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### *Susan Straight*

Susan Straight's new memoir, *In the Country of Women*, will be published August 2019 by Catapult Books. Her novels include *Between Heaven and Here* (McSweeney's, 2013), the final book in the Rio Seco trilogy, *Take One Candle Light a Room* (Anchor Books), and *A Million Nightingales* (Anchor Books), Finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize in 2006. *Highwire Moon* was a Finalist for the 2001 National Book Award. Her stories and essays have appeared in *O Henry Prize Stories*, *Best American Short Stories*, *Best American Essays*, *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Los Angeles Times*,

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Her awards include The Kirsch Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Los Angeles Times, The Lannan Prize for Fiction, the Edgar Award for Best Mystery Story, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and the Gold Medal for Fiction from the Commonwealth Club of California. She is Distinguished Professor of Creative Writing at UCRiverside. She was born in Riverside, California, where she lives with her family.