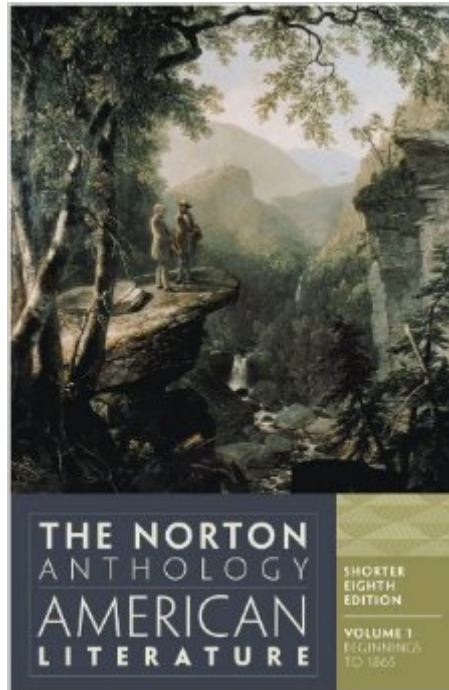


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I'm a little biased about this anthology because I did a project involving its editor, Nina Baym, AND the class that this book was for was led by one of my favorite, most laid-back professors. I like this book. It's got some heavy truth bombs it's ready to drop on you whenever you decide to open it, read it, and take it for what it is, which is awesome. It'll open your eyes, bore you to death, and make you want to see if knowledge can be absorbed via osmosis if you sleep with this open on your face (though I can already tell you, it can't), but this book--I promise, it's worth breaking open and at least skimming. Give yourself the opportunity to draw your own conclusions about the history in older American literature outside of class. It's only fair to YOU for you to try. Anyway, I'd rent this whether or not it were required for class. It's pretty frickin' interesting when you give it a chance.

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