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a canada reads 2019 finalist a penguin book club pick winner of the 2017 rogers writers trust fiction prize david chariandy s brother is his intensely beautiful searingly powerful and tightly constructed second novel exploring questions of masculinity family race and identity as they are played out in a scarborough housing complex during the sweltering heat and simmering violence of the summer of 1991 with shimmering prose and mesmerizing precision david chariandy takes us inside the lives of michael and francis they are the sons of trinidadian immigrants their father has disappeared and their mother works double sometimes triple shifts so her boys might fulfill the clusive promise of their adopted home coming of age in the park a cluster of town houses and leaning concrete towers in the disparaged outskirts of a sprawling city michael and francis battle against the careless prejudices and low expectations that confront them as young men of black and brown ancestry teachers stream them into general classes shopkeepers see them only as thieves and strangers quicken their pace when the brothers are behind them always michael and francis escape into the cool air of the rouge valley a scar of green wilderness that cuts through their neighbourhood where they are free to imagine better lives for themselves propelled by the pulsing beats and styles of hip hop francis the older of the two brothers dreams of a future in music michael s dreams are of aisha the smartest girl in their high school whose own eyes are firmly set on a life elsewhere but the bright hopes of all three are violently irrevocably thwarted by a tragic shooting and the police crackdown and suffocating suspicion that follow with devastating emotional force david chariandy a unique and exciting voice in canadian literature crafts a heartbreaking and timely story about the profound love that exists between brothers and the senseless loss of lives cut short with the shot of a gun

there is as you pick it up nothing to prepare you for its power observer quite simply one of the most beautiful books i have ever read aminatta forna how do we navigate our complex histories for our children what is our duty to share and what must we leave for them to discover writing to his daughter david chariandy asks difficult unsettling perhaps impossible questions questions made all the more poignant by our current political landscape with tender spare and luminous prose chariandy looks both into his heart and mind and out to the world and humanity in the tradition of ta nehisi coates and chimamanda ngozi adichie this is a book about race this is a book about family

a re assessment of the gothic in relation to the female the feminism and post feminism this collection of newly commissioned essays brings together major scholars in the field of gothic studies in order to re think the topic of women and the gothic the 14 chapters in this volume engage with debates about female gothic from the 1970s and 80s through second wave feminism theorisations of gender and a long interrogation of the women category as well as with the problematics of post feminism now itself being interrogated by a younger generation of women the contributors explore gothic works from established classics to recent films and novels from feminist and post feminist perspectives the result is a lively book that combines rigorous close readings with elegant use of theory in order to question some ingrained assumptions about women the gothic and identity key features revitalises the long running debate about women the gothic and identity engages with the political agendas of feminism and post feminism prioritises the concerns of woman as reader author and criticoffers fresh readings of both classic and recent gothic works

with a focus on the liminality of justice in trauma this collective volume probes into the complex liminal status of victim forced victimizer in trauma a new opening well deserving critical attention and scrutinizes how novelists tackle with literary representations the relevant issues of in justice in trauma the contributions in this collection present theoretical re visions of trauma and critical studies on trauma literature ranging from field work on cambodia s genocide to literary analyses of aids literature contemporary american literature contemporary canadian literature and indigenous writing in canada

the beauty of the moment meets exit pursued by a bear award winning thriller writer sheena kamal delivers a kick ass debut ya novel that will have fans crying out for more love and violence in some families they re bound up together dysfunctional and poisonous passed from generation to generation like eye color or a quirk of smile trisha s trying to break the chain channeling her violent impulses into muay that kickboxing an unlikely sport for a slightly built girl of trinidadian descent her father comes and goes as he pleases his presence adding a layer of tension to the toronto east end townhouse that trisha and her mom call home every punch he lands on her mother carving itself indelibly into trisha s mind until the night he wanders out drunk in front of the car trisha is driving practicing on her learner s permit her mother in the passenger seat her father is killed and her mother seems strangely at peace lighter somehow trisha doesn t know exactly what happened that night but she s afraid it s going to happen again her mom has a new man in her life and the patterns they are repeating

the a list edition of harold sonny ladoo s enduring novel a raw unsentimental story of life in a small caribbean community featuring a new introduction by david chariandy set in the eastern caribbean at the beginning of the twentieth century no pain like this body describes the perilous existence of a poor rice growing family during the august rainy season their struggles to cope with illness a drunken and unpredictable father and the violence of the elements end in unbearable loss through vivid vertiginous prose and with brilliant economy and originality ladoo creates a fearful world of violation and grief in the face of which even the most despairing efforts to endure stand out as acts of courage

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transmission the works presented in this collection about chariandy s novels soucouyant and brother consider new aspects and bring a fresh gaze to themes that have previously been explored critical perspectives on david chariandy presents second generation caribbean canadian cultural affiliation to the caribbean and north america as an outcome of a self managed reparatory postcolonial aural transmission it brings a new exploration of relationships between dementia animality forgetting transformation and identity as well as an original analysis of the implications and stakes raised by canadian middlebrow reception of soucouyant in 2007 the new readings of chariandy s exploration of the relationship between history memory and myth included in this collection disclose the stakes and scope of the author s use of the myth of the soucouyant and of the mythologies of scarborough and canada this collection also approaches soucouyant as the literary form of a process of searching for healing that operates both at personal and collective levels demonstrating the author s use of different types of memories for healing power

seminar paper from the year 2012 in the subject english language and literature studies literature grade 1 7 university of rostock institut für anglistik und amerikanistik course witchcraft memory and the legacy of sugar in caribbean literature language english abstract african american slavery and racism that black people and other ethnic minorities often had and still have to face in their every day lives in canada are disabled from canadian history and their modern representation when associations are made to the topic of slavery most people do not know that slavery existed in canada because slave trade mostly took place in the larger atlantic ocean and american therefore it was suppressed from canadian s history even if it is very much a part of it the novel soucouyant by david chariandy published in 2007 picks out main topics as forgetting and remembering trauma dislocation family but also racism as a central theme however i want to emphasize on all these themes in the subsequent chapters whereas the topic of family will be on the fringes also i would like to present how racism in canada developed and how a traumatic event is processed in one s mind for the illustration of these subjects i will use the novel soucouyant as well as the hanging of angélique but will mostly concentrate on soucouyant because it allows a great deal of interpretation in the context of themes as racism memory and trauma

the idea of resilience is everywhere these days offering a framework for thriving in volatile times dominant resilience stories share an attachment to a mythologized past thought to hold clues for navigating a future that is understood to be full of danger these stories also uphold values of settler colonialism and white supremacy what the world might look like examines the way resilience thinking has come to dominate the settler colonial imagination and explores alternative approaches to resilience writing that instead offer decolonial models of thought the book traces settler colonial resilience stories to the rise of resilience science in the 1970s and 1980s illustrating how the discipline supports the projects of white supremacy and colonialism working to unravel the blanket of common sense that shrouds the idea of resilience the book is equally cautious of settler colonial antiresilience stories that invoke the idea of death as an antidote to unbearable life susie o brien argues that although the dominant narratives of resilience are problematic resilience itself is neither inherently good nor inherently bad appreciating the significance of resilience stories requires asking what worlds and what communities they are meant to preserve looking at the fiction of alexis wright david chariandy and leanne betasamosake simpson o brien points to the potential of black and indigenous thinking around resilience to figure decolonial possibilities for planetary flourishing exposing the complexities and limits of resilience what the world might look like questions the concept of resilience highlighting how black and indigenous novelists can offer different decolonial ways of thinking about and with resilience to imagine things otherwise

published three times per year by indiana university press for the hutchins center at harvard university transition is a unique forum for the freshest most compelling ideas from and about the black world since its founding in uganda in 1961 the magazine has kept apace of the rapid transformation of the african diaspora and has remained a leading forum of intellectual debate in issue 113 transition updates countee cullen s iconic question by asking what is africa to me now a

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soul searchingly private query its ramifications nevertheless play out in profoundly public ways around issues of immigration racial and ethnic tension and the search for belonging guest edited by benedicte ledent and daria tunca in this cluster madhu krishnan takes achebe s things fall apart as a starting point for defining contemporary african literature while louis chude sokei explores through their novels the experiences of africans living in america julie kleinman reveals the perspective of malian immigrants in france and photographer johny pitts searches europe with his camera for what he calls afropeans meanwhile celebrated author and editor hilton als has his own questions about diaspora which he explores in recollections of a childhood summer in barbados caribbean canadian novelist david chariandy also treats transition readers to a sneak preview of his forthcoming novel brother the issue concludes with a suite of essays that examine the social impacts of collective fear and ask given obvious parallels between the rodney king beating and the murder of trayvon martin why does this keep happening to young black men

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in these eight masterful stories austin clarke has caught the sorrowful and sometimes sweet longing for a home in the heart that torments the dislocated in any big city these are private lives and intimate pains made public because the city itself is in exuberant upheaval but the rawness of the moment is always redeemed by the elegance of clarke s prose and the innate sympathy of his eye

essays that explore the ways in which poetry visual art and critical practices encounter the imperialist agenda of globalization

life is never as perfect as it seems tensions that have lurked beneath the surface of a shiny new subdivision rise up in new fiction from the author of the toronto book award shortlisted the wondrous woo the suburbs of the 1970s promised to be heaven on earth new houses new status happiness guaranteed but in a scarborough subdivision populated by newcomers from all over the world a series of sudden catastrophic events reveals that not everyone s dreams come true moving from house to house carrianne leung explores the inner lives behind the tidy front gardens and picture perfect windows always returning to june an irrepressible adolescent chinese canadian coming of age in this shifting world through june and her neighbours leung depicts the fine line where childhood meets the realities of adult life and examines with insight and sharp prose how difficult it is to be true to ourselves at any age

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a beautiful cross cultural novel about loss remembrance and the unbreakable ties between mother and son

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