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Bly, Carol. *The Tomcat’s Wife and Other Stories*. HarperCollins. Portrayals of Minnesota women who are bound by the narrowness of their lives and the expectations of their communities.

Brown, Larry. *Joe*. Algonquin. An abandoned youth and a floundering middle-age man rescue each other from desperate situations in rural Mississippi.


Dubus, Andre. *Broken Vessels*. Godine. An acclaimed story writer turns his attention to essays, some of which detail his physical and spiritual struggle to survive a disabling accident.


Greene, Melissa Fay. *Praying for Sheetrock*. Addison-Wesley. The eloquent and sometimes humorous story of official corruption in McIntosh County, Georgia, and the belated political awakening of its black population.


Kotlowitz, Alex. *There Are No Children Here*. Doubleday. This significant and heartbreaking account focuses on the struggle of two young boys to survive life in a Chicago housing project.

Kozol, Jonathan. *Savage Inequalities: Children in America’s Schools*. Crown. Vivid descriptions of the nation’s poorest and wealthiest public schools illustrate how the quality of a child’s education is determined by race and social class.


Lucas, Russell. *Evenings at Mongini’s and Other Stories*. Summit. By turns erotic, humorous, chilling and exciting, 10 short stories provide a view of Bombay, India, during the decline of the British raj.

Morris, Mary McGarry. *A Dangerous Woman*. Viking. An emotionally disturbed young woman struggles to gain control of her life in spite of traumatic experiences and rejection by friends, classmates and guardians.

Nordan, Lewis. *Music of the Swamp*. Algonquin. In this comic and haunting novel set in a poor Mississippi Delta community, a young boy’s stories illuminate both magic and horror in his family’s life.

Parks, Tim. *Goodness*. Grove Weidenfeld. In this tragic yet darkly humorous novel, the birth of a severely handicapped daughter forces George Crawley to rise above the pieties of his family to make a real moral choice.

Porter, Connie. *All-Bright Court*. Houghton. Steel mills near Buffalo draw black families north, and a vibrant community is established in the rapidly deteriorating housing of All-Bright Court.


Tan, Amy. *The Kitchen God’s Wife*. Putnam. Tan’s second novel explores the dynamics of a Chinese American family through the long-suppressed secrets a mother and daughter ultimately reveal to each other.

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