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The Cosmology of Anaïs Nin Penguin UK

The bulk of the collection consists of 22 letters between Gunther Stuhlman and Peter Owen, along with Stuhlmann's draft preface and introductions for Nin's *Cities of the Interior*, *Ladders to Fire*, and *Children of the Albatross*.

Incest *Cities of the Interior*

Ladders to Fire, *Children of the Albatross*, *The Four-Chambered Heart*, *A Spy in the House of Love*, *Seduction of the Minotaur*. Haunting and hypnotic, these five novels by Anaïs Nin began in 1946 to appear in quiet succession. Though published separately over the next fifteen years, the five were conceived as a

continuous experience—a continuous novel like Proust's, real and flowing as a river. The full impact of Anaïs Nin's genius is only to be found through reading the novels in context and in succession. They form a rich, luminous tapestry whose overall theme Nin has called "woman at war with herself." Characters, symbols appear and reappear: now one, now another unfolding, gradually revealing, changing, struggling, growing, and Nin had forged an evocative language all her own for the telling. "The diary taught me that there were no neat ends to novels, no neat denouement, no neat synthesis," she explains. "So I began an endless novel, a novel in which the climaxes consisted of discoveries in awareness, each step in awareness becoming a stage in the growth like the layers in trees." *Cities of the Interior* fulfills a long-time desire on the part of readers, publisher, and Anaïs Nin

herself to reunite the five novels in a single volume.

Anais Nin Cities of the Interior

The second Aimée Leduc investigation set in Paris When Anaïs de Froissart calls Parisian private investigator Aimée begging for help, Aimée assumes the woman wants to hire her to do surveillance on her philandering politician husband again. Aimée is too busy right now to indulge her. But Anaïs insists Aimée must come, that she is in trouble and scared. Aimée tracks Anaïs down just in time to see a car bomb explode, injuring Anaïs and killing the woman she was with. Anaïs can't explain what Aimée just witnessed. The dead woman, Anaïs says, is Sylvie Coudray, her cheating husband's long-time mistress, but she has no idea who wanted her dead, and Anaïs officially hires Aimée to investigate. As she digs into Sylvie Coudray's murky past, Aimée finds that the dead woman may not be who Anaïs thought she was. Her Belleville neighborhood, full of North African immigrants, may be hiding clues to Sylvie's identity. As a prominent Algerian rights activist stages a hunger protest against new immigration laws, Aimée begins to wonder whether Sylvie's death was an act of terrorism, and who else may be at risk.

Feminine Identity in Anaïs Nin's Cities of the Interior Ohio University Press

Arrows of Longing presents an Anaïs Nin radically different from the self-conscious persona of the diaries and fiction. The woman engaged in this long, private correspondence emerges as warm, self-effacing, empathetic, and ready to bear the burdens of others. Felix Pollak, the poet whose friendship with Nin is documented here, also struggled for personal and artistic fulfillment.

Ladders to Fire HMH

The renowned diarist continues the story begun in *Henry and June* and *Incest*. Drawing from the author's original, uncensored journals, *Fire* follows Anaïs Nin's journey as she attempts to liberate herself sexually, artistically, and emotionally. While referring to her relationships with psychoanalyst Otto Rank and author Henry Miller, as well as a new lover, the Peruvian Gonzalo Moré, she also reveals that her most passionate and enduring affair is with writing itself.

Cities of the interior HMH

Seduction of the Minotaur is an example of Anaïs Nin's most mature and cohesive fiction. The central character, Lillian, arrives in exotically primitive Mexico from New York, in part to forget her crumbling marriage and to find flow in her life after years of stasis. She befriends Dr. Hernandez, who, like Lillian, is also trying to forget, to escape, which he does with violence, shocking Lillian into facing her inner demon, the "Minotaur." Critic Oliver Evans says of *Seduction of the Minotaur*: "Its symbolism is the most complicated of any of Miss Nin's longer works...and at the same time it makes more concessions...to the tradition of the realistic novel: the result is a work of unusual richness." Consider this passage: "It was the time of the year when everyone's attention was focused on the moon. 'The first terrestrial body to be explored will undoubtedly be the moon.' Yet how little we know about human beings, thought Lillian. All the telescopes are focused on the distant. No one is willing to turn his vision inward... Such obsession with reaching the moon, because they have failed to reach each other, each a solitary planet!" *Seduction of the Minotaur* reveals Nin's struggle for self-awareness through

her character Lillian. In a setting that is sumptuously described, with fully developed characters, the plot involves the dichotomy between civilization and the primitive, the dark and bright sides of human nature, with a conclusion that is classic Nin: enlightenment.

A Guide to the Minor Characters in Anais Nin's Cities of the Interior Soho Press

The trailblazing memoirist and author of *Henry & June* recounts her relationships with Henry Miller and others—including her own father. Anaïs Nin wrote in her uncensored diaries like they were a broad-minded confidante with whom she shared the liberating psychosexual dramas of her life. In this continuation of her notorious *Henry & June*, she recounts a particularly turbulent period between 1932 and 1934, and the men who dominated it: her protective husband, her therapist, and the poet Antonin Artaud. However, most consuming of all is novelist Henry Miller—a man whose genius, said Anaïs, was so demonic it could drive people insane. Here too, recounted in extraordinary detail, is the sexual affair she had with her father. At once loving, exciting, and vengeful, it was the ultimate social transgression for which Anaïs would eventually seek absolution from her analysts. “Before Lena Dunham there was Anaïs Nin. Like Dunham, she’s been accused of narcissism, sociopathy, and sexual perversion time and again. Yet even that comparison undercuts the strangeness and bravery of her work, for Nin was the first of her kind. And, like all truly unique talents, she was worshipped by some, hated by many, and misunderstood by most . . . A woman who’d spent decades on the bleeding edge of American intellectual life, a woman who had been a respected colleague of

male writers who pushed the boundaries of acceptable sex writing. Like many great . . . experimentalists, she wrote for a world that did not yet exist, and so helped to bring it into being.”
—The Guardian Includes an introduction by Rupert Pole

CITIES OF THE INTERIOR

Univ. Press of Mississippi

From influential feminist artist and essayist Anais Nin, *Delta of Venus* is one of the most important works of modern female erotica and "a joyous display of the erotic imagination" (The New York Times Book Review). Anais Nin pens a lush, magical world where the characters of her imagination possess the most universal of desires and exceptional of talents. Among these provocative stories, a Hungarian adventurer seduces wealthy women then vanishes with their money; a veiled woman selects strangers from a chic restaurant for private trysts; and a Parisian hatmaker named Mathilde leaves her husband for the opium dens of Peru. This is an extraordinarily rich and exotic collection from a master of erotic writing. "Inventive, sophisticated . . . highly elegant naughtiness."—Cosmopolitan

Children of the Albatross Ohio University Press

Collages explores a world of fantasy and dreams through an eccentric young painter. Nin's first book was published in the 1930s and she went on to write stories and a series of autobiographical novels and her celebrated volumes of erotica.

Children of the Albatross HarperCollins

The Four-Chambered Heart, Anais Nin's third title in the *Cities of the Interior* series of novels, is one of Nin's most compelling books, with well-defined characters (Djuna, Rango, and Zora),

rhythmic waves of tension, and a powerful climax. Based on Nin's own relationship with the Peruvian radical Gonzalo More and his wife Helba, *The Four-Chambered Heart* examines how each of us experiences love in our own way, and how we are sometimes forced by social mores to compartmentalize one relationship in order to preserve the other. Nin's use of symbolism has never been more effective: the river Seine represents the immutable force of life, the houseboat is the elusive dream, the shore is reality, and a doll found by a fisherman represents the part of Djuna that has committed suicide to allow the rest of her to grow. Djuna, through her torturous journey with Rango and Zora, arrives at a conclusion that is bitter yet critical to her survival as a woman seeking an understanding of how the exterior world affects the interior: "...very rarely did midnight strike in two hearts at once, very rarely did midnight arouse two equal desires, and that any dislocation in this, any indifference, was an indication of disunity, of the difficulties, the impossibilities of fusion between two human beings." This new authoritative edition contains Nin's introduction, character descriptions, publishing history, and an author's chronology.

Cities of the Interior Denver, Swallow

Children of the Albatross is considered by critics to be one of Anaïs Nin's most beautifully written books; it is also a groundbreaker in that it eloquently addresses androgyny and homosexuality, which few literary works dared to do in 1940s America. We are introduced to three of Nin's most significant characters: Djuna, Lillian, and Sabina, all of whom represent different aspects of Nin's character--serenity, earthiness, and the femme fatale, respectively. In the first part of the novel, "The

Sealed Room," we witness Djuna's developing perception of sexuality as we follow her from when, as an adolescent, she has learned to fear powerful, masculine, potent men, to her search for love in young, sexually ambivalent men--the "transparent children"--finally fusing with an airy teenage boy to whom she introduces the world of love and sexuality. In the second part, "The Café," Nin reveals the psychological truth of her relationship with her lover and mentor, Henry Miller, via her main characters' interactions with the powerful, omnipotent Jay, whom Nin fashioned after Miller. *Children of the Albatross* offers the reader Anaïs Nin's sense of "inner reality" perhaps more beautifully and effectively than in any other work.

Arrows of Longing Swallow Press

A Spy in the House of Love, whose heroine Sabina is deeply divided between her drive for artistic and sexual expression and social restrictions and self-created inhibitions, echoes Anaïs Nin's personal struggle with sex, love, and emotional fragmentation.

NEARER THE MOON

HMH

Largely ignored by mainstream audiences for the first thirty years of her career, Anaïs Nin (1903-1977) finally came into her own with the publication of the first part of her diary in 1966. Thereafter she was catapulted into fame. Throughout the late sixties and the seventies she attracted a host of devoted and admiring readers in the counter culture, who were magnetized by her personal liberation and openness. For a woman to make such probing exploration of the intimate recesses of her psyche made her a cult figure with a large and lasting readership. Born in

France, Anais Nin lived much of her life in America. Her liaison with Henry Miller and his wife June, documented in her explicitly detailed diaries, became the subject of a major film of the nineties. Her forthright books, her diaries that continue to be published in a steady flow, and her charismatic charm made her the subject of many candid interviews, such as those collected here. Eight included in this volume are printed for the first time. Many others were originally published in magazines that are now defunct. Nin elaborates on subjects only touched upon in the diaries, and she speaks also of her role in the women's movement and of her philosophies on art, writing, and individual growth.

The Intuitive Quest in the Novels of Anaïs Nin Houghton Mifflin
 Anaïs Nin's *Ladders to Fire* interweaves the stories of several women, each emotionally inhibited in her own way: through self-doubt, fear, guilt, moral drift, and distrust. The novel follows their inner struggles to overcome these barriers to happiness and wholeness. The author's own experiences, as recorded in her famous diaries, supplied the raw material for her fiction. It was her intuitive, experimental, and always original style that transformed one into the other. Nin herself memorably claimed that "it was the fiction writer who edited the diary." *Ladders to Fire* is the first book of Nin's continuous novel, *Cities of the Interior*, which also includes *Children of the Albatross*, *The Four-Chambered Heart*, *A Spy in the House of Love*, and *Seduction of the Minotaur*. These loosely interlinked stories develop the characters and themes established in the first volume, leading slowly toward a resolution of inner turmoil and conflict. This Swallow Press reissue of *Ladders to Fire* includes a new

introduction by Nin scholar Benjamin Franklin V, as well as Gunther Stuhlmann's classic foreword to the 1995 edition.

An Analysis of Anaïs Nin's Protean Fiction HMH

A novella, short stories, a critical study, a preface, and reviews.

Ladders to Fire Harvest Books

Essays, lectures, and interviews—on everything from gender relations to Ingmar Bergman to adventure travel—from the renowned diarist. In this collection, the author known for "one of the most remarkable diaries in the history of letters" shares her unique perceptions of people, places, and the arts (Los Angeles Times). In the opening group of essays, "Women and Men," Anaïs Nin provides the kind of sensitive insights into the feminine psyche and relations between the sexes that are a hallmark of her work. In "Writing, Music, and Films," she speaks as an artist and critic—in book and film reviews, an essay on the composer Edgard Varèse, a lecture on Ingmar Bergman, and the story of her printing press. In the final section, "Enchanted Places," Nin records her travels to such destinations as Fez and Agadir in Morocco, Bali, the New Hebrides, and New Caledonia—and she concludes with a charming vignette titled "My Turkish Grandmother."

Murder in Belleville Peter Owen Publishers

The House of Incest, Anais Nin's famous prose poem, was first published in Paris in 1936 and immediately drew attention from the era's prominent writers, including Henry Miller and Lawrence Durrell. While written in English, it is considered a landmark work in the French surrealist tradition and one of the most unique books in 20th century literature.

Sky Blue Press

Sabrina is a firebird blazing through 1950s New York: she is a woman daring to enjoy the sexual licence that men have always known. Wearing extravagant outfits and playing dangerous games of desire, she deliberately avoids commitment, gripped by the pursuit of pleasure for its own sake.

A LITERATE PASSION

“Some voyages have their inception in the blueprint of a dream, some in the urgency of contradicting a dream. Lillian’s recurrent dream of a ship that could not reach the water, that sailed laboriously, pushed by her with great effort, through city streets, had determined her course toward the sea, as if she would give this ship, once and for all, its proper sea bed.... With her first swallow of air she inhaled a drug of forgetfulness well known to adventurers.” Seduction of the Minotaur is the fifth and final volume of Anaïs Nin’s continuous novel known as Cities of the Interior. First published by Swallow Press in 1961, the story follows the travels of the protagonist Lillian through the tropics to a Mexican city loosely based on Acapulco, which Nin herself

visited in 1947 and described in the fifth volume of her Diary. As Lillian seeks the warmth and sensuality of this lush and intriguing city, she travels inward as well, learning that to free herself she must free the “monster” that has been confined in a labyrinth of her subconscious. This new Swallow Press edition includes an introduction by Anita Jarczok, author of *Inventing Anaïs Nin: Celebrity Authorship and the Creation of an Icon*. Swallow Press publishes all five volumes that make up Cities of the Interior: *Ladders to Fire*, *Children of the Albatross*, *The Four-Chambered Heart*, *A Spy in the House of Love*, and *Seduction of the Minotaur*.

Anaïs Nin Reader

She remains torn between three men: Henry Miller, whose detached self-immersion and artistic "impersonality" both attract and repel her; Gonzalo More, a sensitive and attentive but jealous lover who drives her to distraction; and Hugh Guiler, her faithful husband, who provides a calm center for Nin. In addition, a wide circle of family, friends, and admirers makes demands on Nin's time and emotional energy.

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