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Lorraine Hansberry: The Life Behind A Raisin in the Sun A Raisin in the Sun Looking for Lorraine Radical Vision To Be Young, Gifted and Black A Raisin in the Sun A Raisin in the Sun A Raisin in the Sun Raisin Lorraine Hansberry's The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window Lorraine Hansberry A Reader's Guide to Lorraine Hansberry's A Raisin in the Sun Gender in Lorraine Hansberry's A Raisin in the Sun Les Blancs: The Collected Last Plays Young, Black, and Determined Reimagining A Raisin in the Sun Conversations with Lorraine Hansberry A Raisin in the Sun Civil Rights Queen To be Young, Gifted, and Black Lorraine Hansberry's Les Blancs Radical Friendship The Movement Lorraine Hansberry From Pity to Pride Say It Plain A Raisin in the Sun Modern British Drama on Screen The Studs Terkel Interviews Mockingbird As Sweet as Honey Lorraine Hansberry's A Raisin in the Sun Black Internationalist Feminism Lorraine Hansberry's a Raisin in the Sun. Conceptualizations of Black Womanhood Trouble in Mind Wild Game Hansberry's Drama Follies of God You Can't Go Home Again Quicklet on A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry

Honorable Mention Recipient of the Modern Language Association Prize for Collaborative, Bibliographical, or Archival Scholarship Spanning from the debut of *A Raisin in the Sun* on Broadway in 1959 to her early death from cancer in January 1965, Lorraine Hansberry's short stint in the public eye changed the landscape of American theater. With *A Raisin in the Sun*, Hansberry (1930–1965) became both the first African American woman to have a play produced on Broadway and the first to win the prestigious New York Drama Critics' Circle Award. Resonating deeply with the aims of the civil rights movement, *Raisin* also ushered in a new era of Black representation on the stage and screen, displacing the

cartoonish stereotypes that were the remnants of blackface minstrelsy in favor of complex three-dimensional portrayals of Black characters and Black life. Hansberry's public discourse in the aftermath of *Raisin's* success also disrupted mainstream critical tendencies to diminish the work of Black artists, helping pave the way for future work by Black playwrights. *Conversations with Lorraine Hansberry* is the first volume to collect all of her substantive interviews in one place, including many radio and television interviews that have never before appeared in print. The twenty-one pieces collected here—ranging from just before the Broadway premiere of *A Raisin in the Sun* to less than six months before Hansberry's death—offer an incredible window into Hansberry's aesthetic and political thought. In these conversations, Hansberry explores many of the questions most often put to Black writers of the mid-twentieth century—including everything from her thinking about the relationship between art and protest, universality and particularity, and realism and naturalism, to her sense of the relationship between Black intellectuals and the Black masses, integration and Black Nationalism, and African American and Pan-African liberation. Taken together, these interviews reveal the insight, intensity, and eloquence that made Hansberry such a transformative figure in American letters. Quicklets: Learn More. Read Less. Lorraine Hansberry was born May 19, 1930 and grew up, like the characters in *A Raisin in the Sun*, in Chicago's South Side. She attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison, but left in 1950 before graduating. She then moved to New York City where she began working as a writer. *A Raisin in the Sun* is her most well known work. It was first produced on Broadway in 1959, and its success made Hansberry the first African American playwright to win the Best Play of

the Year Award from the New York Drama Critics. Hansberry's promising career was cut short, however, when she died January 12, 1965 of pancreatic cancer. *A Raisin in the Sun* has become a landmark in American literature and drama. James Baldwin gave high praise to the work, writing that never before in the entire history of the American theater had so much of the truth of black people's lives been seen on the stage. First produced in 1959 when Hansberry was only 29 years old, it won the Best Play Award of the New York Drama Critics. It has since been adapted for film, television, and musical theater, and has been performed thousands of times around the United States, as well as on stages around the world in over 30 languages. Along with the popular and critical acclaim of the original stage production, these various adaptations of *A Raisin in the Sun* have been nominated for multiple Tony Awards, Cannes Festival Awards, and several Golden Globe awards. A captivating portrait of Lorraine Hansberry's life, art, and political activism--one of *O Magazine's* best books of April 2021 "Hits the mark as a fresh and timely portrait of an influential playwright."—*Publishers Weekly* In this biography of Lorraine Hansberry (1930–1965), the author of *A Raisin in the Sun*, Soyica Diggs Colbert considers the playwright's life at the intersection of art and politics, with the theater operating as a "rehearsal room for [her] political and intellectual work." Colbert argues that the success of *Raisin* overshadows Hansberry's other contributions, including the writer's innovative journalism and lesser known plays touching on controversial issues such as slavery, interracial communities, and black freedom movements. Colbert also details Hansberry's unique involvement in the black freedom struggles during the Cold War and the early civil rights movement, in order to paint a full portrait of her life and impact. Drawing from Hansberry's papers, speeches, and interviews, this book presents its subject as both a playwright and a political activist. It also reveals a new perspective on the roles of black women in mid-twentieth-century political movements. Presents a critique and analysis of "*A Raisin in the Sun*," discussing the plot, themes, dramatic devices, and major characters in the play, and includes a brief overview of Hansberry's other works. A TIME BEST

BOOK OF THE YEAR • The first major biography of one of our most influential judges—an activist lawyer who became the first Black woman appointed to the federal judiciary—that provides an eye-opening account of the twin struggles for gender equality and civil rights in the 20th Century. • "Timely and essential."—*The Washington Post* "A must-read for anyone who dares to believe that equal justice under the law is possible and is in search of a model for how to make it a reality." —Anita Hill With the US Supreme Court confirmation of Ketanji Brown Jackson, "it makes sense to revisit the life and work of another Black woman who profoundly shaped the law: Constance Baker Motley" (CNN). Born to an aspirational blue-collar family during the Great Depression, Constance Baker Motley was expected to find herself a good career as a hair dresser. Instead, she became the first black woman to argue a case in front of the Supreme Court, the first of ten she would eventually argue. The only black woman member in the legal team at the NAACP's Inc. Fund at the time, she defended Martin Luther King in Birmingham, helped to argue in *Brown vs. The Board of Education*, and played a critical role in vanquishing Jim Crow laws throughout the South. She was the first black woman elected to the state Senate in New York, the first woman elected Manhattan Borough President, and the first black woman appointed to the federal judiciary. *Civil Rights Queen* captures the story of a remarkable American life, a figure who remade law and inspired the imaginations of African Americans across the country. Burnished with an extraordinary wealth of research, award-winning, esteemed Civil Rights and legal historian and dean of the Harvard Radcliffe Institute, Tomiko Brown-Nagin brings Motley to life in these pages. Brown-Nagin compels us to ponder some of our most timeless and urgent questions--how do the historically marginalized access the corridors of power? What is the price of the ticket? How does access to power shape individuals committed to social justice? In *Civil Rights Queen*, she dramatically fills out the picture of some of the most profound judicial and societal change made in twentieth-century America. Born in the Southside of Chicago in 1930, Lorraine Hansberry and her family moved to a large house in a white neighborhood in 1938. In order to live there, her father had to fight a

civil rights case in the Supreme Court against segregationists. Her experiences with racial discrimination fueled her strong commitment to social justice and inspired her works. In 1959, her first-produced play, *A Raisin in the Sun*, met the enthusiastic praise of Broadway critics and audiences alike. It was the first and longest running play by an African-American woman to be produced on Broadway. When it won the New York Drama Circle Award for the best new drama that year, Hansberry became the first black woman and the youngest recipient to earn that honor. She died just a few years later, in 1965, without ever fully realizing her potential. This reference book is a guide to her career. The volume begins with a chronology that recounts the major events in Hansberry's brief but influential life. Entries are then listed for her plays, including *A Raisin in the Sun* (1959), *The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window* (1964), *To Be Young, Gifted and Black* (1969), *Les Blancs* (1970), *The Drinking Gourd* (1972), *What Use Are Flowers* (1972), and the unfinished *Toussaint* (1986). Each entry includes a plot summary, critical commentary, and production information, when available. An annotated bibliography of works by and about Hansberry, along with a list of unpublished material and archival sources, complete the volume. A biography of the black playwright who received great recognition for her work at an early age. Here are Lorraine Hansberry's last three plays--*Les Blancs*, *The Drinking Gourd*, and *What Use Are Flowers?*--representing the capstone of her achievement. Includes a new preface by Jewell Gresham Nemiroff and a revised introduction by Margaret B. Wilkerson. Winner of the 2019 PEN/Jacqueline Bograd Weld Award for Biography Winner of the Lambda Literary Award for LGBTQ Nonfiction Winner of the Shilts-Grahn Triangle Award for Lesbian Nonfiction Winner of the 2019 Phi Beta Kappa Christian Gauss Award A New York Times Notable Book of 2018 A revealing portrait of one of the most gifted and charismatic, yet least understood, Black artists and intellectuals of the twentieth century. Lorraine Hansberry, who died at thirty-four, was by all accounts a force of nature. Although best-known for her work *A Raisin in the Sun*, her short life was full of extraordinary experiences and achievements, and she had an unflinching commitment to social justice,

which brought her under FBI surveillance when she was barely in her twenties. While her close friends and contemporaries, like James Baldwin and Nina Simone, have been rightly celebrated, her story has been diminished and relegated to one work—until now. In 2018, Hansberry will get the recognition she deserves with the PBS American Masters documentary “Lorraine Hansberry: Sighted Eyes/Feeling Heart” and Imani Perry’s multi-dimensional, illuminating biography, *Looking for Lorraine*. After the success of *A Raisin in the Sun*, Hansberry used her prominence in myriad ways: challenging President Kennedy and his brother to take bolder stances on Civil Rights, supporting African anti-colonial leaders, and confronting the romantic racism of the Beat poets and Village hipsters. Though she married a man, she identified as lesbian and, risking censure and the prospect of being outed, joined one of the nation’s first lesbian organizations. Hansberry associated with many activists, writers, and musicians, including Malcolm X, Langston Hughes, Duke Ellington, Paul Robeson, W.E.B. Du Bois, among others. *Looking for Lorraine* is a powerful insight into Hansberry’s extraordinary life—a life that was tragically cut far too short. A Black Caucus of the American Library Association Honor Book for Nonfiction A 2019 Pauli Murray Book Prize Finalist George Webber has written a successful novel about his family and hometown. When he returns to that town, he is shaken by the force of outrage and hatred that greets him. Family and lifelong friends feel naked and exposed by what they have seen in his books, and their fury drives him from his home. Outcast, George Webber begins a search for his own identity. It takes him to New York and a hectic social whirl; to Paris with an uninhibited group of expatriates; to Berlin, lying cold and sinister under Hitler's shadow. A collection of the Pulitzer-Prize winning oral historian's remarkable conversations with some of the greatest luminaries of theatre and film. Among the many highlights are Buster Keaton explaining the wonder of unscripted silent comedy and interviews with Arthur Miller, Edward Albee, and Tennessee Williams. Because Studs knows his subjects' work intimately, he asks precisely the right questions to elicit the most revealing responses. The colorful life of the remarkable woman who created *To Kill a Mockingbird*—the classic that

became a touchstone for generations of Americans *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the twentieth-century's most widely read American novel, has sold thirty million copies and still sells a million yearly. Yet despite the book's perennial popularity, its creator, Harper Lee has become a somewhat mysterious figure. Now, after years of research, Charles J. Shields has brought to life the warmhearted, high-spirited, and occasionally hardheaded woman who gave us two of American literature's most unforgettable characters—Atticus Finch and his daughter, Scout—and who contributed to the success of her lifelong friend Truman Capote's masterpiece, *In Cold Blood*. At the center of Shields's lively book is the story of Lee's struggle to create her famous novel. But her life contains many other highlights as well: her girlhood as a tomboy in overalls in tiny Monroeville, Alabama; the murder trial that made her beloved father's reputation and inspired her great work; her journey to Kansas as Capote's ally and research assistant to help report the story of the Clutter murders; the surrogate family she found in New York City. Drawing on six hundred interviews and much new information, *Mockingbird* is the first book ever written about Harper Lee. Highly entertaining, filled with humor and heart, this is an evocative portrait of a writer, her dream, and the place and people whom she made immortal. In south side Chicago, Walter Lee, a black chauffeur, dreams of a better life, and hopes to use his father's life insurance money to open a liquor store. His mother, who rejects the liquor business, uses some of the money to secure a proper house for the family. Mr Lindner, a representative of the all-white neighbourhood, tries to buy them out. Walter sinks the rest of the money into his business scheme, only to have it stolen by one of his partners. In despair Walter contacts Lindner, and almost begs to buy them out, but with the help of his wife, Walter finally finds a way to assert his dignity. Deeply committed to the black struggle for equality and human rights, Lorraine Hansberry's brilliant career as a writer was cut short by her death when she was only 35. *A Raisin in the Sun* was the first play written by a black woman to be produced on Broadway and won the New York Drama Critics Circle Award. Hansberry was the youngest and the first black writer to receive this award. This

book is a collection of four contemporary plays that reflect the themes of racial and cultural difference of Lorraine Hansberry's 1959 play *A Raisin in the Sun*. REA's MAXnotes for Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun* MAXnotes offer a fresh look at masterpieces of literature, presented in a lively and interesting fashion. Written by literary experts who currently teach the subject, MAXnotes will enhance your understanding and enjoyment of the work. MAXnotes are designed to stimulate independent thought about the literary work by raising various issues and thought-provoking ideas and questions. MAXnotes cover the essentials of what one should know about each work, including an overall summary, character lists, an explanation and discussion of the plot, the work's historical context, illustrations to convey the mood of the work, and a biography of the author. Each chapter is individually summarized and analyzed, and has study questions and answers. A case for friendship as a radical practice of love, courage, and trust, and seven strategies that paved the way for profound social change. Grounded in the Buddha's teachings on spiritual friendship, *Radical Friendship* shares seven strategies to help us embody our deepest values in all of our relationships. Drawing on her experiences as a leading meditation teacher, as well as personal stories of growing up multiracial in a racist world, Kate Johnson brings a fresh take on time-honored wisdom to help us connect more authentically with ourselves, with our friends and family, and within our communities. The divides we experience within us and between us are not only a threat to our physical and emotional health—they are also the weapons and the outcomes of structural oppression. But through wise relationships, it is possible to transform the barriers created by societal injustice. Johnson leads us on a journey to becoming better friends by offering ways to show up for our own and each other's liberation at every stage of a relationship. Each chapter ends with a meditation or reflection practice to help readers cultivate vibrant, harmonious, revolutionary friendships. *Radical Friendship* offers a path of depth and hope and shows us the importance of working toward collective wellbeing, one relationship at a time. Set in 1950s Chicago, 'A Raisin in the Sun' is a classic play about a black family's

struggle for equality, and the first play written by a black woman to be produced on Broadway. Under the editorship of the late Robert Nemiroff, with a provocative and thoughtful introduction by preeminent African-American scholar Margaret B. Wilkerson and a commentary by Spike Lee, this completely restored screenplay is the accurate and authoritative edition of Lorraine Hansberry's script and a testament to her unparalleled accomplishment as a Black artist. The 1961 film version of *A Raisin in the Sun*, with a screenplay by the author, Lorraine Hansberry, won an award at the Cannes Film Festival even though one-third of the actual screenplay Hansberry had written had been cut out. The film did essentially bring Hansberry's extraordinary play to the screen, but it failed to fulfill her cinematic vision. Now, with this landmark edition of Lorraine Hansberry's original script for the movie of *A Raisin in the Sun* that audiences never viewed, readers have at hand an epic, eloquent work capturing not only the life and dreams of a Black family, but the Chicago—and the society—that surround and shape them. Important changes in dialogue and exterior shots, a stunning shift of focus to her male protagonist, and a dramatic rewriting of the final scene show us an artist who understood and used the cinematic medium to transform a stage play into a different art form—a profound and powerful film. "Get your "A" in gear! They're today's most popular study guides—with everything you need to succeed in school. Written by Harvard students for students, since its inception "SparkNotes(TM) has developed a loyal community of dedicated users and become a major education brand. Consumer demand has been so strong that the guides have expanded to over 150 titles. "SparkNotes"(TM) motto is "Smarter, Better, Faster because: - They feature the most current ideas and themes, written by experts. - They're easier to understand, because the same people who use them have also written them. - The clear writing style and edited content enables students to read through the material quickly, saving valuable time. And with everything covered--context; plot overview; character lists; themes, motifs, and symbols; summary and analysis, key facts; study questions and essay topics; and reviews and resources--you don't have to go anywhere else! The first comprehensive

study of British and American films adapted from modern British plays. Based on Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun*. Musical Drama / 9m, 6f, chorus and extras / Unit set This winner of Tony and Grammy awards as Best Musical ran for three years on Broadway and enjoyed a record breaking national tour. A proud family's quest for a better life meets conflicts that span three generations and set the stage for a drama rich in emotion and laughter. Taking place on Chicago's Southside, it explodes in song, dance, drama and comedy. "Pure magic ... dazzling! Tremendous This is the probing, hilarious and provocative story of Sidney, a disenchanting Greenwich Village intellectual, his wife Iris, an aspiring actress, and their colorful circle of friends and relations. Set against the shenanigans of a stormy political campaign, the play follows its characters in their unorthodox quests for meaningful lives in an age of corruption, alienation and cynicism. With compassion, humor and poignancy, the author examines questions concerning the fragility of love, morality and ethics, interracial relationships, drugs, rebellion, conformity and especially withdrawal from or commitment to the world. "Best American play of 1970, *Les Blancs* confronts the hope and tragedy of Africa in revolution. The setting is a white Christian mission in a colony about to explode. The time is that hour of reckoning when no one the guilty nor the innocent can evade the consequences of white colonialism and imperatives of black liberation. Tshembe Matoseh, the English educated son of a chief, has come home to bury his father. He finds his teenage brother a near alcoholic and his older brother a priest and traitor to his people. Forswearing politics and wanting only to return to his wife and child in England, Tshembe is drawn into the conflict symbolized by a woman dancer, the powerful Spirit of Africa who pursues him."--Page 4 of cover. "A masterpiece . . . *Trouble in Mind* still contains astonishing power; it could have been written yesterday." —Vulture Ahead of its time, *Trouble in Mind*, written in 1955, follows the rehearsal process of an anti-lynching play preparing for its Broadway debut. When Wiletta, a Black actress and veteran of the stage, challenges the play's stereotypical portrayal of the Black characters, unsettling biases come to the forefront and reveal the ways so-called progressive

art can be used to uphold racist attitudes. Scheduled to open on Broadway in 1957, Childress objected to the requested changes in the script that would “sanitize” the play for mainstream audiences, and the production was canceled as a result. Childress’s final script is published here with an essay by playwright Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, editor of TCG Illuminations. The antebellum South's economic dependence on slavery engendered a rigid social order in which a small number of privileged white men dominated African Americans, poor whites, women, and many people with disabilities. *From Pity to Pride* examines the experiences of a group of wealthy young men raised in the old South who also would have ruled over this closely regimented world had they not been deaf. Instead, the promise of status was gone, replaced by pity, as described by one deaf scion, "I sometimes fancy some people to treat me as they would a child to whom they were kind." In this unique and fascinating history, Hannah Joyner depicts in striking detail the circumstances of these so-called victims of a terrible "misfortune." Joyner makes clear that Deaf people in the North also endured prejudice. She also explains how the cultural rhetoric of paternalism and dependency in the South codified a stringent system of oppression and hierarchy that left little room for self-determination for Deaf southerners. *From Pity to Pride* reveals how some of these elite Deaf people rejected their family's and society's belief that being deaf was a permanent liability. Rather, they viewed themselves as competent and complete. As they came to adulthood, they joined together with other Deaf Americans, both southern and northern, to form communities of understanding, self-worth, and independence. Hundreds of black & white photographs chronicling the civil rights movement. Captions and accompanying text by Lorraine Hansberry, American playwright. Photographers include Danny Lyon, Don Charles, Norris McNamara, Frank Dandridge and others. This remarkably illuminating portrait of Tennessee Williams lifts the veil on the heart and soul of his artistic inspiration: the unspoken collaboration between playwright and actor. At a low moment in Williams’s life, he summoned to New Orleans a young twenty-year-old writer, James Grissom, who had written him a letter asking for advice. After a long, intense conversation, Williams sent

Grissom on a journey on his behalf to find out if he or his work had mattered to those who had so deeply mattered to him. Among the more than seventy women and men with whom Grissom talked were giants of American theater and film: Lillian Gish, (“the escort who brought me to Blanche”), Jessica Tandy (the original Blanche DuBois on Broadway), Eva Le Gallienne (“She was a stone against which I could rub my talent and feel that it became sharper”), Maureen Stapleton, Julie Harris, Bette Davis, Katherine Hepburn, Elia Kazan, Marlon Brando, John Gielgud, and many more. *Follies of God* provides dazzling insight into how Williams conjured the dramatic characters and plays that so transformed American theater. “Anyone who has ever wondered what it really means to be Black will find the answer in this book.”—MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE *To Be Young, Gifted and Black* is a special kind of autobiography, in a very special voice. Both the story and the voice belong to a young woman from Chicago who moved to New York, won fame with her first play, *A Raisin in the Sun*—and went on to new heights of artistry before her tragically early death. In turns angry, loving, bitter, laughing, and defiantly proud, the story, voice, and message are all Lorraine Hansberry’s own, coming together in one of the major works of the Black experience in mid-twentieth-century America. “A milestone.”—TIME “Wonderfully moving and entertaining.”—Clive Barnes, THE NEW YORK TIMES “I advise anybody who is interested in the human condition, black or white, to read it.”—NEWSDAY Lorraine Hansberry tells the fascinating story of the brave and talented woman who, almost single-handedly, overcame the racial obstacles that made for a segregated American theatre in the years following World War II. Hansberry was just twenty-nine years old when her play *A Raisin in the Sun* opened in 1959—an era where her very existence as a black, female writer was considered unusual. The play was an overnight sensation, earning its author the double distinction of being the youngest playwright and first black person to win the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award. In Hansberry's own words, *A Raisin in the Sun* "tells the truth about people... We have among our miserable and downtrodden ranks people who are the very essence of human dignity. That is what, after all the

laughter and tears, the play is supposed to say." On a hot July night on Cape Cod, at the age of 14, Brodeur became a confidante to her mother's affair with her husband's closest friend. Malabar came to rely on her daughter to help, but when the affair had calamitous consequences for everyone involved, Brodeau was driven into a precarious marriage of her own, and then into a deep depression. In her memoir she examines how the people close to us can break our hearts simply because they have access to them, and the lies we tell in order to justify the choices we make. -- adapted from jacket

The landmark play *A Raisin in the Sun* takes its title from a Langston Hughes poem which poses the questions "What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun?" Focusing on a working-class African-American family in Chicago who save enough to purchase either a business in a black neighborhood or a house in a white neighborhood, the play exposes issues of racism and gender as the women of the family make important decisions that push against both racial and gender lines. This volume discusses gender in the play, looking at how the female characters fight both racism and male chauvinism, how the play is dominated by strong female characters, and how characters resist the stereotype of the emasculating female. The book also presents contemporary perspectives on race and feminism in the twenty-first century. Contributors include Barbara Ehrenreich, Jewelle L. Gomez, and Sharon Friedman. In her latest novel, Indira Ganesan, a writer often likened to Arundhati Roy and Chitra Divakaruni, gives us an enchanting story of family life that is a dance of love and grief and rebirth set on a gorgeous island in the Indian Ocean. The island is filled with exotic flora and fauna and perfumed air. A large family compound is presided over by a benign, stalwart grandmother. There is a very tall South Asian heroine with the astonishing un-Indian name of Meterling, who has found love at last in the shape of a short, round, elegant Englishman who wears white suits. There are also numerous aunts, uncles, and young cousins—among them, Mina, grown now, and telling this story of a marriage ceremony that ends with a widowed bride who, in the midst of her grief, discovers she is pregnant. While enjoying their own games and growing pains, Mina and her young cousins follow

every nuance of gossip, trying to puzzle out what is going on with their favorite aunt, particularly when the groom's cousin arrives from England and begins to woo her. As Meterling—torn between Eastern and Western ideas of love and family, duty and loyalty—struggles to make a new life, we become as entranced with this family, its adventures and complications, as Mina is. And with her we celebrate a time and place where, although sometimes difficult, life was for the most part as sweet as honey. BONUS MATERIAL: This ebook edition includes an excerpt from Indira Ganesan's *Inheritance*. *Black Internationalist Feminism* examines how African American women writers affiliated themselves with the post-World War II Black Communist Left and developed a distinct strand of feminism. This vital yet largely overlooked feminist tradition built upon and critically retheorized the postwar Left's "nationalist internationalism," which connected the liberation of Blacks in the United States to the liberation of Third World nations and the worldwide proletariat. Black internationalist feminism critiques racist, heteronormative, and masculinist articulations of nationalism while maintaining the importance of national liberation movements for achieving Black women's social, political, and economic rights. Cheryl Higashida shows how Claudia Jones, Lorraine Hansberry, Alice Childress, Rosa Guy, Audre Lorde, and Maya Angelou worked within and against established literary forms to demonstrate that nationalist internationalism was linked to struggles against heterosexism and patriarchy. Exploring a diverse range of plays, novels, essays, poetry, and reportage, Higashida illustrates how literature is a crucial lens for studying Black internationalist feminism because these authors were at the forefront of bringing the perspectives and problems of black women to light against their marginalization and silencing. In examining writing by Black Left women from 1945-1995, *Black Internationalist Feminism* contributes to recent efforts to rehistoricize the Old Left, Civil Rights, Black Power, and second-wave Black women's movements. "The Broadway revival of 'A Raisin in the Sun' was produced by Scott Rudin at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre on April 3, 2014. The production was directed by Kenny Leon, with set design by Mark Thompson..."--Page [9].

Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 1,7, University of Tübingen, language: English, abstract: Lorraine Hansberry, the author of *A Raisin in the Sun*, grew up in an activist family. Her parents both engaged in the fight against racial discrimination and segregation. Many icons of the early African American Civil Rights Movement, e.g., Langston Hughes, visited the Hansberry home (Bryer 193). Thus, Lorraine Hansberry was confronted with strong personalities fighting for their rights and dreams from an early age. What she admired most was the power and strength of women engaging in the movement. "*A Raisin in the Sun*," written in 1959, was Hansberry's first play. It is about the Youngers, an African American family, living in the South Side of Chicago and dreaming about a better life. Both black and white people were fascinated by the play which was a major success on Broadway. Hansberry presents the audience with characters who have different values and dreams. The Youngers as a heterogeneous family portray the wide range of all African American people. Hansberry's remarkable respect for strong women is clearly visible in this play. She introduces three powerful women: Mama Lena, her daughter Beneatha, and her daughter-in-law Ruth. These women do not resemble each other but are all unique characters. It was Hansberry's goal not to present stereotyped, homogeneous African American women. Each one has her own, unique outlook on life, her own values and principles. As the Youngers represent the diverse, heterogeneous African American community, the Younger women represent the wide range of African American women. They portray various concepts of African American womanhood. This paper will explore these different concepts by having a closer look at Mama Lena and her role as the matriarch. Furthermore, it will focus on Beneatha and her feminist values and on Ruth's position within the range of African American women. "Never before, in the entire history of the American theater, has so much of the truth of Black people's lives been seen on the stage," observed James Baldwin shortly before *A Raisin in the Sun* opened on Broadway in 1959. This edition presents the fully restored, uncut version of Hansberry's landmark work with an introduction by

Robert Nemiroff. Lorraine Hansberry's award-winning drama about the hopes and aspirations of a struggling, working-class family living on the South Side of Chicago connected profoundly with the psyche of Black America—and changed American theater forever. The play's title comes from a line in Langston Hughes's poem "Harlem," which warns that a dream deferred might "dry up/like a raisin in the sun." "The events of every passing year add resonance to *A Raisin in the Sun*," said *The New York Times*. "It is as if history is conspiring to make the play a classic." The story of black playwright Lorraine Hansberry. Woven together from letters, diaries, notebooks and extracts from her plays by Robert Nemiroff, her husband and literary executor. Arranged chronologically but without sharp divisions between scenes. No single member of the cast plays Lorraine Hansberry - all in turn (both male and female) play her, as well as characters from her plays and the people who most affected her. Specifies three black actresses (one older), one black actor, two white actresses and one white actor. More people can be used with less doubling. "Say It Plain is a vivid, moving portrait of how black Americans have sounded the charge against injustice, exhorting the country to live up to its democratic principles. In "full-throated public oratory, the kind that can stir the soul" (*Minneapolis Star Tribune*), this unique anthology collects the transcribed speeches of the twentieth century's leading African American cultural, literary, and political figures, many of them never before available in printed form. From an 1895 speech by Booker T. Washington to Julian Bond's harp assessment of school segregation on the fiftieth anniversary of *Brown v. Board* in 2004, the collection captures a powerful tradition of oratory-by political activists, civil rights organizers, celebrities, and religious leaders-going back more than a century. The paperback edition includes the text of each speech along with an introduction placing it in its historical context. *Say It Plain* is a remarkable historical record- from the back-to-Africa movement to the civil rights era and the rise of black nationalism and beyond-riveting in its power to convey the black freedom struggle." The moving story of the life of the woman behind *A Raisin in the Sun*, the most widely anthologized, read, and performed play of the American

stage, by the New York Times bestselling author of *Mockingbird*: A Portrait of Harper Lee Written when she was just twenty-eight, Lorraine Hansberry's landmark *A Raisin in the Sun* is listed by the National Theatre as one of the hundred most significant works of the twentieth century. Hansberry was the first Black woman to have a play performed on Broadway, and the first Black and youngest American playwright to win a New York Critics' Circle Award. Charles J. Shields's authoritative biography of one of the twentieth century's most admired playwrights examines the parts of Lorraine Hansberry's life that have escaped public knowledge: the influence of her upper-class background, her fight for peace and nuclear disarmament, the reason why she embraced Communism during the Cold War, and her dependence on her white husband—her best friend, critic, and promoter. Many of the identity issues about class, sexuality, and race that she struggled with are relevant and urgent today. This dramatic telling of a passionate life—a very American life through self-reinvention—uses previously unpublished interviews with close friends in politics and theater, privately held correspondence, and deep research to reconcile old mysteries and raise new questions about a life not fully described until now. This insightful study opens with an overview of Hansberry's cultural, social, political, and philosophical views and their relations to her artistic goals.

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