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Editor's Choice

Contemporary Writing*

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THE READING AND WRITING PROCESS (includes **Judy Brady**, Why I Want a Wife)
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- NEW!** **Julia Alvarez**, Trespass
- J. M. Coetzee**, Boyhood: Scenes from Provincial Life
- Laura Fraser**, Jailhouse Talk
- Rob Gurwitt**, Fostering Hope
- Seth Mydans**, Not Just the Inner City: Well-to-Do Join Gang
- Brent Staples**, A Brother's Murder

Love and Loss

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- NEW!** **Joan Didion**, "After Life" from *The Year of Magical Thinking*
- Ellen Goodman**, The Tapestry of Friendship
- Seamus Heaney**, Mid-Term Break
- Anna Quindlen**, Gay
- Anne Sexton**, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
- Shannon Stapleton**, The First Recorded Casualty: Father Judge is Carried
from the Towers

Multiculturalism and Diversity

Introduction

- Sherman Alexie**, The Toughest Indian in the World
- Judith Ortiz Cofer**, Casa: A Partial Remembrance of a Puerto Rican
Childhood
- Jane Eaton Hamilton**, Twenty-One Questions
- NEW!** **Jhumpa Lahiri**, Interpreter of Maladies
- David Sedaris**, Me Talk Pretty One Day
- Elizabeth Wong**, The Struggle to Be an All-American Girl

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Ethics and Values

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- ACLU, Editing the Bill of Rights: An American Civil Liberties Advertisement
- Paul Campos**, Modern Witch Hunts Fueled by Irrational Fear, Media
- John Cloud**, Guarding Death's Door
- J. California Cooper**, Sins Leave Scars
- Sue Halpern**, No Room at the Church
- Lewis H. Lapham**, Social Hygiene
- Samantha Nutt**, Freedom Denied
- Wole Soyinka**, Every Dictator's Nightmare
- Jonathan Watts**, Where Are You, Beloved General?
- NEW!** **Patricia J. Williams**, By Any Means Necessary

Nature and Environment

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- Dave Eggers**, The Only Meaning of the Oil-Wet Water
- Linda Hogan**, Hearing Voices
- Ursula K. Le Guin**, Texts
- Gary Snyder**, Back to Nature
- Ian Wilmut**, Cloning for Medicine

Science and Technology

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- Deborah Blum**, The Gender Blur
- Jeffrey Goldberg**, Microbes on the Move
- NEW!** **Jennifer Lee**, I Think, Therefore IM
- NEW!** **Jack Shafer**, Blog Overkill

Work and Leisure

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- NEW!** **Barbara Ehrenreich**, Serving in Florida
- NEW!** **Katie Hafner & Tim Gnatik**, For Some, the Blogging Never Stops
- NEW!** **Sarah Vowell**, Pop-A-Shot

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