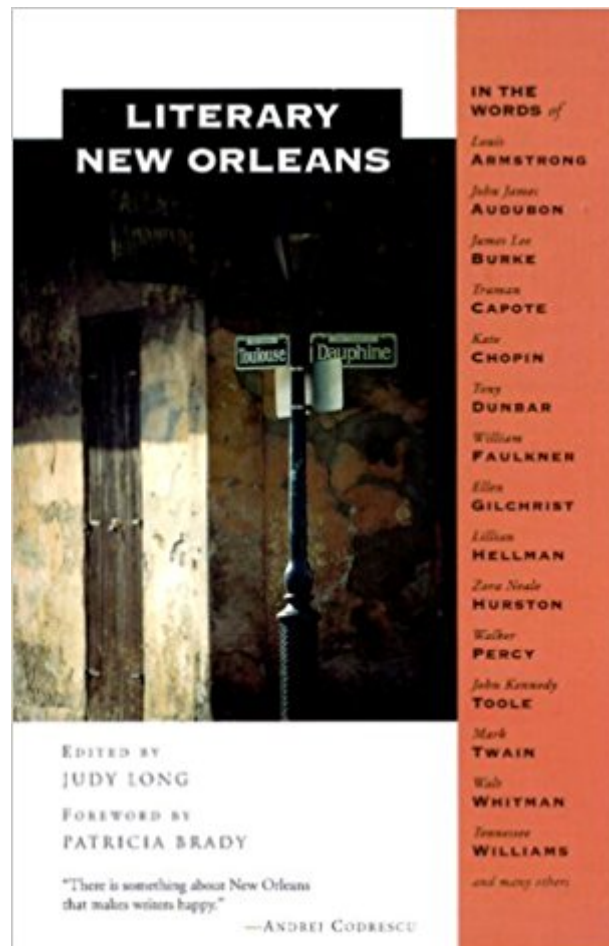




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I read literature from an area to prepare for a vacation there. I am enjoying the biographical information about the contributors as much as the writing selections. I also love that the selections are short so I can fit them in whenever I have time. The selections are well chosen to give the reader a sense of the history of New Orleans.

All I expected and even more. Juanita Weisel

An extremely useful for a literary study of New Orleans or Southern culture!

I bought this book for a class but I think I'll be keeping it for my own collection. Construction quality is very good. Pages are bible thin. Content is a great collection of stories about New Orleans.

This anthology is a great companion volume to take on a visit to New Orleans. Enjoy these selections with some beignets and coffee at Cafe Du Monde or over a bloody Mary in the court of 2 sisters. If you love New Orleans you can't miss with this book.

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I grew up in New Orleans and often awake to find myself wandering the city's streets in my dreams. Literary New Orleans captures the spirit of my beloved hometown with selections ranging from Audubon's journal entries describing his wanderings in the city in 1821 to Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Brenda Marie Osbey's "Faubourg." There are some rare finds here, including Tennessee Williams's poem, "Mornings on Bourbon Street," and Robert Olen Butler's "Relic," about a Vietnamese man in New Orleans who owns one of John Lennon's shoes. I commend Long for including a selection by the late Tom Dent, a writer important to us. Excerpts from memoirs by both Louis Armstrong and Lillian Hellman give the reader a true feel for growing up in the Crescent City. I love this anthology, and reading it made me so hungry for New Orleans that I have booked the next flight down. Galatoire's here I come.

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