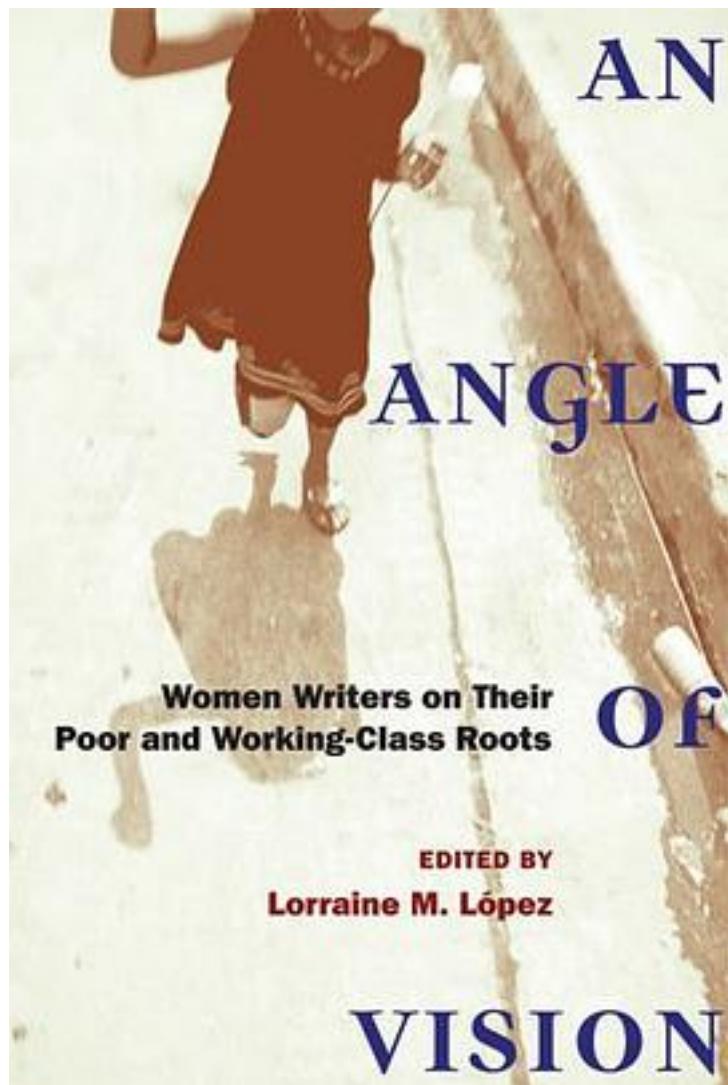


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"An Angle of Vision" is a compelling anthology that collects personal essays and memoir by a diverse group of gifted authors united by their poor or working-class roots in America. The contributors include Dorothy Allison, Joy Castro, Lisa D. Chavez, Mary Childers, Sandra Cisneros, Judith Ortiz Cofer, Teresa Dovalpage, Maureen Gibbon, Dwonna Goldstone, Joy Harjo, Lorraine M. Lopez, Karen Salyer McElmurray, Amelia Maria de la Luz Montes, Bich Minh Nguyen, Judy Owens, Lynn Pruett, Heather Sellers, and Angela Threatt. In a sense, these stories are the travel narratives of women who have journeyed beyond their family circumstances to cross class borders, aided by educational opportunities that encouraged their literary gifts to blossom. Many of the essays reflect on the immigrant experience and struggles against the multiplying factors of poverty, gender, and ethnicity. Some authors recount their first moment of class awareness (Bich Minh Nguyen's occurred while watching *Laverne and Shirley* on the family's first television). Still others describe encounters in the relatively privileged world of higher education---where the subject of class is evident but mostly off-limits. Throughout "An Angle of Vision" the authors describe delicate balances of work and family, men and money, motherhood and sexuality. Each author reflects on the experiences that provided an opportunity to develop her own distinct identity and her own particular "angle of vision." Editor Lorraine M. Lopez is the prize-winning author of two novels, "The Gifted Gabaldon Sisters" and "Call Me Henri," and a short-story collection, "Soy la Avon Lady and Other Stories." A new collection, "Homicide Survivors Picnic," is forthcoming. She is Associate Professor of English at Vanderbilt University and Associate Editor of the "Afro-Hispanic Review." Photo (c) Alex Majoli, Magnum Photos.

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