QUERY: American Autobiographies

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I am bringing a course back to life this fall after a multi-year hiatus. It is called "American Lives" and it uses autobiographies of individuals who are somehow marginalized as a starting place to find cultural commonalities between Americans. The basic premise is that by starting at the margins and looking to the center we can see patterns that would be otherwise invisible. As a result I use all texts by women and minorities. The class is geared to sophomores, a mix of majors, minors and general interest.

Looking over the past syllabi I realized that everything is 20th Century in publication. I would love to get suggestions for 21st Century autobiographies to use in the class. All suggestions are greatly appreciated.

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