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All Aunt Hagar's Children
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The Stone Angel, The Diviners,
and A Bird in the House are
three of the five books in
Margaret Laurence's renowned
"Manawaka series," named for
the small Canadian prairie
town in which they take place.
Each of these books is narrated
by a strong woman growing up
in the town and struggling with
physical and emotional
isolation. In The Stone Angel,

Hagar Shipley, age ninety, tells
the story of her life, and in
doing so tries to come to terms
with how the very qualities
which sustained her have
deprived her of joy. Mingling
past and present, she maintains
pride in the face of senility,
while recalling the life she led
as a rebellious young bride,
and later as a grieving mother.
Laurence gives us in Hagar a
woman who is funny,
infuriating, and
heartbreakingly poignant. "This
is a revelation, not
impersonation. The effect of
such skilled use of language is
to lead the reader towards the
self-recognition that Hagar
misses."--Robertson Davies,
New York Times "It is

[Laurence's] admirable
achievement to strike, with an
equally sure touch, the peculiar
note and the universal; she
gives us a portrait of a
remarkable character and at
the same time the picture of
old age itself, with the pain, the
weariness, the terror, the
impotent angers and physical
mishaps, the realization that
others are waiting and wishing
for an end."--Honor Tracy, The
New Republic "Miss Laurence
is the best fiction writer in the
Dominion and one of the best in
the hemisphere."--Atlantic
"[Laurence] demonstrates in
The Stone Angel that she has a
true novelist's gift for catching
a character in mid-passion and
life at full flood. . . . As [Hagar

Shipley] daydreams and chatters and lurches through the novel, she traces one of the most convincing--and the most touching--portraits of an unregenerate sinner declining into senility since Sara Monday went to her reward in Joyce Cary's *The Horse's Mouth*."--*Time* "Laurence's triumph is in her evocation of Hagar at ninety. . . . We sympathize with her in her resistance to being moved to a nursing home, in her preposterous flight, in her impatience in the hospital. Battered, depleted, suffering, she rages with her last breath against the dying of the light. *The Stone Angel* is a fine novel, admirably written and sustained by unflinching insight."-

-Granville Hicks, *Saturday Review* "*The Stone Angel* is a good book because Mrs. Laurence avoids sentimentality and condescension; Hagar Shipley is still passionately involved in the puzzle of her own nature. . . . Laurence's imaginative tact is strikingly at work, for surely this is what it feels like to be old."--Paul Pickrel, *Harper's Story of the last few days in the life of Hagar Shipley*, a proud, stubborn old woman of ninety who struggles against the assistance she requires to live. In fourteen sweeping and sublime stories, five of which have been published in *The New Yorker*, the bestselling and Pulitzer Prize-winning

author of *The Known World* shows that his grasp of the human condition is firmer than ever. Returning to the city that inspired his first prizewinning book, *Lost in the City*, Jones has filled this new collection with people who call Washington, D.C., home. Yet it is not the city's power brokers that most concern him but rather its ordinary citizens. All Aunt Hagar's Children turns an unflinching eye to the men, women, and children caught between the old ways of the South and the temptations that await them further north, people who in Jones's masterful hands, emerge as fully human and morally complex, whether they are country folk used to

getting up with the chickens or people with centuries of education behind them. In the title story, in which Jones employs the first-person rhythms of a classic detective story, a Korean War veteran investigates the death of a family friend whose sorry destiny seems inextricable from his mother's own violent Southern childhood. In "In the Blink of God's Eye" and "Tapestry" newly married couples leave behind the familiarity of rural life to pursue lives of urban promise only to be challenged and disappointed. With the legacy of slavery just a stone's throw away and the future uncertain, Jones's cornucopia of

characters will haunt readers for years to come. Alison and Veronica meet amid the nocturnal glamour of 1980s New York: one is a former modelling sensation, stumbling away from the wreck of her career, the other an eccentric middle-aged proofreader with a meticulous eye. Over the next twenty years their friendship will encompass narcissism and tenderness, exploitation and self-sacrifice, love and mortality. Moving seamlessly between the glamorous and gritty '80s, when beauty and style gave licence to excess, and the broken world of the decade's survivors twenty years later, Gaitskill casts a fierce yet compassionate eye

on the two eras and their fixations. Veronica masterfully evokes the fragility and mystery of human relationships in a world where love is rife with frightening artificiality. Evocative, raw and entirely unique, Veronica was shortlisted for the prestigious 2005 National Book Award in the USA. This unit explores the meaning of the symbols in the book and the literary techniques used by Laurence. Several teaching suggestions are provided. The film adaptation of Margaret Laurence's *The Stone Angel*, starring acclaimed actresses Ellen Burstyn and Ellen Page, and introducing Christine Horne, opens in theatres May

9, 2008. This special fortieth-anniversary edition of Margaret Laurence's most celebrated novel will introduce readers again to one of the most memorable characters in Canadian fiction. Hagar Shipley is stubborn, querulous, self-reliant, and, at ninety, with her life nearly behind her, she makes a bold last step towards freedom and independence. As her story unfolds, we are drawn into her past. We meet Hagar as a young girl growing up in a black prairie town; as the wife of a virile but unsuccessful farmer with whom her marriage was stormy; as a mother who dominates her younger son; and, finally, as an old woman isolated by an

uncompromising pride and by the stern virtues she has inherited from her pioneer ancestors. Vivid, evocative, moving, *The Stone Angel* celebrates the triumph of the spirit, and reveals Margaret Laurence at the height of her powers as a writer of extraordinary craft and profound insight into the workings of the human heart. An edited, annotated collection of funny, affectionate, and insightful letters between two Canadian literary icons. A Southern family with a great appetite for living is dominated by the father until an older son, Eugene, is able to free himself from his rural North Carolina hometown to seek the

challenges of an Ivy League education and big city life. The culmination and completion of Margaret Laurence's celebrated Manawaka cycle, *The Diviners* is an epic novel. This is the powerful story of an independent woman who refuses to abandon her search for love. For Morag Gunn, growing up in a small Canadian prairie town is a toughening process - putting distance between herself and a world that wanted no part of her. But in time, the aloneness that had once been forced upon her becomes a precious right - relinquished only in her overwhelming need for love. Again and again, Morag is forced to test her strength

against the world - and finally achieves the life she had determined would be hers. The Diviners has been acclaimed by many critics as the outstanding achievement of Margaret Laurence's writing career. In Morag Gunn, Laurence has created a figure whose experience emerges as that of all dispossessed people in search of their birthright, and one who survives as an inspirational symbol of courage and endurance. The Diviners received the Governor General's Award for Fiction for 1974. Seminar paper from the year 2005 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 2,3, Ernst Moritz Arndt University of Greifswald

(Institut für Anglistik/Amerikanistik), course: Canadian Women Novelists, 9 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Everyone of us is concerned with the process of aging. As soon as we are born, our body starts to grow older and with the years it becomes visibly more and more. Aging is the natural course of life but in our society it often seems to be an uncomfortable subject to talk about. Although the situation of the elderly has improved throughout the last years, older people are often neglected and marginalized by society. They are often associated with negative images like being

helpless, rigid and useless. The study of aging is very complex and can be examined from many perspectives, for example from a biological, a sociological, or a psychological point of view. This paper focuses on aging in literature, especially in the writings of Canadian women authors, in which old age is a relatively new subject. The aim of this paper is to point out how Canadian women writers deal with the topic of old age, especially that of women, and what kind of image about old age they want to transmit through their stories. Are they depicting old women in stereotypical ways or do they try to reveal and change those

stereotypes? The novels that will be discussed here, are Margaret Laurence's *The Stone Angel* (1964), Joan Barfoot's *Duet for Three* (1985), and *The Widows* (1998) by Suzette Mayr. Before analyzing different aspects of aging in these novels, it will be useful to have a look at the social construction of age. Afterwards, I will explore different issues of aging that play important roles in the novels and also in our society. Starting with the aspect of physical aging and the impact it has on the different female characters, the second point will analyze the relationships of grandmothers and granddaughters. Furthermore,

it will be interesting to see how the authors deal with the widespread negative images of nursing homes and the fear that is often associated with those places. Finally, this paper will explore the representation of sexuality in the novels. How are older people depicted in terms of sexual relationships? Are they really as asexual as many people think or is this one of many misperceptions about old people? *Saffy's Angel* was the winner of the 2002 Whitbread Award and is the first novel in Hilary McKay's hilarious Casson Family series. After Saffron discovers that she's adopted, life is never quite the same. Her artistic parents and doting siblings

adore her, but Saffy wants a piece of her past. So when her grandfather bequests her a stone angel – a relic from the childhood she never knew – Saffy knows she has to find it. Realizing that Siena holds the key, she stows away on a car trip to Italy. The rest of the family are engaged in their own wacky projects: Caddy, a hopeless student, is revising for her A levels and desperately trying to pass her driving test. Indigo, the only boy in the Casson family, is determined to rid himself of his fear of heights. And the youngest, Rose, a budding artist, has a knack for baiting her pompous dad, with entertaining results . . . Follow the family's

adventures in the rest of the beloved series: *Indigo's Star*, *Permanent Rose*, *Caddy Ever After*, *Forever Rose* and *Caddy's World*. Rachel longs to free herself from the pettiness and deceit of her everyday life. In this study of the Canadian novelist Margaret Laurence, recent narratological models provide the theoretical framework for a textual analysis that aims at complementing previous thematic critiques. The chief focus is on *The Stone Angel* and *The Diviners*, which the conclusion then presents in the context of the other novels in Laurence's Manawaka cycle. Consideration of the published works is rounded off with

genetic comparison of the novelist's typescript drafts and an evaluation of the manuscript notes kept in the archives of McMaster and York Universities. The central structural principle of *The Stone Angel* is its dovetailing of past and present scenes. Temporal arrangement, reflecting the frequency and duration of Hagar's memories, reveals the hold of memory over the central character and her attempts to suppress her fear of mortality. Hagar-as-narrator manipulates character-presentation and description to her own advantage. In a basically oppositional structure, her need for control is reflected in

the neat ordering of the narrative. The verbal texture of the novel serves to establish a value system that insists on the superiority of imported culture over Western Canadian forms. *The Diviners* shares a number of narrative similarities with *The Stone Angel*, but the latter's formal rigidity has yielded, by the time Laurence writes her last novel, to the concept of multiplicity - characters, time planes, perspectives and narrative voices (including metafictional commentaries). Textual coherence is secured via narrative strategies (including typography, generational paradigms, repetition, parallelism, intertextuality, and

tropological patterning) that render the novel readable and present experience as ordered in a time of cultural flux and personal crisis. *Heart of a Stranger*, originally published in 1976, is a travelogue chronicling Laurence's geographical journeys to many lands and places. She notes "I saw, somewhat to my surprise, that they are all, in one way or another, travel articles. And by travel, I mean both those voyages which are outer and those voyages which are inner." A novel of Africans and British, community and exile, set against the backdrop of the Ghanaian fight for independence: "A talented writer."—The New York Times

It is a time of change in West Africa, as the land known as the British Gold Coast is transformed into a new, independent nation known as Ghana. This lyrical, vivid novel follows multiple characters—a schoolteacher torn between his loyalty to his tribe and his hopes for his country's future; a British business executive who distrusts Africans; a passionate nationalist—as they experience all the tensions of the time, the excitement, anticipation, and dread. A novel that confronts issues of race, gender, and the effects of colonialism, *This Side Jordan* is by Margaret Laurence, the author of *The Stone Angel* and a winner of two Governor

General's Awards, one of Canada's most prestigious literary prizes. "Artistically and expertly written and constructed...unusual and noteworthy."—Kirkus Reviews "A first novel of rare excellence."—Mary Renault, *Saturday Review* "Highly recommended."—*Library Journal* In a writing career spanning nearly three decades, Margaret Laurence became one of the most celebrated and widely read authors in the world. In this, her final work, Margaret Laurence reveals the story of her fascinating life, the process of her writing, and the people and emotional journeys which accompanied it. She relates her experiences living

in different cultures; the issues and causes she so passionately upheld; her personal battle against censorship. She also pays tribute to the three women from whom she drew important spiritual strength. Including a selection of her articles, speeches, and letters - many never before published - and photographs selected by Margaret Laurence from her personal family albums, *Dance on the Earth* is a book of celebration and exploration in which Margaret Laurence speaks openly about her place in the world as a woman, a writer, and a concerned human being. Stacey MacAindra burns - to burst through the shadows of her existence to a richer life,

to recover some of the passion she can only dimly remember from her past. *The Fire-Dwellers* is an extraordinary novel about a woman who has four children, a hard-working but uncommunicative husband, a spinster sister, and an abiding conviction that life has more to offer her than the tedious routine of her days. Margaret Laurence has given us another unforgettable heroine - human, compelling, full of poetry, irony and humour. In the telling of her life, Stacey rediscovers for us all the richness of the commonplace, the pain and beauty in being alive, and the secret music that dances in everyone's soul. Vivid,

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the wife of a virile but unsuccessful farmer with whom her marriage was stormy; as a mother who dominates her younger son; and, finally, as an old woman isolated by an uncompromising pride and by the stern virtues she has inherited from her pioneer ancestors. *A Bird in the House* is a series of eight interconnected short stories narrated by Vanessa MacLeod as she matures from a child at age ten into a young woman at age twenty. Wise for her years, Vanessa reveals much about the adult world in which she lives. "Vanessa rebels against the dominance of age; she watches [her grandfather] imitate her aunt Edna; and her

rage at times is such that she would gladly kick him. It takes great skill to keep this story within the expanding horizon of this young girl and yet make it so revealing of the adult world."—Atlantic "A Bird in the House achieves the breadth of scope which we usually associate with the novel (and thereby is as psychologically valid as a good novel), and at the same time uses the techniques of the short story form to reveal the different aspects of the young Vanessa." —Kent Thompson, *The Fiddlehead* "I am haunted by the women in Laurence's novels as if they really were alive—and not as women I've known, but as women I've

been."—Joan Larkin, *Ms. Magazine* "Not since . . . *To Kill a Mockingbird* has there been a novel like this. It should not be missed by anyone who has a child or was a child."—*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* One of Canada's most accomplished writers, Margaret Laurence (1926-87) was the recipient of many awards including Canada's prestigious Governor General's Literary Award on two separate occasions, once for *The Diviners*. The charming and larcenous Gulley Jimson has an insatiable genius for creation and a no less remarkable appetite for destruction. Is he a great artist? a has-been? or an exhausted, drunken ne'er-do-

well? Originally published in 1944, *The Horse's Mouth* is acclaimed Irish author Joyce Cary's third instalment in his First Trilogy and sequel to *Herself Surprised* (1941) and *To Be A Pilgrim* (1942). It follows the adventures of Gulley Jimson, an artist who would exploit his friends and acquaintances to earn a quid. Similar to the first two books in the First Trilogy, events are told in the first-person narration and thus from the central character's point of view. Cary's novel also uses Gulley's unique perspective to comment on the social and political events of the time, making Gulley Jimson one of the best-known characters in

20th-century fiction. One of Canada's most accomplished authors combines the best qualities of both the short story and the novel to create a lyrical evocation of the beauty, pain, and wonder of growing up. In eight interconnected, finely wrought stories, Margaret Laurence recreates the world of Vanessa MacLeod - a world of scrub-oak, willow, and chokecherry bushes; of family love and conflict; and of a girl's growing awareness of and passage into womanhood. The stories blend into one masterly and moving whole: poignant, compassionate, and profound in emotional impact. In this fourth book of the five-volume Manawaka series, Vanessa

MacLeod takes her rightful place alongside the other unforgettable heroines of Manawaka: Hagar Shipley in *The Stone Angel*, Rachel Cameron in *A Jest of God*, Stacey MacAindra in *The Fire-Dwellers*, and Morag Gunn in *The Diviners*. Above the town, on the hill brow, the stone angel used to stand. I wonder if she stands there yet... Hagar Shipley - an irascible, independent nonagenarian - has lived a quiet life full of rage. As she approaches her death, she retreats from the squabbling of her son and his wife to reflect on her past - her ill-advised marriage, her two sons, the harshness of farm life on the prairie, her own failures

and the betrayals and failures of others. A Study Guide for Margaret Laurence's "The Stone Angel," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Novels for Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Novels for Students for all of your research needs. Hoda is a prostitute, but that is not the most important fact about her. Earthy, bawdy, vulnerable, and big-hearted, she is the daughter of an impoverished Jewish couple who emigrated from Russia to Canada to

escape persecution. Growing up in a ghetto of Winnipeg, she experiences cruelty and bigotry early and fights back with humor and anger, which is something to behold as her young body takes on gargantuan proportions. In the neighborhood, she is considered a crackpot and worse. In truth, she is a cracked pot, a flawed human being, but her quest for love, which brings hope out of humiliation, is one of the most memorable in modern fiction. Crackpot, set in the period between two world wars, is Adele Wiseman's comic vision, for all its darkness. Somewhat satirically, the novel touches on puritanical hypocrisy and the

inhumanity of institutions, notably the schools and the welfare system. Hoda, caught in a web of relationships beginning with her blind father and humpbacked mother, is its great heartbeat. Adele Wiseman won the Canadian Governor General's Award for her first novel, *The Sacrifice*. A literary study guide that includes summaries and commentaries.

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