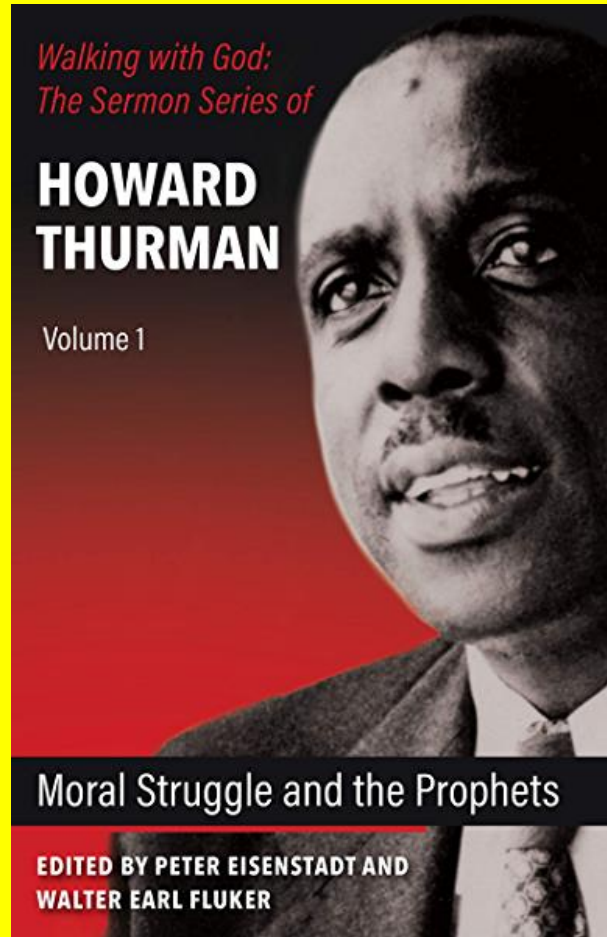
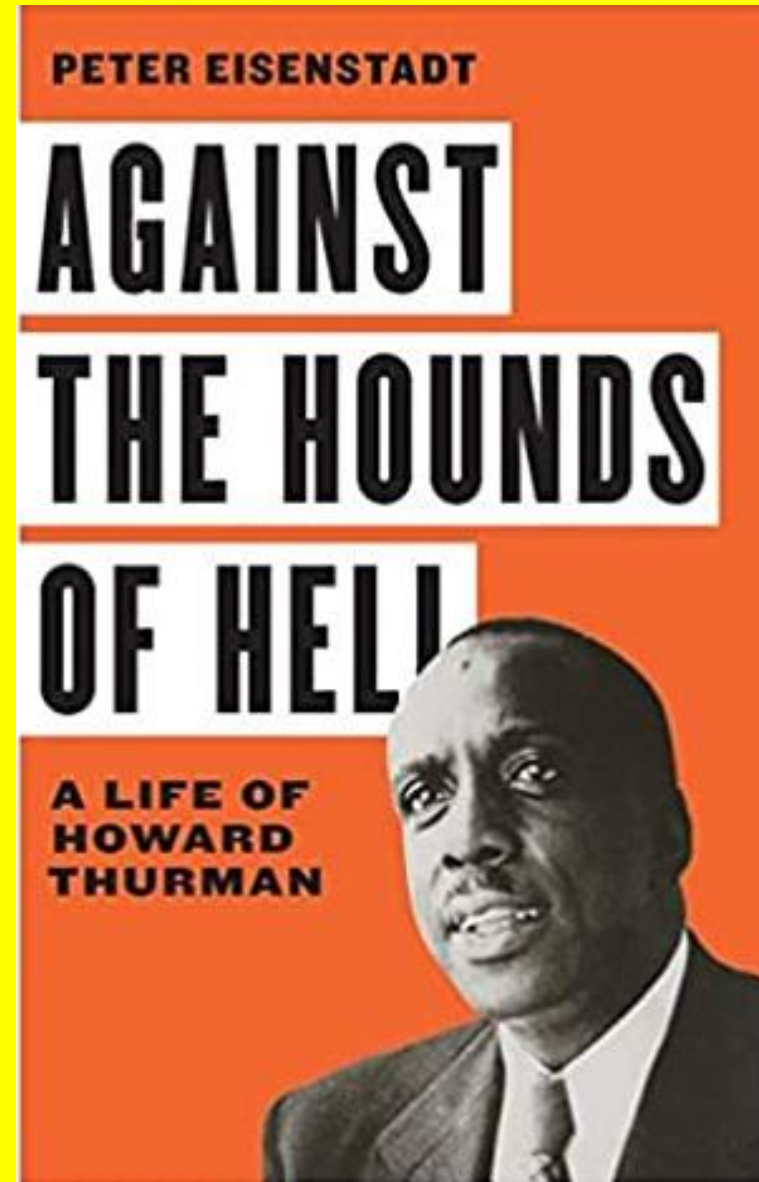


A reminder:

**NEWEST
BOOKS
BY
and/or
ABOUT
THURMAN**



2020



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MARY OLIVER

(1935-2019)



"Years ago, I set three 'rules' for myself. Every poem I write, I said,

...must have a genuine body,

...it must have sincere energy,

... and it must have a spiritual purpose."



THE SUMMER DAY

.... Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?

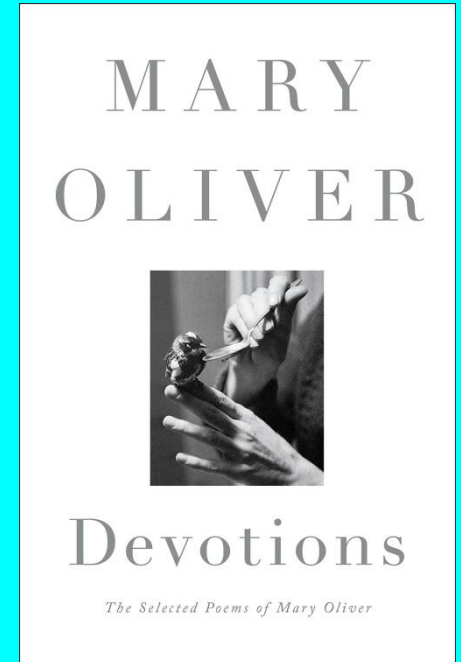
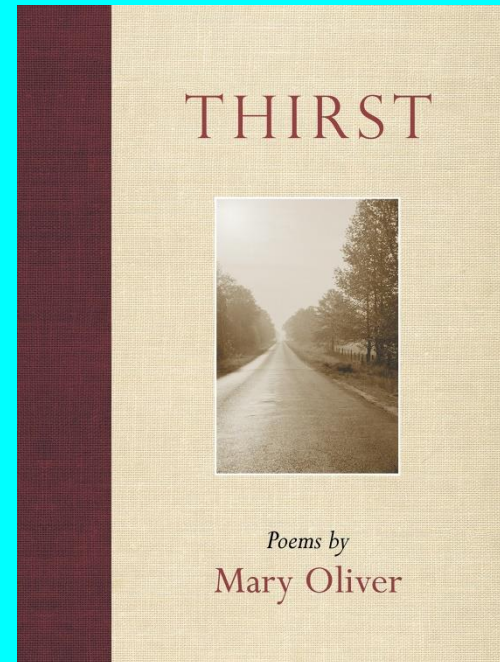
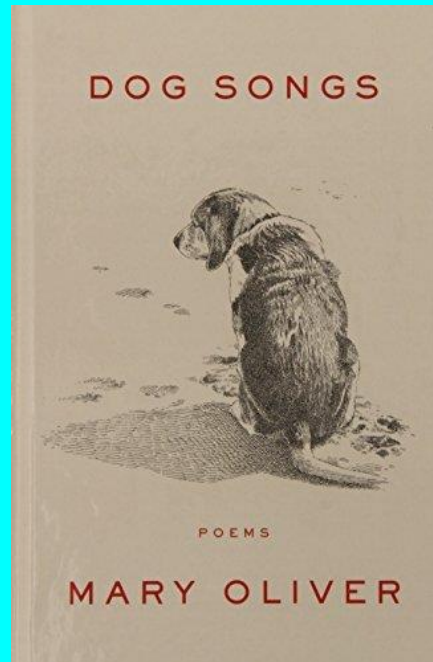
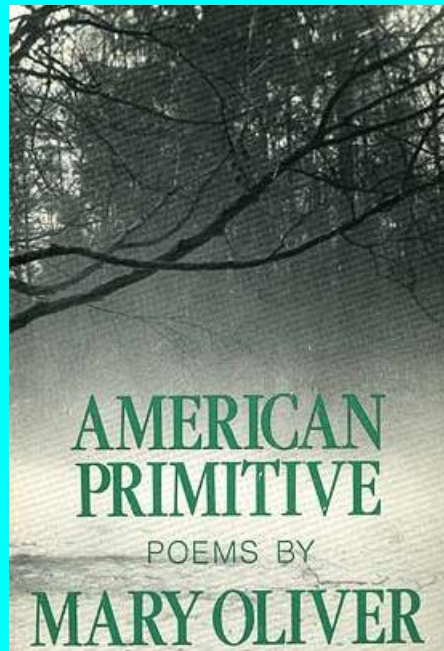
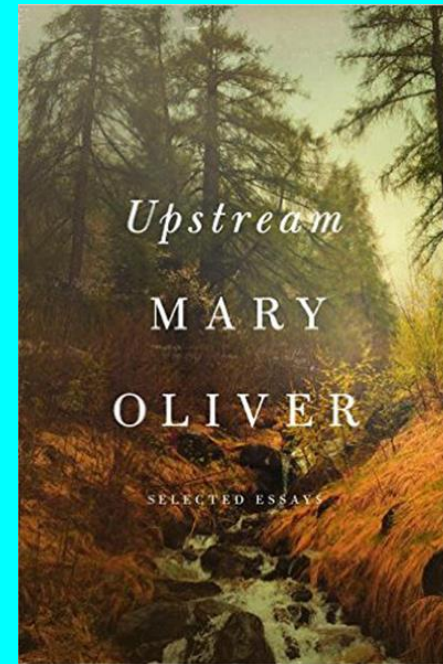
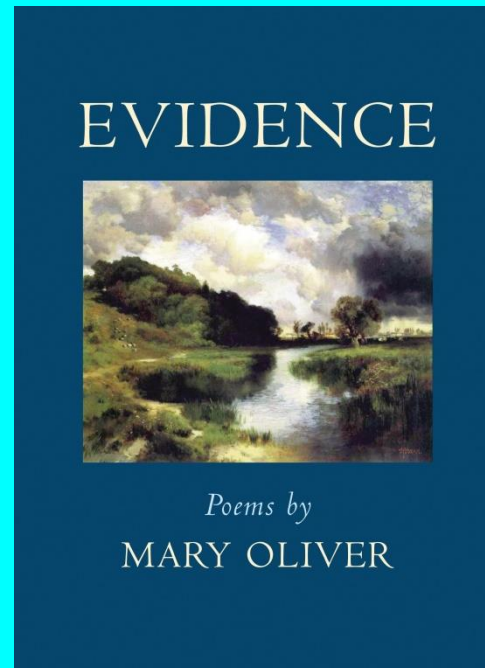
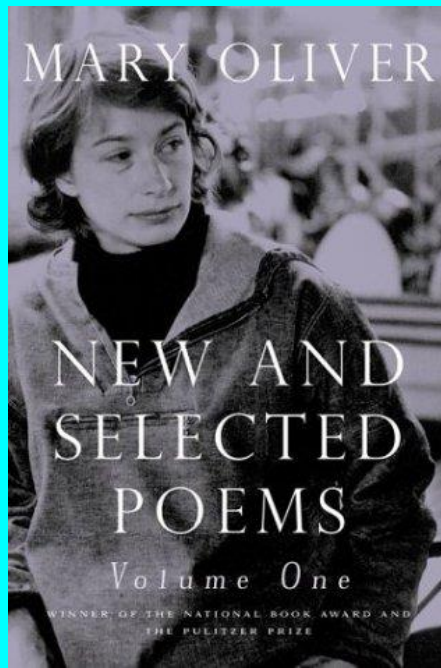
THE USES OF SORROW

(In my sleep I dreamed this
poem)

Someone I loved once gave me
a box full of darkness.

It took me years to understand
that this, too, was a gift.

Where
to
start??



PRAYING

It doesn't have to be the blue iris, it could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones; just pay attention, then patch a few words together and don't try to make them elaborate, this isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks, and a silence in which another voice may speak.

Pray today by focusing on the “doorway” of prayer itself, considering all aspects of life for which you are thankful and then “patch a few words together.” Do this for at least 10 minutes. Then sit silently for at least 10 minutes as you listen for “another voice.”

WHEN DEATH COMES

When it's over, I want to say: all my life

I was a bride married to amazement.

I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.

When it is over, I don't want to wonder

if I have made of my life something particular, and real.

**I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened,
or full of argument.**

I don't want to end up simply having visited this world.

Pray today with a focus on your own status (actual/potential) of being “married to amazement.” Confess any sighing, fright, argumentativeness that may have hindered your journey. Verbalize your requests to God as to how your life can be “something particular, and real.”



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From **IN BLACKWATER WOODS**

....

**To live in this world
you must be able
to do three things:
to love what is mortal;
to hold it
against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let
it go,
to let it go.**



WHAT'S TO LOVE ABOUT MARY OLIVIER & HER POETRY?



- **Accessibility**
- **Beauty, Simplicity, Honesty**
- **Love of and in and for the world**
- **Inclusive world view & Interfaith sensibilities**
- **She pays attention!**



“Time’s yours...”