 The Fiction of Gloria Naylor is one of the very first critical studies of this acclaimed writer. Including an insightful interview with Naylor and focusing on her first four novels, the book situates various acts of insurgency throughout her work within a larger framework of African American opposition to hegemonic authority. But what truly distinguishes this volume is its engagement with African American vernacular forms and twentieth-century political movements. In her provocative analysis, Maxine Lavon Montgomery argues that Naylor constantly attempts to reconfigure the home and homespace to be more conducive to black self-actualization, thus providing a stark contrast to a dominant white patriarchy evident in a broader public sphere. Employing a postcolonial and feminist theoretical framework to analyze Naylor's evolving body of work, Montgomery pays particular attention to black slave historiography, tales of conjure, trickster lore, and oral devices involving masking, word play, and code-switching—the vernacular strategies that have catapulted Naylor to the vanguard of contemporary African American letters. Montgomery argues for the existence of home as a place that is not exclusively architectural or geographic in nature. She posits that in Naylor's writings home exists as an intermediate space embedded in cultural memory and encoded in the vernacular. Home closely resembles a highly symbolic, signifying system bound with vexed issues of racial sovereignty as well as literary authority. Through a re-inscription of the subversive, frequently clandestine acts of resistance on the part of the border subject—those outside the dominant culture—Naylor recasts space in such a way as to undermine reader expectation and destabilize established models of dominance, influence, and control. Thoroughly researched and sophisticated in its approach, *The Fiction of Gloria Naylor* will be essential reading for scholars and students of African American, American, and Africana Literary and Cultural studies. Maxine Lavon Montgomery is the author of *The Apocalypse in African-American Fiction* and the

editor of *Conversations with Gloria Naylor*. Her articles have appeared in *African-American Review*, *College Language Association Journal*, and *The Literary Griot*. She is an associate professor in the English department at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

Gloria Naylor Charles E. Wilson 2001 Examines five novels by Gloria Naylor, showing the struggles faced by her African American characters, and presents biographical information showing her own struggles and successes.

The Critical Response to Gloria Naylor Sharon Felton 1997 Comprehensive collection of literary criticism on Gloria Naylor's *The Women of Brewster Place*, *Linden Hills*, *Mama Day*, and *Bailey's Cafe*.

Linden Hills Gloria Naylor 2022-09-12 Linden Hills - wer hier lebt, hat es geschafft. Elegante Häuser und perfekt gepflegte Rasen säumen die acht Ringstraßen, die sich den Hügel hinabwinden. Lester und sein bester Kumpel Willie, beide verflucht knapp bei Kasse, verabscheuen die noble Klientel, reinigen aber für ein paar Dollar ihre Auffahrten und Pools. Vorbei an glänzenden Fassaden und übertünchten Rissen arbeiten sie sich Straße für Straße den Hügel hinunter. Bis ganz nach unten, wo Luther Nedeed, das Epizentrum der Macht, ein finsternes Geheimnis hütet. Gloria Naylor enthüllt, wie die Menschen für den American Dream mit ihrer Seele bezahlen und wie das funkelnde Versprechen eines besseren Lebens in schneidende Niedertracht zersplittert.

Gloria Naylor's Early Novels Margot Anne Kelley 1999 "An outstanding study of Naylor's work! It offers the quality and intensity of scholarship that her work deserves, and it is a significant addition to the body of scholarship that her work has inspired. Its ideas are large, but its language is accessible. . . . All of Naylor's fans will herald its presence."--Joyce Pettis, North Carolina State University These essays about the important contemporary African-American novelist Gloria Naylor explore themes of race, class, domesticity, and sexual identity--the complex issues that contribute to Naylor's popularity with the general public as well as to her importance in the academy. They show how her novels function individually and how the first four--*The Women of Brewster Place* (1982), *Linden Hills* (1985), *Bailey's Cafe* (1992), and *Mama Day* (1993)--work together as a quartet. The essays illuminate Naylor's vision of a universe that is rich, complicated, and fraught with possibility and impossibility--a world in which "everything got four sides . . . [and] all of it is the truth." Contents Introduction: "Everything Got Four Sides" 1. Gloria Naylor's Poetics of Emancipation: Emerging Impossibilities in *Bailey's Cafe*, by Karen Schneider 2. Women's Screams and Women's Laughter: Connections and Creations in Gloria Naylor's Novels, by Jenny Brantley 3. "Weapons Against Women": Compulsory Heterosexuality and Capitalism in *Linden Hills*, by Kimberly A. Costino 4. Good Housekeeping: Domestic Ritual in Gloria Naylor's Fiction, by Maxine Lavon Montgomery 5. Metaphor and Maternity in *Mama Day*, by Amy K. Levin 6. African Womanist Revision in Gloria Naylor's *Mama Day* and *Bailey's Cafe*, by Dorothy Perry Thompson 7. "Into the Midst of Nothing": Gloria Naylor and the Différance, by Philip Page 8. Framing the Possibilities: Collective Agency and the Novels of Gloria Naylor, by Margot Anne Kelley Margot Anne Kelley is associate professor of English at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania. She is the author of several articles and book chapters on African-American women's literature and on Latina literature.

Going Back to the Roots Elise Bradbury 1989

Linden Hills Gloria Naylor 1986-03-04 A powerful look at an affluent black community from Gloria Naylor (1950-2016), the National Book Award-winning author of *The Women of Brewster Place* A world away from Brewster Place, yet intimately connected to it, lies Linden Hills. With its showcase homes, elegant lawns, and other trappings of wealth, Linden Hills is not unlike other affluent black communities. But residence in this community is indisputable evidence of "making it." Although no one knows what the precise qualifications are, everyone knows that only certain people get to live there - and that they want to be among them. In a resonant novel that takes as its model Dante's *Inferno*, Gloria Naylor reveals the truth about the American dream - that the price of success may very well be on a journey down to the lowest circle of hell. "With *Linden Hills*, Naylor has constructed a place for herself among the leading contemporary writers of fiction." -Los Angeles Times Book Review

[Gloria Naylor's Black Sense and Sensibility](#) Dr. T. Deivasigamani

Abjection and Order Daniel Thater 2017 Octavia Butler's *Wild Seed* and *Dawn*, and Gloria Naylor's *Linden Hills* are three novels that expose the abjection of their black, maternal protagonists that is enacted by their

rulers, masters, and patriarchs. This abjection renders the female protagonists as not wholly human. The grotesque, as I am using it, is the blurring of the category of the human and, by rendering these women grotesque, the patriarchal figures of the novel attempt to establish a stable social order that is founded on the control of the bodies of these black females. I use Kristeva, Foucault, and Wynter to provide a language of the grotesque with which to approach these texts. Ultimately, the abjection of the black female protagonists exposes histories of slavery and the use of black female for childrearing and child-bearing machines. When considering the texts together, the authors bring to light a past history of abjection that is rooted in slavery and colonialism (*Wild Seed*), a contemporary look at the dependence on black female bodies (*Linden Hills*), and a projection into the future that locates race and gender alongside a discussion of speciesism (*Dawn*). I want to argue that these authors situate the abjection of their female protagonists as an artificially imposed category and one that is directly connected to the maintaining of the social order within the novels.

Structure in Gloria Naylor's The Women of Brewster Place and Linden Hills Mildred Mickle 1991

His-story, Her-story Sharese L. Terrell 2000

[Study Guide](#) Supersummary 2019-09-08 SuperSummary, a modern alternative to SparkNotes and CliffsNotes, offers high-quality study guides for challenging works of literature. This 56-page guide for "Linden Hills" by Gloria Naylor includes detailed chapter summaries and analysis covering 7 chapters, as well as several more in-depth sections of expert-written literary analysis. Featured content includes commentary on major characters, 25 important quotes, essay topics, and key themes like The American Dream and Racism, Racial Stereotypes, and Identity.

The Poet and the Underworld 2022

Hell in Contemporary Literature Falconer Rachel Falconer 2019-07-29 What does it mean when people use the word 'Hell' to convey the horror of an actual, personal or historical experience? Now available in paperback, this book explores the idea that modern, Western secular cultures have retained a belief in the concept of Hell as an event or experience of endless or unjust suffering. In the contemporary period, the descent to Hell has come to represent the means of recovering - or discovering - selfhood. In exploring these ideas, this book discusses descent journeys in Holocaust testimony and fiction, memoirs of mental illness, and feminist, postmodern and postcolonial narratives written after 1945. A wide range of texts are discussed, including writing by Primo Levi, W.G. Sebald, Anne Michaels, Alasdair Gray, and Salman Rushdie, and films such as Coppola's *Apocalypse Now* and the *Matrix* trilogy. Drawing on theoretical writing by Bakhtin, Levinas, Derrida, Judith Butler, David Harvey and Paul Ricoeur, the book addresses such broader theoretical issues as: narration and identity; the ethics of the subject; trauma and memory; descent as sexual or political dissent; the interrelation of realism and fantasy; and Occidentalism and Orientalism. Key Features*Defines and discusses what constitutes Hell in contemporary secular Western cultures*Relates ideas from psychoanalysis to literary traditions ranging from Virgil and Dante to the present*Explores the concept of Hell in relation to crises in Western thought and identity. e.g. distortions of global capitalism, mental illness, war trauma and incarceration*Explains the significance of this narrative tradition of a 'descent to hell' in the immediate political context of 9/11 and its aftermath

Linden Hills and The Women of Brewster Place Nicole Marie Riotto 2012

Understanding Gloria Naylor Margaret Earley Whitt 1999 Whitt discloses how Naylor tells the stories of these women on multiple levels and how she helps readers see that all heroines live a life of significance."--BOOK JACKET. "Tracing Naylor's development of the theme of black community, especially among women, Whitt shows how characters move from poverty and isolation to a place where they transcend the racism and sexism that constrict their lives."--BOOK JACKET.

New Black Feminist Criticism, 1985-2000 Barbara Christian 2010-10-01 A passionate and celebrated pioneer in her own words *New Black Feminist Criticism, 1985-2000* collects a selection of essays and reviews from Barbara Christian, one of the founding voices in black feminist literary criticism. Published between the release of her second landmark book *Black Feminist Criticism* and her death, these writings include eloquent reviews, evaluations of black feminist criticism as a discipline, reflections on black feminism in the academy, and essays on Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, Paule Marshall, and others.

[The Novels of Gloria Naylor](#) Gloria Naylor 2018-04-17 Three lyrical and unforgettable novels from the

National Book Award-winning author of *The Women of Brewster Place*. After winning both the National Book Award and the American Book Award for her now iconic debut novel, *The Women of Brewster Place*, which was later made into a TV miniseries starring Oprah Winfrey, Gloria Naylor continued to garner acclaim as one of the most original voices in twentieth-century American literature with novels such as *Mama Day*, *Linden Hills*, and *Bailey's Cafe*. *Mama Day: On Willow Springs*, an island off the coast between Georgia and South Carolina, superstition is more potent than any trappings of the modern world. Here, the formidable Mama Day uses her powers to heal. But her great-niece, Cocoa, can't wait to escape to New York City. When Cocoa returns to the island with her husband, George, darker forces challenge the couple—and their only hope may be the mystical matriarch. Steeped in the folklore of the South and inspired by Shakespeare, *Mama Day* is one of Naylor's "richest and most complex" novels (Providence Journal). "[A] wonderful novel, full of spirit and sass and wisdom, and completely realized." —The Washington Post *Linden Hills*: For its wealthy African American residents, the exclusive neighborhood of Linden Hills is a symbol of making it. But what happens when the dream of material success turns out to be an empty promise? Using Dante's *Inferno* as a model, Naylor reveals the true cost of success for the lost souls of Linden Hills—a hell of their own making. "Every page contains a brilliant insight, a fine description, some petty and human, some grandiloquent." —Chicago Tribune *Bailey's Cafe*: This "moving and memorable" national bestseller is set in post-World War II Brooklyn, on a quiet backstreet, where Bailey's Cafe serves as a crossroads for a broad range of patrons, a place of limbo for tortured souls before they move on—or check out (Boston Globe). "A virtuoso orchestration of survival, suffering, courage and humor." —The New York Times Book Review

Gloria Naylor Henry Louis Gates (Jr.) 1993 "Gloria Naylor's first published book of fiction won her the American Book Award. *The Women of Brewster Place* was a dramatic launch for a successful literary career that is still on the ascendant. Like Alice Walker, Naylor has earned a reputation associated with both critical and commercial success; she is respected in academic circles and acknowledged in the world of popular culture. Both have had a best-selling novel translated into successful movies. Both are recognized as well for speaking out for the rights of women and on other social issues." "Gloria Naylor: Critical Perspectives Past and Present documents the contributions of her work to the African-American and American literary traditions. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and K. A. Appiah collected reviews that, Gates says, "attest to Naylor's important, if sometimes controversial, place in the expanding canon of American letters." Culled from newspapers and magazines, reviews from writers such as Donna Rifkind have identified her as having a "commanding fictional voice" that "at its best, it's the kind of voice that moves you along as if you were dreaming. But it runs the risk, at its worst, of overpowering the voices of her own carefully imagined characters." "Naylor's work impresses scholars in part because she herself is one. Her novels are ambitious creations often inspired by her appreciation of literary masters such as Shakespeare, Dante, Morrison. *Linden Hills*, for example, is an adaptation of Dante's *Inferno*, while *Mama Day* wears the impression of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and Toni Morrison's *Song of Solomon*." "Gates and Appiah make the point, though, that Naylor is her own person. In one of the essays chosen for this volume Peter Erickson writes, "Naylor's work provides a valuable test case for how we are going to formulate a multicultural approach to literary studies. Naylor's interest in Shakespeare neither translates into kinship nor supports a mode of continuity; the main note is rather one of conflict and difference.... Shakespeare does not assimilate Naylor; Naylor assimilates Shakespeare." "This unique and revealing collection includes the wisdom and insight of other important figures in contemporary literature as well as a chronology of Naylor's life and career. There are novelists Rita Mae Brown, Bharati Mukherjee, and Sherley Ann Williams, as well as Barbara Christian, author of *Black Feminist Literary Criticism*. These informed perspectives offer academics and lay readers alike insight into Naylor the artist and Naylor the woman." --BOOK JACKET. Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Mama Day Gloria Naylor 2017-03-14 A "wonderful novel" steeped in the folklore of the South from the New York Times–bestselling author of *The Women of Brewster Place* (The Washington Post Book World). On an island off the coast of Georgia, there's a place where superstition is more potent than any trappings of the modern world. In Willow Springs, the formidable Mama Day uses her powers to heal. But her great niece,

Cocoa, can't wait to get away. In New York City, Cocoa meets George. They fall in love and marry quickly. But when she finally brings him home to Willow Springs, the island's darker forces come into play. As their connection is challenged, Cocoa and George must rely on Mama Day's mysticism. Told from multiple perspectives, *Mama Day* is equal parts star-crossed love story, generational saga, and exploration of the supernatural. Hailed as Gloria Naylor's "richest and most complex" novel, it is the kind of book that stays with you long after the final page (Providence Journal).

Gloria Naylor's Fiction Sharon A. Lewis 2017-11-06 This edited volume offers innovative ways of analyzing economics in Gloria Naylor's fiction, using interpretive strategies which are applicable to the entire tradition of African American literature. The writers gathered here embody years of insightful and vigorous Naylor scholarship. Underpinning each of the essays is a celebratory validation that Naylor is one of the most provocative novelists of our time.

Nineteen Ninety Six Gloria Naylor 2006-11 When a crotchety neighbor has a brother who is an official with the National Security Agency, the author finds a neighborly feud can become serious. This work has been described as a fictionalized memoir. There is an addendum of an essay and bibliography which provides the real life basis for the story's warning about government surveillance, mind control and electromagnetic weapons development. As the saying goes "You aren't paranoid, if they really are out to get you". Is this a conspiracy theory gone wild or the sighting of the tip of a real iceberg in our future? **Gloria Naylor** Virginia C. Fowler 1996 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

Narrative Structure in Linden Hills Grace E. Collins 1991 Discusses the questions Gloria Naylor raises in *Linden Hills* including the issue of African Americans achieving the American dream at the expense of their racial identities.

SuburbiaNation R. Beuka 2016-04-30 The expansion of the suburban environment is a fascinating cultural development. In fact, the United States is primarily a suburban nation, with far more Americans living in the suburbs than in either urban or rural areas. Why were suburbs created to begin with? How do we define them? Are they really the promised land of the American middle class? The concept of space and how we create it is a concept that is receiving a great deal of academic attention, but no one has looked carefully at the suburban landscape through the lens of fiction and of film.

Multicultural Criticism and the Problem of Critical Uniformity Cathy E. Lombard 2002

Linden Hills Counter Display Gloria Naylor 1986-03-04

Gloria Naylor's Depiction of the Existentially Incomplete Woman in Bailey's Cafe, Linden Hills, and the Women of Brewster Place Tomeiko Ashford Carter 1996

Linden Hills Gloria Naylor 2017-03-14 The National Book Award–winning author of *The Women of Brewster Place* explores the secrets of an affluent black community. For its wealthy African American residents, the exclusive neighborhood of Linden Hills is a symbol of "making it." The ultimate achievement: a home on prestigious Tupelo Drive. Making your way downhill to Tupelo is irrefutable proof of your worth. But the farther down the hill you go, the emptier you become . . . Using the descent of Dante's *Inferno* as a model, this bold, haunting novel follows two young men as they attempt to find work amid the circles of the well-off community. Exploring a microcosm of race and social class, author Gloria Naylor reveals the true cost of success for the lost souls of Linden Hills—an existence trapped in a nightmare of their own making.

Gloria Naylor's world Barbara Križanec 1997