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"American theater needs more plays like Naomi Wallace's *The Liquid Plain*—by which I mean works that are historical, epic and poetic, that valorize the lives of the poor and oppressed."—*Time*
Out New York On the docks of late eighteenth-century Rhode Island, two runaway slaves find love and a near-drowned man. With a motley band of sailors, they plan a desperate and daring run to freedom. As the mysteries of their identities come to light, painful truths about the past and present collide and flow into the next generation. Acclaimed playwright Naomi Wallace's newest work brings to life a group of people whose stories have been erased from history. Told with lyricism and power, *The Liquid Plain* was awarded the 2012 Horton Foote Prize for Promising New American Play. This sweeping historical saga has enjoyed acclaimed runs at Oregon Shakespeare Festival and the Signature Theatre in New York. Naomi Wallace is a playwright

from Kentucky. Her plays, which have been produced in the United Kingdom, Europe, the United States, and the Middle East, include *In the Heart of America*, *Slaughter City*, *One Flea Spare*, *The Trestle at Pope Lick Creek*, *Things of Dry Hours*, *The Fever Chart: Three Visions of the Middle East*, *And I and Silence*, *The Hard Weather Boating Party*, and *The Liquid Plain*. Awards include the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize (twice), Joseph Kesselring Prize, Fellowship of Southern Writers Drama Award, Obie Award, Horton Foote Award for Most Promising New American Play, MacArthur Fellowship, and the inaugural Windham Campbell Prize for Drama.

Gale Researcher Guide for: Phillis Wheatley and the Birth of the African American Literary Tradition Cambridge University Press
 First published in 1834, this volume contains a collection of memoirs and poems by Phillis Wheatley (c. 1753–1784).

Wheatley was an American freed slave and poet who wrote the first book of poetry by an African-American. Sold into slavery in West Africa at the age of around seven, she was taken to North America, where she served the Wheatley family of Boston. Phillis was tutored in reading and writing by Mary, the Wheatleys' 18-year-old daughter, and was reading Latin and Greek classics from

the age of twelve. Encouraged by the progressive Wheatleys who recognised her incredible literary talent, she wrote "To the University of Cambridge" when she was 14. By 20 had found patronage in Selina Hastings, Countess of Huntingdon. Her works garnered acclaim in Both England and the colonies, and she became the first African American to make a living as a poet. This volume contains a collection of Wheatley's best poetry, including the titular poem "Being Brought from Africa to America".

Contents include: "To Mæcenæ", "On Virtue", "On Bring Brought from Africa to America", "To the University of Cambridge, in New-England", "To the King's Most Excellent Majesty 1768", "On the Death of the Rev. Dr. Sewell 1769", "On the Death of the Rev. Mr. George Whitefield 1770", "On the Death of a Young Lady of Five Years of Age", etc. Ragged Hand is proudly republishing this classic collection of poetry in a new edition, complete with an introductory chapter by L. Maria Child.

The Portrait and the Book Ballantine Books

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The Wave in the Mind Hachette UK

Offering a new theory of poetic constraint, this book analyses contributions of bound people to the history of the lyric.

New Essays on Phillis Wheatley Theatre Communications Group

The first African American to publish a book on any subject, poet Phillis Wheatley (1753?-1784) has long been denigrated by literary critics who refused to believe that a black woman could produce such dense, intellectual work. In recent decades, however, Wheatley's work has come under new scrutiny as the literature of the eighteenth century and the impact of African American literature have been reconceived. Fourteen prominent Wheatley scholars consider her work from a variety of angles, affirming her rise into the first rank of American writers. --from publisher description.

America's First Black Poet ReadHowYouWant.com

Choice Outstanding Academic Title of 2016 Reveals the lived experience of slaves in eighteenth-century Boston Instead of relying on the traditional dichotomy of slavery and freedom, Hardesty argues we should understand slavery in Boston as part of a continuum of unfreedom. In this context, African slavery existed alongside many other forms of oppression, including Native American slavery, indentured servitude, apprenticeship, and pauper apprenticeship. In this hierarchical and inherently unfree world, enslaved Bostonians were more concerned with their everyday treatment and honor than with emancipation, as they pushed for autonomy, protected their families and communities, and demanded a place in society. Drawing on exhaustive research in colonial legal records - including wills, court documents, and minutes of governmental bodies - as well as newspapers, church records, and other contemporaneous sources, Hardesty masterfully reconstructs an eighteenth-century Atlantic world of unfreedom that stretched from Europe to Africa to America. By reassessing the lives of enslaved Bostonians as part of a social order structured by ties of dependence, Hardesty not only demonstrates how African slaves were able to decode their new homeland and shape the terms of their enslavement, but also tells the story of how marginalized peoples engrained themselves in the very fabric of colonial American society.

Unfreedom BRILL

Through Women's Eyes: An American History with Documents was the first text to present a narrative of U.S. women's history within the context of the central developments of the United

States and to combine this core narrative with written and visual primary sources in each chapter. The authors' commitment to highlighting the best and most current scholarship, along with their focus on women from a broad range of ethnicities, classes, religions, and regions, has helped students really understand U.S. history *Through Women's Eyes*.

Gale Researcher Guide for: Phillis Wheatley and the Birth of the African American Literary Tradition University of Iowa Press

A startling and superbly researched book demythologizing the North's role in American slavery "The hardest question is what to do when human rights give way to profits. . . . Complicity is a story of the skeletons that remain in this nation's closet."—San Francisco Chronicle The North's profit from—indeed, dependence on—slavery has mostly been a shameful and well-kept secret . . . until now. *Complicity* reveals the cruel truth about the lucrative Triangle Trade of molasses, rum, and slaves that linked the North to the West Indies and Africa. It also discloses the reality of Northern empires built on tainted profits—run, in some cases, by abolitionists—and exposes the thousand-acre plantations that existed in towns such as Salem, Connecticut. Here, too, are eye-opening accounts of the individuals who profited directly from slavery far from the Mason-Dixon line. Culled from long-ignored documents and reports—and bolstered by rarely seen photos, publications, maps, and period drawings—*Complicity* is a fascinating and sobering work that actually does what so many books pretend to do: shed light on America's past.

Through Women's Eyes, Combined Univ. of Tennessee Press

At the age of 19, Phillis Wheatley was the first black American poet to publish a book. Her elegies and odes offer fascinating glimpses of the beginnings of African-American literary traditions. Includes a selection from the Common Core State Standards Initiative.

Long Division Schocken

Slavery appears as a figurative construct during the English revolution of the mid-seventeenth century, and again in the American and French revolutions, when radicals represent their treatment as a form of political slavery. What, if anything, does figurative, political slavery have to do with transatlantic slavery? In *Arbitrary Rule*, Mary Nyquist explores connections between political and chattel slavery by excavating the tradition of Western political thought that justifies actively opposing tyranny. She argues that as powerful rhetorical and conceptual constructs, Greco-Roman political liberty and slavery reemerge at the time of early modern Eurocolonial expansion; they help to create racialized "free" national identities and their "unfree" counterparts in non-European nations represented as inhabiting an earlier, privative age. *Arbitrary Rule* is the first book to tackle political slavery's discursive complexity, engaging Eurocolonialism, political philosophy, and literary studies, areas of study too often kept apart. Nyquist proceeds through analyses not only of texts that are canonical in political thought—by Aristotle, Cicero, Hobbes, and Locke—but also of literary works by Euripides, Buchanan, Vondel, Montaigne, and Milton, together with a variety of colonialist and political writings, with special emphasis on tracts written during the English revolution. She illustrates how "antityranny discourse," which originated in democratic Athens, was adopted by republican Rome, and revived in early modern Western Europe, provided members of a "free" community with a means of protesting a threatened reduction of privileges or of consolidating a collective, political identity. Its semantic complexity, however, also enabled it to legitimize racialized enslavement and imperial expansion. Throughout, Nyquist demonstrates how principles relating to political slavery and tyranny are bound up with a Roman jurisprudential doctrine that sanctions the power of life and death

held by the slaveholder over slaves and, by extension, the state, its representatives, or its laws over its citizenry.

Poetry and Bondage Wesleyan University Press

A monument to the literary genius of women throughout the ages, *A Book of Women Poets from Antiquity to Now* is an invaluable collection. Here in one volume are the works of three hundred poets from six different continents and four millennia. This revised edition includes a newly expanded section of American poets from the colonial era to the present. "[A] splendid collection of verse by women" (TIME) throughout the ages and around the world; now revised and expanded, with 38 American poets.

Arbitrary Rule Wesleyan University Press

This book examines the ways in which race and gender have shaped and continue to inform African American literature. African American texts create a black literary and cultural identity interpreting and recording the survival of their cultures shattered by years of slavery. Black women writers, who have to deal with both racism and sexism, use additional strategies to undo this double reduction. They strive to invent a new language to talk about their experience and their lives as black and as women. After a typology of the African American text, the book proposes a reading of major African American writers including Phillis Wheatley, Olaudah Equiano, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Jacobs, Harriet Wilson, Charles Chesnut, Booker T. Washington, James Weldon Johnson, Zora Neale Hurston, Alice Walker, and Toni Morrison.

The Freedmen's Book Routledge

In the first, it's 2013: after an on-stage meltdown during a nationally televised quiz contest, fourteen-year-old Citoyen City Coldson becomes an overnight YouTube celebrity. The next day, he's sent to stay with his grandmother in the small coastal community of Melahatchie, where a young girl named Baize Shephard has recently disappeared. Before leaving, City is given a strange book without an author called Long Division. He learns that one of the book's main characters is also named City Coldson--but Long Division is set in 1985. This 1985-version of City, along with his friend and love interest, Shalaya Crump, discovers a way to travel into the future, and steals a laptop and cellphone from an orphaned teenage rapper called...Baize Shephard. They ultimately take these items with them all the way back to 1964, to help another time-traveler they meet to protect his family from the Ku Klux Klan. City's two stories ultimately converge in the work shed behind his grandmother's house, where he discovers the key to Baize's disappearance.

Poems and Letters Daughters of the Faith

A fictionalized biography of the girl who was brought to America from Gambia as a slave and who later gained fame as an African American poet of great renown, from her time in Africa until she gained her freedom.

The Poems of Phillis Wheatley Read Books Ltd

This reader provides an introduction to the life and poetry of Phillis Wheatley, America's first African-American poet. Although taken from Africa as a young girl and brought to colonial Boston to be a slave, she became a well-educated, Christian poet who was recognized for her work in both America and England. This biographical sketch is designed to be an introductory overview of Ms. Wheatley's life and work. It contains a brief description of her life and nine of her poems. It can be used as a reader for students, with its vocabulary words and comprehension questions, or as the foundation to a deeper study on this famous American.

Authority and Female Authorship in Colonial America Christian Liberty Press

This volume presents the first full-scale treatment of the only

instance in history where African blacks, seized by slave dealers, won their freedom and returned home. Jones describes how, in 1839, Joseph Cinqué led a revolt on the Spanish slave ship, the *Amistad*, in the Caribbean. The seizure of the ship by an American naval vessel near Montauk, Long Island, the arrest of the Africans in Connecticut, and the Spanish protest against the violation of their property rights created an international controversy. The *Amistad* affair united Lewis Tappan and other abolitionists who put the "law of nature" on trial in the United States by their refusal to accept a legal system that claimed to dispense justice while permitting artificial distinctions based on race or color. The mutiny resulted in a trial before the U.S. Supreme Court that pitted former President John Quincy Adams against the federal government. Jones vividly recaptures this compelling drama--the most famous slavery case before Dred Scott--that climaxed in the court's ruling to free the captives and allow them to return to Africa.

Letters of Phillis Wheatley W. W. Norton & Company

Brill's Companion to Classics in the Early Americas opens a window onto classical receptions across the Hispanophone, Lusophone, Francophone and Anglophone Americas during the early modern period, examining classical reception as a phenomenon in transhemispheric perspective for the first time.

Complicity Penguin

In 1773, Phillis Wheatley published a book of poetry. It was a great accomplishment that made her very famous. Only a year before, Phillis had had to take a test to prove that she was the actual author of these poems, because Phillis Wheatley was a slave. Who would believe that an African girl could be the author of such poetry? Phillis did! She believed in herself, and took every opportunity she could to make her life better. She believed in the power of her words, and her writing to prove her talent, and used the power of words to change a life.

The Age of Phillis Shambhala Publications

A haunting lifeline between archive and memory, law and poetry

The Witches NYU Press

The "The Trial of Phillis Wheatley" selected as winner in eLit awards for 2015 for drama, and named a Best Book of the year by Kirkus Review. "The Trial of Phillis Wheatley" By Ronald Wheatley In a preface to the book "Phillis Wheatley and Her Poetry," Professor Henry Louis Gates asked of an assemblage of distinguished men who gathered at the Governor's Council Chamber room in the Old State House ("Common House") in Boston in the fall of 1772: "Why had this august group been assembled? Why had it seen fit to summon this young African girl, scarcely eighteen years old, before it?" This group of 'the most respectable Characters in Boston, ' as it would later define itself, had assembled to question closely the African adolescent on the slender sheaf of poems that she claimed to have 'written by herself.'" This young "African girl" was Phillis Wheatley."The Trial of Phillis Wheatley" is a courtroom drama because it "depicts" what happened in the Governor's Council Chamber room that day. However, as important as she is to our history and to the drama, the play is not just about Phillis. The play is also about the men in that room and the test that they were facing. The test of overcoming their own prejudices to be willing to put their signature on a document attesting that this African household slave of John and Susannah Wheatley had written a number of poems compiled in a small manuscript. A Negro slave author was a phenomenon that was unique to these men, to Boston, and to a young America. Only if the largely older and all white men in that room were willing to put their names to this attestation would this manuscript have a chance of being published. The consequences of this action for these men were possible ridicule, and the threat of physical violence from an

external force, the Boston gang, under the leadership of Ebenezer Mackintosh, street brawler and charismatic leader of the South End Gang. The final verdict would change American History

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