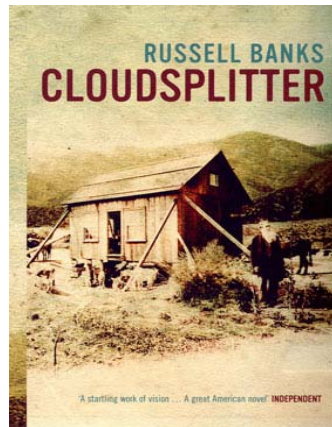
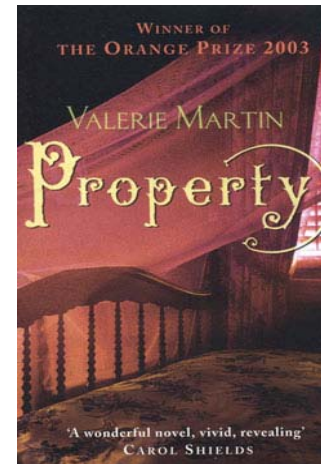


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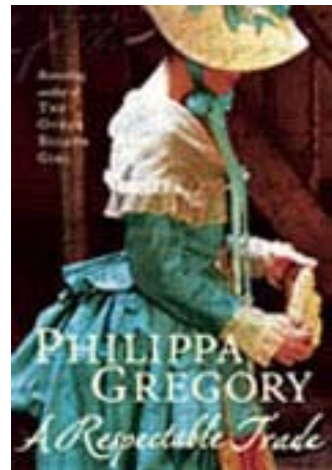
Russell Banks
Cloudsplitter

The song "John Brown's Body" is still sung. John Brown instigated the 1859 raid on the federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry. Here his son Owen narrates his father's progress from Abolitionist to guerrilla fighter, executed criminal and martyr.



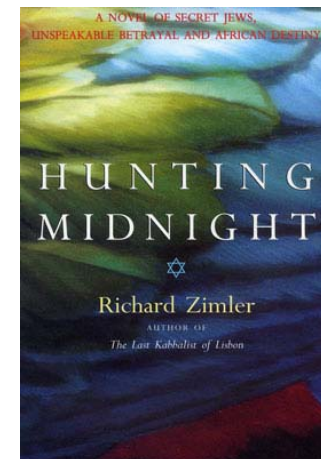
Valerie Martin
Property

Orange Prize Winner for 2003, a story of slavery told by a slave-owner who is in her own turn the "property" of her husband. Set at a time of social unrest in Louisiana, this is a compelling and disturbing novel.



Philippa Gregory
A Respectable Trade

Set in the boom town that was Bristol in the 1780s, the story follows Frances Scott into an arranged marriage and the world of merchants trading in the "respectable" commodities of sugar, rum and slaves.



Richard Zimler
Hunting Midnight

Portugal at the turn of the nineteenth century. Midnight is a freed slave and healer, and the best friend of the inquisitive child John Zarco Stewart. This epic novel ranges across Europe to America, touching on the history of Portugal's secret Jews and the chaotic prelude to the American War of Independence.

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Also:

Paul Crooks

Ancestors

Paul Crooks travelled from North London to the Caribbean researching his family history and this quest forms the theme of the novel

Walter Mosley

47

47 is the "name" of a young slave boy on a nineteenth-century Georgia plantation. When he encounters the stranger Tall John his struggle for liberation and identity begins.

James L Nelson

The Blackbirder

A "blackbirder" was a slave ship. This novel is part of the trilogy known as The Brethren of the Coast and features a nightmare voyage from Virginia to the coast of Africa.

Margaret Walter

Jubilee

The author draws on the life of her great-grandmother for the character of Vyvy, a female slavery survivor whose story was sadly commonplace in that era.