Dear Reader,

The controversial and prolific literary critic Harold Bloom passed in October 2020. His last book appeared shortly after his death. The book is on the power of poetry. He makes the following statement: “What you read and how deeply you read matters almost as much as how you love, work, exercise, vote, practice charity, strive for social justice, cultivate kindness and courtesy, worship if you are capable of worship. The mind is an activity and will decay into dark inertia if not sustained by the sustenance of reading.”

The importance of reading cannot be overestimated. When social media and screens tell us how to feel and what to think, it is easy to forget that we are more than a material being who has chosen to be led around by delusions of what is important and fashionable.

Bloom states that Dante was a courageous man at age twenty-four when he fought as a cavalryman in the Battle of Campaldino (A.D. 1289), but not nearly as courageous as he was when he “entered the abyss of himself and thus conceived the Commedia.”

Reading takes me inside myself and makes me confront my very soul. And that is our chief purpose in life: the cultivation of our souls. We should not leave it to social media or television or political leaders or anyone else. It is up to us. It is what John Keats called “soul making.”

Emerson said that poets are “liberating gods” in that their words help us unleash the divine within us.

So, avoid that “dark inertia.”

Why would we let anything else or anyone else cultivate our soul?

Mary Oliver said “This is the first, the wildest and wisest thing I know: that the soul exists and is built entirely out of attentiveness.”

Attend to your soul.

Make your soul.

Cultivate your soul, the divine within.

It is up to you.

Marc Jolley
16 December 2020
Lighthouses of the Georgia Coast
William Rawlings

Monuments to our shared history—a richly illustrated history of five existing Georgia lighthouses

Once an essential part of nautical navigation and commerce, the world’s lighthouses have become historical relics of days past, their primary function now replaced by modern technology. Yet these magnificent structures continue to fascinate us, not only for their intrinsic beauty, but also as monuments to our shared history, and as symbols of hope and salvation to those cast adrift on the stormy seas of life. From the mid-eighteenth through the early twentieth centuries, the waterways of coastal Georgia from the St. Marys River in the south to the Savannah River in the north were an integral part of the state’s economy, vital to the trade in cotton, rice, timber, naval stores, and other products shipped to ports in America and around the world.

Georgia’s barrier islands are today the site of five existing lighthouses, each with its own unique style, history, and role in events over the past decades and centuries. In addition, focusing on these beacons, Lighthouses of the Georgia Coast reviews the basics of lighthouse design and construction, the role, lore and legacy of lighthouse keepers, the significance of lighthouses as strategic structures during the turbulent days of the Civil War, and more.

Richly illustrated with both contemporary and historical photos, the reader or visitor will gain a deeper and more comprehensive understanding of Georgia’s lighthouses and of similar structures on coasts and waterways around the world.

William Rawlings was born, raised, and lives in Sandersville, Georgia, home to his family for more than two centuries. He was educated at Emory, Tulane, and Johns Hopkins Universities. A prolific author of “Southern stories,” Lighthouses of the Georgia Coast is his eleventh book, and fifth work of nonfiction. Learn more about him at www.williamrawlings.com.

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Andrew M. Manis is emeritus professor of History at Middle Georgia State University. An ordained Baptist minister with a PhD from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he is the award-winning author of Southern Civil Religions in Conflict, A Fire You Can’t Put Out, and Macon Black and White.

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Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey was twenty years old when he made good on a resolution to be free and escaped his chains in September 1838. Facing the dread and apprehension of failure, the upstart Maryland slave boarded a train in Baltimore and successfully reached New York. Hungry, homeless, and fearful of capture, “Frederick Johnson,” as he called himself, found abolitionist benefactors who helped him to relocate to New Bedford, Massachusetts and start a new life, with a new purpose, and a new name.

This spellbinding narrative tells the story of Frederick Douglass before he became a rock star for African American rights. Written in 1845, the first of three autobiographical accounts, Narrative of the Life showcases the intelligence, penetrating insight, wit, literary flair, and pathos of the young abolitionist as he documented his life in slavery for a skeptical northern public. Douglass recounts in vivid detail the dehumanizing character of chattel slavery contested by the irrepressible humanity of enslaved African Americans. Through his recollections, we feel the sting of the “heavy cowskin” whip and hear the tones “loud, long, and deep” of “souls boiling over with the bitterest anguish.”

A beloved American classic, Narrative of the Life is reprinted by Mercer University Press with a new introduction by Scott C. Williamson, who presents the fugitive Douglass in 1845, seated at his desk in Lynn, Massachusetts and standing at the crossroads of the American ideal of liberty and the waking nightmare of American slavery.
Susan Beckham Zurenda taught English for thirty-three years and now works as a book publicist for Magic Time Literary Publicity. A recipient of several regional awards for her fiction, including The South Carolina Fiction Project, The Porter Fleming Literary Competition, and The Southern Writers Symposium, she has also published numerous stories and nonfiction pieces in literary journals. Zurenda lives in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Learn more about her at www.susanzurenda.com.

First cousins Ellison (Eli) Winfield and Adeline (Delia) Green grow up across the street from one another in Green Branch, South Carolina, in the 1960s and 70s. After Eli’s tragic childhood accident the trajectory of their lives and of those connected to them changes. Shunned and even tortured by his peers for his disfigurement and frailty, Eli struggles for acceptance as Delia passionately devotes herself to defending him.

Delia’s vivid and compassionate narrative voice presents Eli as a confident young man in adolescence—the visible damage to his body gone—but underneath hides indelible wounds harboring pain and insecurity, scars that rule his impulses. And while Eli cherishes Delia more than anyone and attempts to protect her from her own troubles, he cares not for protecting himself. It is Delia who has that responsibility, growing more challenging each year.

Susan Beckham Zurenda masterfully transports readers into a small Southern town where quiet, ordinary life becomes extraordinary. In this compelling coming of age story, culture, family, friends, bullies, and lovers propel two young people to unite to guard each other in a world where love, hope, and connectedness ultimately triumph.

“...one of the most exciting new voices in Southern fiction.”
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Author Terry Kay often told the story of Pat Conroy coercing him into becoming a novelist. The yarn always ended with Kay saying, “For a boy who never wanted to write a book, it’s been a splendid adventure.”

Kay, 82, a masterful storyteller and author of the internationally acclaimed novel *To Dance with the White Dog*, died Saturday, December 12, 2020.

Born the eleventh child in a family of twelve children on February 10, 1938, Kay grew up on a farm in Northeast Georgia with no electricity, his only entertainment a battery-operated radio and books. He attended Royston High School. Kay graduated from LaGrange College with a degree in social science and a passion for theater. He thought he might pursue a career as a teacher and planned to attend graduate school at Duke University. But first, he needed to earn some money. [An] ad led to a job as a copy boy with the *Decatur-DeKalb News*, and thus began Kay’s journalism career.

Kay went on to work at *The Atlanta Journal*, first as a sportswriter and then as a film and theater critic for eight years. He quit in 1973 to work in public relations and became senior vice president of corporate affairs for Oglethorpe Power Corp.

Kay wrote his first book after Conroy—unbeknownst to Kay—convinced a high-powered literary agent in New York City that Kay had written a brilliant manuscript. Conroy’s ruse came to light when Kay received a letter from the agent, requesting to see the manuscript. “I had not written a word,” Kay said. “I yelled at (Conroy). I cursed him. I had no interest in writing a novel.” Published by Houghton Mifflin in 1976, *The Year the Lights Came On* is a semi-autobiographical coming-of-age story that takes places after World War II when electricity first came to rural Georgia. Kay would go on to publish eighteen books, including a collection of essays and two children’s books.

Kay is best known for his fourth novel, *To Dance with the White Dog*, published in 1990. The book was a huge hit that sold millions of copies and was made into a Hallmark Hall of Fame movie starring Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy in 1993. Two more books were made into movies—*The Valley of Light* and *The Runaway*.

Inducted into the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame in 2006, Kay was the recipient of the Townsend Prize for Fiction, the Georgia Author of the Year Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia Writers Association, and the Governor’s Award in the Humanities.

He continued to write throughout his life. His last book was *The Forever Wish of Middy Sweet*, published by Mercer University Press in August 2020.

Kay, who lived in Athens, Georgia, is survived by his wife, Tommie Duncan Kay, four children, ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

—partial obituary taken from *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*
Annie Laura’s Gift
A Novel
Milinda Jay

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Based on a true story, a young immigrant battles prejudice and abuse to make her American dream come true

An immigrant in the rural South of the late 1800s, beautiful, tenacious Annie Laura Brock fights for her dream: a home in America for herself and her young siblings. She is certain that in America, anything is possible for those who work hard and believe.

Despite prejudice and abuse at the hands of rich, powerful townspeople, and the loss of both her parents, Annie Laura perseveres. With the help of her friend, Morris, she carves a farm from the stubborn Florida piney woods.

But darkness descends when Morris is forced from the town by his greedy half-siblings. Small-town culture is not kind when Annie Laura—the victim of rape—brings an illegitimate child into the world, and shunning takes on an entirely new and sinister meaning.

“Annie Laura’s Gift is an elegantly written, immersively moving novel. And it is a deeply resonant one in this politically parlous age, as it forcefully reminds us of the trials and triumphs of the immigrants who have created our country.”
—Robert Olen Butler, Pulitzer Prize winning author of A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain

“Drawing from her own family folklore, Milinda Jay spins a survival saga of a first-generation German American in the hardscrabble South that is both warm, relatable, and hard to put down. A native of West Florida, Jay writes with deep insight into women’s lives in rural, turn-of-the-century Southern culture; their challenges, allies, and hard-fought victories. Annie Laura’s Gift is a book to share with friends.”
—Janis Owens, author of The Cracker Kitchen and American Ghost

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Milinda Jay teaches creative writing at Florida State University, Panama City. Her first novel, Her Roman Protector, enjoys a wide international audience, and her second novel, Annie Laura’s Triumph, was featured as a top Mother’s Day Read by Parade Magazine. An eighth-generation Floridian, Jay resides in Lynn Haven, Florida. Learn more about her at www.milindajay.com.
“I hoped to use these letters to make a book, in which they would retain their character as individual utterances, although they would become parts of a larger whole.” So writes Clovis Mendling, professor of history at a Southern university, bequeathing his letters as an unfinished project to a friend shortly before he mysteriously disappears. Much is at stake in these letters for Mendling, as they reflect on a personal crisis in which he discovers philosophical, political, musical, and literary significance. By making an epistolary novel out of his letters he hopes to prove to himself that he is truly a living human and not a mechanical simulation. At the same time, his moral and intellectual world unravels as he questions the tenets of Enlightenment thought, especially Freemasonry, his scholarly focus.

Through these accounts of his travels in China and Europe, a balletic inspiration in the classroom, a spectral vision on the streets of New Orleans, and insights drawn from opera, drama, and film, the reader learns how Mendling overcomes the quandary of whether he is human, but finally succumbs to a deeper challenge to his ordered existence: the pull of eros. Although moved by the music of Mozart’s Sarastro, teacher of self-mastery and inner harmony through love, a bewitched and confused Mendling plunges into the mind’s netherworld.
Jack B. Bedell is professor of English and coordinator of Creative Writing at Southeastern Louisiana University where he also edits *Louisiana Literature* and directs the Louisiana Literature Press. His most recent collection is *No Brother, This Storm* (2018). Bedell served as Louisiana Poet Laureate from 2017–2019. Learn more about him at www.jackbbedell.com.

**Color All Maps New**

Poems

*Jack B. Bedell*

> “These poems are gems on the page—this collection makes masterwork out of language.” —Virgil Suárez

**In his thirteenth collection of poetry, Jack B. Bedell examines moments of reparation and continuance in the face of loss.** A grandmother’s beignet recipe passed on to her granddaughter, a lost lake restored by heavy rain, a dead father’s wisdom returned in dreams—over and again, the poems in *Color All Maps New* offer revision and restoration, light and hope.

By turns personal, ecological, cultural, and fantastic, these poems promise new maps to navigate damaged territories. The rituals of family and South Louisiana culture share space with folklore and history here.

From his home state’s wetlands to its prairies and into the recesses of his own dreamscapes, Bedell draws maps toward recovery and reinvention in these poems, filling all space left empty by death, or storm, or slow erosion with colors of possibility and the hope of new growth.

> “Bedell’s brilliant use of metaphor, the disarming and comforting rhythm of his poetic voice, and his masterful use of the thing unsaid, all make his poems feel like sun-lit spaces in a dark time. His poems will make you believe in poetry again.” —Sheryl St. Germain, author of *Fifty Miles*

> “In poem after poem, Bedell serves up images, stories, moments of encounter, rituals of love and loss, and the deft adventures of an observant mind in ways that enliven without saying too much. There is often a beat of silence, a gift of reticence just after a poem closes, and you look back to see how he got you there.” —*Kim Stafford*, Oregon Poet Laureate and author of *Wild Honey, Tough Salt*
Born and raised in Ohio, Shuly Xóchitl Cawood moved to the South over two decades ago and has also lived and traveled in her mother’s native country of Mexico. She writes about all of these places in her debut poetry collection, Trouble Can Be So Beautiful at the Beginning, using their landscape and culture as a backdrop and a contrast to consider her identity and what it means to migrate from one location to another, how a place’s values and societal expectations can shape who you are and who you become, and how you can be both a part of something and apart from it. The theme of migration also widens out to include the shift from one reality to another as well as from one perspective to another.

Many of these poems interrogate memories—some that are inherited, some that are secret, some that are supposed—and find meaning in them, and at times, truth. Cawood uses autobiography and imagination in her poems to consider what it means to be young, to fall in and out of love, to break and become whole again, to face tragedy and fear and come out weaker or stronger, to struggle with power, and to let go of those we love not because of lack of feeling but because of earned wisdom.

Trouble Can Be So Beautiful at the Beginning tells stories about what it means to uncover truths about oneself, about the people we love, and about the people we come from.

“[In] Cawood’s collection...you tumble into a rich and vibrant world...from family to friendship to love to loss and back again, from one emotion to another.” — Courtney LeBlanc, author of Beautiful & Full of Monsters

This debut collection braids together published and new poems into a lyrical album quilt of stories and scenes. Wryly funny, earthy, susceptible to river shoals, hymns, old tools, and favorite shirts, these poems refuse to waste their troubles. They talk back to the dangers along the trail.

In the title poem of *Scaring the Bears*, a man descending alone into a canyon to fish fires off random words and phrases to spook any predators that might be on the path ahead. This talking back to threats and trouble is something many of the poems in the collection do. The potential blessings and losses in fathering, in having sick friends, in acts of faith, in the work of marriage, and in risking everything from minor surgery to gutting trout in grizzly country give these poems tension, drama, and a wry, grateful humanity.

The voice—by turns funny, elegiac, lonesome, and lusty—is a voice of experience, susceptible to the worn, found beauties of cypress knees, inherited tools, spider hearts, and tomatoes ripening on a windowsill. This collection finds courage in clear, careful description. These poems make good company.

“The church house and home life are not far off in Gordon Johnston’s poems, and the words of the prophets are timbre to his thought. Johnston reminds us that it is not a failure of art or of the imagination to love the world.” —Kevin Cantwell, author of *One of Those Russian Novels* and *Something Black in the Green Part of Your Eye*
By turns clever, earnest, probing, and mischievous, Marissa Glover’s poems take as their subjects the ever-relevant topics of sex, parenthood, loss, illness, and faith, and yet everywhere, in their tone and attitude, speak in the singular voice of a sly and vibrant woman banging up against the absurdities and disappointments of modern life.

In an alternately refined and breezy idiom, she converses with former flames and current politicians with the same ease and aplomb she does figures from biblical history or the heroes of classical Greece. Sometimes whimsical and often cheeky, her spirited poems always mean what they say and speak forcefully from hard-won experience.

Above all, reading her collection, you feel you are being addressed by a weary but resilient and savvy fellow traveler who has done her bit of living and has something urgent to tell you—often tantalizingly “slant”—about holding on to integrity and dignity in a world that seems utterly fallen.

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Grady energized progressive thought about the future of the South. Hosts of journalists and writers from Joel Chandler Harris to Ralph McGill and Lilian Smith considered themselves in the Grady tradition. Grady’s legacy is also segregation, and this book is filled with the horrors of that system from the Supreme Court’s *Plessy v. Ferguson* decision in 1896 to *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954, the latter taking the South fully fifty years to implement.

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Guy Herbert Wells and the YWCA at Georgia State College for Women, 1934–1953

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The political nature of higher education—how one Southern college president learned to play the middle in early civil rights struggles

*A White Liberal College President in the Jim Crow South* is a historical narrative that explores the inner turmoil of a college president who positioned himself between two opposing political ideologies. The Young Women’s Christian Association represented one side and governors, state board members, judges, and other powerful anti-black groups represented the other. Guy Herbert Wells, president of Georgia State College for (white) Women, learned to manage the tension between holding true to his own values, which more closely resembled those of students in the YWCA, while working for a state system that upheld white supremacy. A 1935 YWCA interracial event became the catalyst for his first lesson on how to manage this tension.

Most studies of higher education during the Civil Rights era focus on students of the 1960s. In contrast, this study features a president of the 1930s and 40s. Using archival data from Georgia College (formerly Georgia State College for Women) and the YWCA, Godwin tracks Wells’s positioning and identifies the motivation of his political movements right and left. The activism of YWCA members and the efforts to silence them all influenced Wells’s maneuvering. Godwin argues that his emotional unrest was a consequence of a “dual tradition of dissent” among white liberal administrators in higher education during the Jim Crow era.

Godwin concludes with a comparison of Wells’s experience with Georgia College President Dorothy Leland’s (2004 to 2011) who faced similar challenges. Godwin examines the costs associated with playing the middle and asserts that Wells’s moderate leadership ultimately strengthened Georgia College’s white supremacist foundation.

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This translation tries to convey the meaning—to the extent possible in English—of Aristotle’s every word

David Bolotin’s translation of Aristotle’s Parva Naturalia aims above all at fidelity to the Greek. It treats Aristotle as a teacher regarding the topics that he discusses, and hence it tries to convey the meaning, to the extent possible in English, of his every word.

Aristotle clearly intended these treatises as a sequel to his De Anima (On Soul), and Bolotin’s translation is a sequel to his translation of that work. The title Parva Naturalia (Short Works Having to Do with Nature) goes back to the Latin Middle Ages, and though the traditional grouping doesn’t include the treatise On the Motion of Animals, it is included here, since there is strong manuscript evidence, as well as solid substantive reasons, that it ought to be included.

Bolotin has made a scrupulous effort to examine the manuscript tradition, and he has relied only on readings that are well attested in the oldest manuscripts, rather than accepting conjectural emendations of modern editors, who too often substitute a Greek text that is easy to understand for any of those that have come down to us from the ancient copyists.

Since Bolotin’s translation, though it aims at the greatest possible clarity in English, subordinates felicity of English expression to the demand for fidelity to the Greek, it may not be suitable for all readers. But for those who wish to study the Parva Naturalia with care, it offers access that has hitherto been unavailable in English to the precise meaning of Aristotle’s text.
In this volume of essays, based on the 2019 A. V. Elliott Conference on Great Books and Ideas at Mercer University, eleven scholars take up some of the complex questions that emerge when one considers carefully how Plato presents democracy and liberty in the dialogues, particularly in terms of the threats they seem to pose to justice and philosophy.

The democratic context of the Platonic Dialogues is extraordinarily complicated. When Athens lost the Peloponnesian War, the Athenian people also lost their democratic constitution for a brief but brutal time. Plato wrote his dialogues and founded his Academy in the early days of Athens’s newly restored democratic regime, the regime that executed Socrates. But, he set most of the dialogues in the days leading up to Athens's downfall. Plato presents Socrates as so deeply committed to Athens that he would not consider living anywhere else, even when the Athenians intend to execute him. But, the critiques of democracy Socrates voices in the dialogues are almost as sharp as his critiques of tyranny, which he sets up clearly as the worst of all regimes.

How does one reconcile Socrates’s love of democratic Athens with his open hostility for democracy? The answer may lie at least as much in democracy’s vulnerabilities to corruption as in its inherent flaws. The democratic soul and state are not oriented to one focused end. Instead, they are beautiful, unpredictable, free, and often chaotic. Such chaos may make a democracy the regime least likely to kill a philosopher, but it also appears to be the regime most likely to foster the development of a tyrant. The authors whose essays are collected in this volume explore these tensions deeply and with great attention to the subtleties and complexities of Plato’s texts.

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