AUTHOR BACKSTORIES

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Reading list

Every book in order of first publication. Each series is kept together, in reading order, starting where its first book appeared. Tick the box as you finish each one.

25 books · List updated November 14, 2026

- ☐ 1986 *Eros the Bittersweet*
  Nonfiction
- ☐ 1992 *Short Talks*
  Poetry
- ☐ 1995 *Glass, Irony and God*
  Poetry
  Includes "The Glass Essay," which the Swedish Academy singled out.
- ☐ 1995 *Plainwater*
  Other
- ☐ 1998 *Autobiography of Red: A Novel in Verse*
  Novel
- ☐ 1999 *Economy of the Unlost*
  Nonfiction
- ☐ 2000 *Men in the Off Hours*
  Poetry
  Won the 2001 Griffin Poetry Prize.
- ☐ 2001 *Electra*
  Play
  Her translation of Sophocles.
- ☐ 2001 *The Beauty of the Husband*
  Poetry
  Won the 2001 T. S. Eliot Prize.
- ☐ 2002 *If Not, Winter: Fragments of Sappho*
  Poetry
  Her translation of Sappho.
- ☐ 2005 *Decreation*
  Poetry
- ☐ 2006 *Grief Lessons: Four Plays by Euripides*
  Play
- ☐ 2009 *An Oresteia*
  Play
  Translations of Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides.

- [ ] 2010 *Nox*
  Poetry
- [ ] 2012 *Antigonick*
  Play
  An illustrated reworking of Sophocles' Antigone.
- [ ] 2013 *Nay Rather*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 2013 *Red Doc>*
  Novel
  Returns to the characters of Autobiography of Red as adults.
- [ ] 2014 *Iphigenia Among the Taurians*
  Play
- [ ] 2014 *The Albertine Workout*
  Poetry
- [ ] 2015 *Antigone*
  Play
- [ ] 2015 *Bakkhai*
  Play
- [ ] 2016 *Float*
  Poetry
- [ ] 2019 *Norma Jeane Baker of Troy*
  Play
- [ ] 2021 *H of H Playbook*
  Play
- [ ] 2024 *Wrong Norma*
  Poetry
  Twenty-five prose pieces; a finalist for the National Book Award for Poetry.