

# Always Coming Home Ursula K Le Guin

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Ursula K. Le Guin: Conversations on Writing - Ursula K. Le Guin

2018-04-03

Ursula K. Le Guin discusses her fiction, nonfiction, and poetry?both her process and her philosophy?with all the wisdom, profundity, and rigor we expect from one of the great writers of the last century. When the New York Times referred to Ursula K. Le Guin as America's greatest writer of science fiction, they just might have undersold her legacy. It's hard to look at her vast body of work?novels and stories across multiple genres, poems, translations, essays, speeches, and criticism?and see anything but one of our greatest writers, period. In a series of interviews with David Naimon (Between the Covers), Le Guin discusses craft, aesthetics, and philosophy in her fiction, poetry, and nonfiction respectively. The discussions provide ample advice and guidance for writers of every level, but also give Le Guin a chance to to sound off on some of her favorite subjects: the genre wars, the patriarchy, the natural world, and what, in her opinion, makes for great writing. With excerpts from her own books and those that she looked to for inspiration, this volume is a treat for Le Guin's longtime readers, a perfect introduction for those first approaching her writing, and a tribute to her incredible life and work.

*Incredibly Good Fortune* Ursula K. Le Guin 2013-05-01

These warm, funny, and eloquent poems, spanning the years 2000 to 2005, by the celebrated author of Always Coming Home and The Language of the Night, showcase Le Guin's many facets as a writer.

**No Time to Spare** - Ursula K. Le Guin 2017

From acclaimed author Ursula K. Le Guin, a collection of thoughts--always adroit, often acerbic--on aging, belief, the state of literature, and the state of the nation

**Voices** - Ursula K. Le Guin 2006

Young Memer takes on a pivotal role in freeing her war-torn homeland from its oppressive captors.

Always Coming Home - Ursula K Le Guin 2022-09-06

**Oryx and Crake** - Margaret Atwood 2010-07-27

A stunning and provocative new novel by the internationally celebrated author of The Blind Assassin, winner of the Booker Prize. Margaret Atwood's new novel is so utterly compelling, so prescient, so relevant, so terrifyingly-all-too-likely-to-be-true, that readers may find their view of the world forever changed after reading it. This is Margaret Atwood at the absolute peak of her powers. For readers of Oryx and Crake, nothing will ever look the same again. The narrator of Atwood's riveting novel calls himself Snowman. When the story opens, he is sleeping in a tree, wearing an old bedsheet, mourning the loss of his beloved Oryx and his best friend Crake, and slowly starving to death. He searches for supplies in a wasteland where insects proliferate and pigeons and wolvoogs ravage the pleeblands, where ordinary people once lived, and the Compounds that sheltered the extraordinary. As he tries to piece together what has

taken place, the narrative shifts to decades earlier. How did everything fall apart so quickly? Why is he left with nothing but his haunting memories? Alone except for the green-eyed Children of Crake, who think of him as a kind of monster, he explores the answers to these questions in the double journey he takes - into his own past, and back to Crake's high-tech bubble-dome, where the Paradise Project unfolded and the world came to grief. With breathtaking command of her shocking material, and with her customary sharp wit and dark humour, Atwood projects us into an outlandish yet wholly believable realm populated by characters who will continue to inhabit our dreams long after the last chapter.

*The Void Captain's Tale* Norman Spinrad 2011-09-29

Welcome aboard the sex-drive void ship . . . Captain Genro commands the giant spaceship Dragon Zephyr - on board are ten thousand passengers in electrocoma, a smaller number of conscious passengers eagerly utilising the ship's dream chambers - and a Pilot. In the context of space travel, the Pilot is merely a biological component in the machine. Always a woman, her function is to launch the ship into the Jump by means of a cosmic orgasm. She is a pariah, shunned by all. Void Captain Genro should never even have spoken to his Pilot, let alone tried to embark on a relationship with her. When he did so, the result was every space traveller's nightmare. A Blind Jump into the Void . . .

*Flying Couch* 2016-10-11

A New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice • A Kirkus Reviews Best Nonfiction Book of 2016 • A Junior Library Guild Fall 2016 Selection  
Flying Couch, Amy Kurzweil's debut, tells the stories of three unforgettable women. Amy weaves her own coming-of-age as a young Jewish artist into the narrative of her mother, a psychologist, and Bubbe, her grandmother, a World War II survivor who escaped from the Warsaw Ghetto by disguising herself as a gentile. Captivated by Bubbe's story, Amy turns to her sketchbooks, teaching herself to draw as a way to cope with what she discovers. Entwining the voices and histories of these three wise, hilarious, and very different women, Amy creates a portrait not only of what it means to be part of a family, but also of how each

generation bears the imprint of the past. A retelling of the inherited Holocaust narrative now two generations removed, Flying Couch uses Bubbe's real testimony to investigate the legacy of trauma, the magic of family stories, and the meaning of home. With her playful, idiosyncratic sensibility, Amy traces the way our memories and our families shape who we become. The result is this bold illustrated memoir, both an original coming-of-age story and an important entry into the literature of the Holocaust.

**Ecofeminist Science Fiction** - Douglas A. Vakoch 2021-04-30

Ecofeminist Science Fiction: International Perspectives on Gender, Ecology, and Literature provides guidance in navigating some of the most pressing dangers we face today. Science fiction helps us face problems that threaten the very existence of humankind by giving us the emotional distance to see our current situation from afar, separated in our imaginations through time, space, or circumstance. Extrapolating from contemporary science, science fiction allows a critique of modern society, imagining more life-affirming alternatives. In this collection, ecocritics from five continents scrutinize science fiction for insights into the fundamental changes we need to make to survive and thrive as a species. Contributors examine ecofeminist themes in films, such as Avatar, Star Wars, and The Stepford Wives, as well as television series including Doctor Who and Westworld. Other scholars explore an internationally diverse group of both canonical and lesser-known science fiction writers including Oreet Ashery, Iraj Fazel Bakhsheshi, Liu Cixin, Louise Erdrich, Hanns Heinz Ewers, Larissa Lai, Ursula K. Le Guin, Chen Qiufan, Mary Doria Russell, Larissa Sansour, Karen Traviss, and Jeanette Winterson. Ecofeminist Science Fiction explores the origins of human-caused environmental change in the twin oppressions of women and of nature, driven by patriarchal power and ideologies. Female embodiment is examined through diverse natural and artificial forms, and queer ecologies challenge heteronormativity. The links between war and environmental destruction are analyzed, and the capitalist motivations and means for exploiting nature are critiqued through postcolonial perspectives.

**The Dispossessed** - Ursula K. Le Guin 1999

An astonishing tale of one man's search for Utopia.

**Dangerous People: The Complete Text of Ursula K Le Guin's Kesh Novella** - Ursula K. Le Guin 2019-03-05

When it was first published in 1985, Ursula K. Le Guin's ambitious and experimental novel *Always Coming Home*, a tapestry of interwoven stories, poems, histories, myths, and anthropological reports from the fictional Kesh society, included one chapter from a short novel called *Dangerous People* by Arravna, or Wordriver, which Le Guin had "translated" from the Kesh, the invented language of an invented people who "might be going to have lived a long, long time from now" in a post-apocalyptic Napa Valley, California. Now Library of America presents, for the first time, the full text of the innovative and perceptive novella *Dangerous People*, which Le Guin completed shortly before her death, making this Le Guin's final new work. The story of one missing woman and the people around her who may or may not be implicated in her death or disappearance, *Dangerous People* explores larger questions about what—in relationships, in society—make a person "dangerous"; and in giving us the Kesh perspective, Le Guin ultimately shines a light on our own society's perceptions of truth, gender, and relationships.

[Ursula K. Le Guin Beyond Genre](#) - Mike Cadden 2005-07-08

This book critically examines Le Guin's fiction for all ages, and it will be of great interest to her many admirers and to all students and scholars of children's literature.

**Dispatches from Anarres: Tales in Tribute to Ursula K. Le Guin** - Susan DeFreitas 2021-11-23

Named for the anarchist utopia in Ursula K. Le Guin's science fiction classic *The Dispossessed*, *Dispatches from Anarres* embodies the anarchic spirit of Le Guin's hometown of Portland, Oregon, while paying tribute to her enduring vision. In stories that range from fantasy to sci fi to realism, some of Portland's most vital voices have come together to celebrate Le Guin's lasting legacy and influence on that most subversive of human faculties: the imagination. Fonda Lee's "Old Souls" explores the role of violence and redemption across time and space; Rachael K.

Jones's "The Night Bazaar for Women Turning into Reptiles" touches on gender oppression and a woman's right to choose; Molly Gloss's "Wenonah's Gift" imagines coming-of-age in a post-collapse culture determined to avoid past wrongs; and Lidia Yuknavitch's "Neuron" reveals that fairy tales may, in fact, be the best way to understand the paradoxes of science. Other contributors include Curtis Chen, Keshia Ajoşe-Fisher, Juhea Kim, Tina Connolly, David D. Levine, Leni Zumas, Rene Denfeld, and Michelle Ruiz Keil, with a foreword by David Naimon, co-author (with Le Guin) of *Ursula K. Le Guin: Conversations on Writing. Lao Tzu: Tao Te Chi ng* Ursula K. Le Guin 2019-05-14

A rich, poetic, and socially relevant version of the great spiritual-philosophical classic of Taoism, the *Tao Te Ching*—from a legendary literary icon Most people know Ursula K. Le Guin for her extraordinary science fiction and fantasy. Fewer know just how pervasive Taoist themes are to so much of her work. And in *Lao Tzu: Tao Te Ching*, we are treated to Le Guin's unique take on Taoist philosophy's founding classic. Le Guin presents Lao Tzu's time-honored and astonishingly powerful philosophy like never before. Drawing on a lifetime of contemplation and including extensive personal commentary throughout, she offers an unparalleled window into the text's awe-inspiring, immediately relatable teachings and their inestimable value for our troubled world. Jargon-free but still faithful to the poetic beauty of the original work, Le Guin's unique translation is sure to be welcomed by longtime readers of the *Tao Te Ching* as well as those discovering the text for the first time.

[Always Coming Home](#) - Ursula K. Le Guin 1988  
Science fiction-roman.

**Powers** - Ursula K. Le Guin 2009-04-06

Winner of the Nebula Award for Best Novel: A young man tries to come to grips with his strange gifts as he sets out on a dangerous journey. Brought up in comfort as a house slave for a great family, young Gavir can recall the page of a book after seeing it once. Sometimes he even "remembers" things that are going to happen in the future—a power Gav cannot explain or control, and one that his beloved older sister wisely advises him to keep secret. But when tragedy destroys his trust in all he

has ever known, he flees in blind grief, setting off on a treacherous journey towards a goal he does not understand. Is Gav seeking freedom? Or his own people? Then there is the greatest mystery of all: the true use of his powers. "This follow-up to Gifts and Voices may be the series' best installment," raved Booklist, while the Toronto Star praised Le Guin for "her facility in world-making and her interest in human nature" in "a good, long trek of a fantasy." Shortlisted for a Locus Award, the third book of the Annals of the Western Shore is an epic story of survival and self-discovery that brings its hero home at last to a place where he has never been before.

Ursula K. Le Guin: The Last Interview - Ursula K. Le Guin 2019-02-05

"Resistance and change often begin in art. Very often in our art, the art of words." —Ursula K. Le Guin When she began writing in the 1960s, Ursula K. Le Guin was as much of a literary outsider as one can be: a woman writing in a landscape dominated by men, a science fiction and fantasy author in an era that dismissed "genre" literature as unserious, and a westerner living far from fashionable East Coast publishing circles. The interviews collected here—spanning a remarkable forty years of productivity, and covering everything from her Berkeley childhood to Le Guin envisioning the end of capitalism—highlight that unique perspective, which conjured some of the most prescient and lasting books in modern literature.

**Wild Girls** - Ursula K. Le Guin 2011-05-01

Ursula K. Le Guin is the one modern science fiction author who truly needs no introduction. In the half century since *The Left Hand of Darkness*, her works have changed not only the face but the tone and the agenda of SF, introducing themes of gender, race, socialism, and anarchism, all the while thrilling readers with trips to strange (and strangely familiar) new worlds. She is our exemplar of what fantastic literature can and should be about. Her Nebula winner *The Wild Girls*, newly revised and presented here in book form for the first time, tells of two captive "dirt children" in a society of sword and silk, whose determination to enter "that possible even when unattainable space in which there is room for justice" leads to a violent and loving end. Plus:

Le Guin's scandalous and scorching Harper's essay, "Staying Awake While We Read," (also collected here for the first time) which demolishes the pretensions of corporate publishing and the basic assumptions of capitalism as well. And of course our Outspoken Interview, which promises to reveal the hidden dimensions of America's best-known SF author. And delivers.

Dancing at the Edge of the World - Ursula K. Le Guin 2017-07-18

"I have decided that the trouble with print is, it never changes its mind," writes Ursula Le Guin in her introduction to *Dancing at the Edge of the World*. But she has, and here is the record of that change in the decade since the publication of her last nonfiction collection, *The Language of the Night*. And what a mind — strong, supple, disciplined, playful, ranging over the whole field of its concerns, from modern literature to menopause, from utopian thought to rodeos, with an eloquence, wit, and precision that makes for exhilarating reading.

The Wave in the Mind - Ursula K. Le Guin 2004-02-17

Join Ursula K. Le Guin as she explores a broad array of subjects, ranging from Tolstoy, Twain, and Tolkien to women's shoes, beauty, and family life. With her customary wit, intelligence, and literary craftsmanship, she offers a diverse and highly engaging set of readings. *The Wave in the Mind* includes some of Le Guin's finest literary criticism, rare autobiographical writings, performance art pieces, and, most centrally, her reflections on the arts of writing and reading.

**Always Coming Home** - Ursula K. Le Guin 2001-02-27

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Always Coming Home - Ursula K. Le Guin 2016-07-14

A long, long time from now, in the valleys of what will no longer be called Northern California, might be going to have lived a people called the Kesh. But *Always Coming Home* is not the story of the Kesh. Rather it is the stories of the Kesh - stories, poems, songs, recipes - *Always Coming Home* is no less than an anthropological account of a community that does not yet exist, a tour de force of imaginative fiction by one of modern

literature's great voices.

*Where Lily Isn't* Julie Paschkis 2020-01-21

Where Lily Isn't is Julie Paschkis and Margaret Chodos-Irvine's beautiful bereavement picture book celebrating the love of a lost pet. Lily ran and jumped and barked and whimpered and growled and wiggled and wagged and licked and snuggled. But not now. It is hard to lose a pet. There is sadness, but also hope—for a beloved pet lives on in your heart, your memory, and your imagination.

*Elder Race* - Adrian Tchaikovsky 2021-11-16

In Adrian Tchaikovsky's *Elder Race*, a junior anthropologist on a distant planet must help the locals he has sworn to study to save a planet from an unbeatable foe. Lynesse is the lowly Fourth Daughter of the queen, and always getting in the way. But a demon is terrorizing the land, and now she's an adult (albeit barely) with responsibilities (she tells herself). Although she still gets in the way, she understands that the only way to save her people is to invoke the pact between her family and the Elder sorcerer who has inhabited the local tower for as long as her people have lived here (though none in living memory has approached it). But Elder Nyr isn't a sorcerer, and he is forbidden to help, and his knowledge of science tells him the threat cannot possibly be a demon... At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

**Arts of Living on a Damaged Planet** - Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing 2017-05-30

Living on a damaged planet challenges who we are and where we live. This timely anthology calls on twenty eminent humanists and scientists to revitalize curiosity, observation, and transdisciplinary conversation about life on earth. As human-induced environmental change threatens multispecies livability, *Arts of Living on a Damaged Planet* puts forward a bold proposal: entangled histories, situated narratives, and thick descriptions offer urgent "arts of living." Included are essays by scholars in anthropology, ecology, science studies, art, literature, and bioinformatics who posit critical and creative tools for collaborative survival in a more-than-human Anthropocene. The essays are organized

around two key figures that also serve as the publication's two openings: Ghosts, or landscapes haunted by the violences of modernity; and Monsters, or interspecies and intraspecies sociality. Ghosts and Monsters are tentacular, windy, and arboreal arts that invite readers to encounter ants, lichen, rocks, electrons, flying foxes, salmon, chestnut trees, mud volcanoes, border zones, graves, radioactive waste—in short, the wonders and terrors of an unintended epoch. Contributors: Karen Barad, U of California, Santa Cruz; Kate Brown, U of Maryland, Baltimore; Carla Freccero, U of California, Santa Cruz; Peter Funch, Aarhus U; Scott F. Gilbert, Swarthmore College; Deborah M. Gordon, Stanford U; Donna J. Haraway, U of California, Santa Cruz; Andreas Hejnl, U of Bergen, Norway; Ursula K. Le Guin; Marianne Elisabeth Lien, U of Oslo; Andrew Mathews, U of California, Santa Cruz; Margaret McFall-Ngai, U of Hawaii, Manoa; Ingrid M. Parker, U of California, Santa Cruz; Mary Louise Pratt, NYU; Anne Pringle, U of Wisconsin, Madison; Deborah Bird Rose, U of New South Wales, Sydney; Dorion Sagan; Lesley Stern, U of California, San Diego; Jens-Christian Svenning, Aarhus U.

*Decoding Gender in Science Fiction* - Brian Attebery 2014-01-02

From Frankenstein to futuristic feminist utopias, *Decoding Gender in Science Fiction* examines the ways science fiction writers have incorporated, explored, and revised conventional notions of sexual difference. Attebery traces a fascinating history of men's and women's writing that covertly or overtly investigates conceptions of gender, suggesting new perspectives on the genre.

*The Legacies of Ursula K. Le Guin* Christopher L. Robinson 2021-10-21

*The Legacies of Ursula K. Le Guin* explores how Le Guin's fiction and essays have built a speculative ethical practice engaging indigenous knowledge and feminism, while crafting utopias in which human and other-than-human life forms enter into new relations. Her work also delineates new ways of making sense of the "science" of science fiction. The authors of this collection provide up-to-date discussions of well-known works as well as more experimental writings. Written in an accessible style, *Legacies* will appeal to any readers interested in

literature, science fiction and fantasy, as well as specialists of science and technology studies, philosophy of science, ethics, gender studies, indigenous studies and posthumanism.

**The Beginning Place** - Ursula K. Le Guin 2005-03-01

From multi-award-winning, literary legend Ursula K. Le Guin comes a speculative fiction classic, *The Beginning Place*. Fleeing from the monotony of his life, Hugh Rogers finds his way to "the beginning place"—a gateway to Tembreabrezi, an idyllic, unchanging world of eternal twilight. Irena Pannis was thirteen when she first found the beginning place. Now, seven years later, she has grown to know and love the gentle inhabitants of Tembreabrezi, or Mountaintown, and she sees Hugh as a trespasser. But then a monstrous shadow threatens to destroy Mountaintown, and Hugh and Irena join forces to seek it out. Along the way, they begin to fall in love. Are they on their way to a new beginning...or a fateful end? At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

*The Archer* - Shruti Swamy 2021-09-07

"Set in 1970s Bombay, the novel explores art, ambition, gender roles and class with the same shimmering prose of Swamy's first book, the story collection *A House Is a Body*." —San Francisco Chronicle "[A] sublime, boundary-pushing exploration of sexuality, creativity, and love." —NPR In this transfixing novel, a young woman comes of age in 1960s- and 1970s-era Bombay, a vanished world that is complex and indelibly rendered. Vidya's childhood is marked by the shattering absence and then the bewildering reappearance of her mother and baby brother at the family home. Restless, observant, and longing for connection with her brilliant and increasingly troubled mother, Vidya navigates the stifling expectations of her life with a vivid imagination until one day she peeks into a classroom where girls are learning kathak, a dazzling, centuries-old dance form that requires the utmost discipline and focus. Her pursuit of artistic transcendence through kathak soon becomes the organizing principle of her life, even as she leaves home for college and falls in complicated love with her best friend. As the uncertain future looms, she must ultimately confront the tensions between romantic love,

her art, and the legacy of her own imperfect mother. Lyrical and deeply sensual, with writing as mesmerizing as kathak itself, Shruti Swamy's *The Archer* is a bold portrait of a singular woman coming of age as an artist—navigating desire, duty, and the limits of the body. It is also an electrifying and utterly immersive story about the transformative power of art, and the possibilities that love can open when we're ready.

**Ishi in Two Worlds** - Theodora Kroeber 2004

Originally published: 1961. With new foreword.

*Al ways Comi ng Hōne* - Ursula K. Le Guin 2001-02-27

An "ethnographic" novel that portrays life in California's Napa Valley as it might be a very long time from now, imagined not as a high tech future but as a time of people once again living close to the land.

*Fi ve Ways to Forgi venes* Ursula K. Le Guin 2017-09-05

Here for the first time is the complete suite of five linked stories from Ursula K. Le Guin's acclaimed Hainish series, which tells the history of the Ekumen, the galactic confederation of human colonies founded by the planet Hain. First published in 1995 as *Four Ways to Forgiveness*, and now joined by a fifth story, *Five Ways to Forgiveness* focuses on the twin planets Werel and Yeowe, two worlds whose peoples, long known as "owners" and "assets," together face an uncertain future after civil war and revolution. In "Betrayals" a retired science teacher must make peace with her new neighbor, a disgraced revolutionary leader. In "Forgiveness Day," a female official from the Ekumen arrives to survey the situation on Werel and struggles against its rigidly patriarchal culture. Embedded within "A Man of the People," which describes the coming of age of Havzhiva, an Ekumen ambassador to Yeowe, is Le Guin's most sustained description of the Ur-planet Hain. "A Woman's Liberation" is the remarkable narrative of Rakam, born an asset on Werel, who must twice escape from slavery to freedom. Joined to them is "Old Music and the Slave Women," in which the charismatic Hainish embassy worker, who appears in two of the four original stories, returns for a tale of his own. Of this capstone tale Le Guin has written, "the character called Old Music began to tell me a fifth tale about the latter days of the civil war . . . I'm glad to see it joined to the others at last."

*The Lathe of Heaven* Ursula K. Le Guin 2022-07-19

With a new introduction by Kelly Link, the Locus Award-winning science fiction novel by legendary author Ursula K. Le Guin, set in a world where one man's dreams rewrite the future. During a time racked by war and environmental catastrophe, George Orr discovers his dreams alter reality. George is compelled to receive treatment from Dr. William Haber, an ambitious sleep psychiatrist who quickly grasps the immense power George holds. After becoming adept at manipulating George's dreams to reshape the world, Haber seeks the same power for himself. George—with some surprising help—must resist Haber's attempts, which threaten to destroy reality itself. A classic of the science fiction genre, *The Lathe of Heaven* is prescient in its exploration of the moral risks when overwhelming power is coupled with techno-utopianism.

*The Left Hand of Darkness* - Ursula K. Le Guin 2016-10-25

A deluxe hardcover edition of the queen of science fiction's trailblazing novel about a planet full of genderless beings—part of Penguin Galaxy, a collectible series of six sci-fi/fantasy classics, featuring a series introduction by Neil Gaiman Winner of the AIGA + Design Observer 50 Books | 50 Covers competition A groundbreaking work of science fiction, *The Left Hand of Darkness* tells the story of a lone human emissary's mission to Winter, an unknown alien world whose inhabitants can choose—and change—their gender. His goal is to facilitate Winter's inclusion in a growing intergalactic civilization. But to do so he must bridge the gulf between his own views and those of the completely dissimilar culture that he encounters. Exploring questions of psychology, society, and human emotion in an alien world, *The Left Hand of Darkness* stands as a landmark achievement in the annals of science fiction. Penguin Galaxy Six of our greatest masterworks of science fiction and fantasy, in dazzling collector-worthy hardcover editions, and featuring a series introduction by #1 New York Times bestselling author Neil Gaiman, Penguin Galaxy represents a constellation of achievement in visionary fiction, lighting the way toward our knowledge of the universe, and of ourselves. From historical legends to mythic futures, monuments of world-building to mind-bending dystopias, these touchstones of human

invention and storytelling ingenuity have transported millions of readers to distant realms, and will continue for generations to chart the frontiers of the imagination. *The Once and Future King* by T. H. White *Stranger in a Strange Land* by Robert A. Heinlein *Dune* by Frank Herbert 2001: *A Space Odyssey* by Arthur C. Clarke *The Left Hand of Darkness* by Ursula K. Le Guin *Neuromancer* by William Gibson For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

**Ursula K. Le Guin: The Complete Orsinia (LOA #281)** - Ursula K. Le Guin 2016-09-06

The inaugural volume of Library of America's Ursula K. Le Guin edition gathers her complete Orsinian writings, enchanting, richly imagined historical fiction collected here for the first time. Written before Le Guin turned to science fiction, the novel *Malafrena* is a tale of love and duty set in the central European country of Orsinia in the early nineteenth century, when it is ruled by the Austrian empire. The stories originally published in *Orsinian Tales* (1976) offer brilliantly rendered episodes of personal drama set against a history that spans Orsinia's emergence as an independent kingdom in the twelfth century to its absorption by the eastern Bloc after World War II. The volume is rounded out by two additional stories that bring the history of Orsinia up to 1989, the poem "Folksong from the Montayna Province," Le Guin's first published work, and two never before published songs in the Orsinian language. LIBRARY OF AMERICA is an independent nonprofit cultural organization founded in 1979 to preserve our nation's literary heritage by publishing, and keeping permanently in print, America's best and most significant writing. The Library of America series includes more than 300 volumes to date, authoritative editions that average 1,000 pages in length, feature cloth covers, sewn bindings, and ribbon markers, and are printed on

premium acid-free paper that will last for centuries.

**Words Are My Matter** - Ursula K. Le Guin 2019

A collection of essays on life and literature, from one of the most iconic authors and astute critics in contemporary letters. *Words Are My Matter* is essential reading: a collection of talks, essays, and criticism by Ursula K. Le Guin, a literary legend and unparalleled voice of our social conscience. Here she investigates the depth and breadth of contemporary fiction--and, through the lens of literature, gives us a way of exploring the world around us. In "Freedom," Le Guin notes: "Hard times are coming, when we'll be wanting the voices of writers who can see alternatives to how we live now ... to other ways of being, and even imagine real grounds for hope. We'll need writers who can remember freedom--poets, visionaries--realists of a larger reality." Le Guin was one of those authors and in *Words Are My Matter* she gives us just that: a vision of a better reality, fueled by the power and might and hope of language and literature.

**Ursula K. Le Guin: Always Coming Home (LOA #315)** - Ursula K. Le Guin 2019-02-19

Ursula K. Le Guin's richly-imagined vision of a post-apocalyptic California, in a newly expanded version prepared shortly before her death. This fourth volume in the Library of America's definitive Ursula K. Le Guin edition presents her most ambitious novel and finest achievement, a mid-career masterpiece that showcases her unique genius for world building. Framed as an anthropologist's report on the Kesh, survivors of ecological catastrophe living in a future Napa Valley, *Always Coming Home* (1985) is an utterly original tapestry of history and myth, fable and poetry, story-telling and song. Prepared in close consultation with the author, this expanded edition features new material added just before her death, including for the first time two "missing" chapters of the Kesh novel *Dangerous People*. The volume concludes with a selection of Le Guin's essays about the novel's genesis and larger aims, a note on its editorial and publication history, and an updated chronology of Le Guin's life and career. LIBRARY OF AMERICA is an independent nonprofit cultural organization founded in 1979 to preserve

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**Ursula K. Le Guin: Annals of the Western Shore (LOA #335)** -

Ursula K. Le Guin 2020-10-06

Ursula Le Guin's beloved YA series gathered for the first time in a deluxe collector's edition for every reader. This fifth volume in the definitive Library of America edition of Ursula K. Le Guin's work presents a trilogy of coming-of-age stories set in the Western Shore, a world where young people find themselves struggling not just against racism, prejudice, and slavery, but with how to live with the mysterious and magical gifts they have been given. All three novels feature the generous voice and deeply human concerns that mark all Le Guin's work, and together they form an elegant anthem to the revolutionary and transformative power of words and storytelling. In *Gifts*, Orrec and Gry will inherit both their families' domains and their "gifts," the ability to communicate with animals, or control a mind, or maim or kill with only a word and gesture. Both discover their gifts are not what they thought. In *Voices*, Memer lives in a city conquered by fundamentalist and superstitious soldiers who have made reading and writing forbidden. But in Memer's house there is a secret room where the last few books in the city have been hidden. And in the Nebula Award-winning *Powers*, the young slave Gavir can remember any book after reading it just once. It makes him valuable, but it also makes him a threat. Gav sets out to understand who he is, where he came from, and what his gift means. This deluxe edition features Le Guin's own previously unseen hand-drawn maps. Included in an appendix are essays and interviews about the novels, as well as Le Guin's pronunciation guide to the names and languages of the Western Shore.

**Changing Planes** - Ursula K. Le Guin 2014-03-04

"A fantastical travel guide, reminiscent of *Gulliver's Travels*," from a narrator with "the eye of an anthropologist and the humor of a satirist."

—USA Today Hailed by Neil Gaiman as “a master of the craft” and Margaret Atwood as “a quintessentially American writer,” Ursula K. Le Guin is at her entertaining, thought-provoking best in this collection of ingeniously linked stories. Missing a flight, waiting in an airport, listening to garbled announcements—who doesn’t hate that misery? But Sita Dulip of Cincinnati finds a way to bypass the long lines, the crowded restrooms, the nasty food, the whimpering children and domineering parents, the bookless bookstores, the plastic chairs bolted to the floor. . . . With a kind of twist and a slipping bend, easier to do than to describe, Sita travels not to Denver but to Strupsirts, a picturesque region of waterspouts and volcanoes. Or to Djeyo, where she can stay for two nights with a balcony overlooking the amber Sea of Somue. This new method of “changing planes” enables Sita to visit bizarre societies and

cultures that sometimes mirror our own . . . and sometimes open doors into the thrillingly alien. A New York Times Notable Book and Los Angeles Times bestseller, featuring illustrations by Eric Beddows, *Changing Planes* is your boarding pass to fifteen worlds that are vintage Le Guin, from a recipient of the PEN/Malamud Award for excellence in the art of the short story.

**Stories about Stories** - Brian Attebery 2014-02

The first comprehensive study of fantasy's uses of myth, this book offers insights into the genre's popularity and cultural importance. Combining history, folklore, and narrative theory, Attebery's study explores familiar and forgotten fantasies and shows how the genre is also an arena for negotiating new relationships with traditional tales.