

Contents

CHAPTER 1	<i>Colonial Beginnings</i>	5
CHAPTER 2	<i>The Birth of a Nation</i>	15
CHAPTER 3	<i>The Rise of a National Literature</i>	27
CHAPTER 4	<i>An American Renaissance</i>	41
CHAPTER 5	<i>The Boston Brahmins</i>	59
CHAPTER 6	<i>The Civil War and the "Gilded Age"</i>	69
CHAPTER 7	<i>The Era of Realism and Naturalism</i>	85
CHAPTER 8	<i>At the Turn of the Century</i>	97
CHAPTER 9	<i>The Turning Point of American Literature</i>	109
CHAPTER 10	<i>Poetry from 1900 through the 1930s</i>	125
CHAPTER 11	<i>The Writers of the "Lost Generation"</i>	143
CHAPTER 12	<i>The Thirties</i>	161
CHAPTER 13	<i>The Forties and Fifties</i>	175
CHAPTER 14	<i>The Sixties and Seventies</i>	195
CHAPTER 15	<i>The Twentieth-Century Black Writer</i>	211
CHAPTER 16	<i>Drama</i>	223
CHAPTER 17	<i>Popular Fiction</i>	235
	<i>Glossary of literary terms</i>	242
	<i>Table of historical and literary events</i>	246
	<i>Index</i>	250