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□Soucouyant□ by David Chariandy that condenses the message of the novel. In general, the novel illustrates □forgetting□ not just as a illness in the form of dementia but it also shows the cultural meaning of □forgetting□ in the lives of the narrator, his mother and the other characters in the story.

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Soucouyant, Brother. David Chariandy is a Canadian writer. His parents immigrated to Canada from Trinidad in the 1960s. He

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was born in Scarborough, Ontario. Chariandy has a MA from Carleton and a PhD from York University. He lives in Vancouver and teaches in the department of English at Simon Fraser University.

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David Chariandy

David Chariandy is an assistant professor in the English department at Simon Fraser University (Burnaby, BC, Canada), specializing in world literature with a focus on Anglo-Caribbean work. He is also co-writing a book on contemporary diasporic theory. This is his first novel.

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David John Chariandy, writer, professor of
English literature (born in 1969 in

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Soucouyant is about the narrator's relationship with his Alzheimer's riddled mother and his identity. The way Chariandy uses this plot to explore what it means to be disconnected from your heritage and cultural identity is

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About David Chariandy David Chariandy

has been a known commodity since his award-winning 2007 novel *Soucouyant* arrived on the scene. But the writer and

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David Chariandy. David Chariandy was raised in Toronto by his Black and South Asian immigrant parents from Trinidad. He earned both a BA and MA from

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Carleton University and a PhD in English from York University. His PhD dissertation, entitled "Land to Light On: Black Canadian Literature and the Language of Belonging," examines the literary works of George Elliott Clarke, Austin Clarke, and Dionne Brand.

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focuses on a Canadian-born son who despairingly abandons his Caribbean-born mother suffering from dementia.

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one another, he is compelled to re-imagine his mother's stories for her before they slip completely into darkness. In delicate, heartbreaking tones, the names for everyday things fade while at the same time a beautiful, haunted life, stained by grief, is slowly revealed.

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"A brilliant, powerful elegy from a living brother to a lost one, yet pulsing with rhythm, and beating with life." --Marlon James "Highly recommend Brother by David Chariandy--concise and intense, elegiac short novel of devastation and hope." --Joyce Carol Oates, via Twitter
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1991. One sweltering summer in the Park, a housing complex outside of Toronto, Michael and Francis are coming of age and learning to stomach the careless prejudices and low expectations that confront them as young men of black and brown ancestry. While their Trinidadian single mother works double, sometimes

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triple shifts so her boys might fulfill the elusive promise of their adopted home, Francis helps the days pass by inventing games and challenges, bringing Michael to his crew's barbershop hangout, and leading escapes into the cool air of the Rouge Valley, a scar of green wilderness where they are free to imagine better lives for

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themselves. Propelled by the beats and styles of hip hop, Francis dreams of a future in music. Michael's dreams are of Aisha, the smartest girl in their high school whose own eyes are firmly set on a life elsewhere. But the bright hopes of all three are violently, irrevocably thwarted by a tragic shooting, and the police

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crackdown and suffocating suspicion that follow. Honest and insightful in its portrayal of kinship, community, and lives cut short, David Chariandy's *Brother* is an emotional tour de force that marks the arrival of a stunning new literary voice.

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David Chariandy asks difficult, unsettling,

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perhaps impossible questions — questions made all the more poignant by our current political landscape. With tender, spare and luminous prose, Chariandy looks both into his heart and mind and out to the world and humanity. In the tradition of Ta-Nehisi Coates and Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, this is a book about race; this is a book

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about family.

Seminar paper from the year 2012 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,7, University of Rostock (Institut für Anglistik und Amerikanistik), course: Witchcraft, Memory, and the Legacy of Sugar in

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Caribbean Literature, language: English,
abstract: African American slavery and
racism that black people and other ethnic
minorities often had and still have to face
in their every-day lives in Canada, are
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modern representation. When associations
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people do not know that slavery existed in Canada, because slave trade mostly took place in the larger Atlantic Ocean and America. Therefore it was suppressed from Canadian's history, even if it is very much a part of it. The novel Soucouyant by David Chariandy, published in 2007, picks out main topics as forgetting and

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remembering, trauma, dislocation, family but also racism as a central theme.

However, I want to emphasize on all these themes in the subsequent chapters □ whereas the topic of family will be on the fringes. Also, I would like to present how racism in Canada developed and how a traumatic event is processed in one□s

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mind. For the illustration of these subjects, I will use the novel *Soucouyant*, as well as *The Hanging of Angélique* – but will mostly concentrate on *Soucouyant* because it allows a great deal of interpretation in the context of themes as racism, memory and trauma.

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In a country that conceives of itself as a caring society, *Imagined Care* discusses texts which depict the ethical dilemmas that arise from our attempts to respond to the needs of others.

The Things That Fly in the Night explores images of vampirism in Caribbean and

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African diasporic folk traditions and in contemporary fiction. Giselle Liza Anatol focuses on the figure of the soucouyant, or Old Hag—an aged woman by day who sheds her skin during night's darkest hours in order to fly about her community and suck the blood of her unwitting victims. In contrast to the glitz, glamour, and

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seductiveness of conventional depictions of the European vampire, the soucouyant triggers unease about old age and female power. Tracing relevant folklore through the English- and French-speaking Caribbean, the U.S. Deep South, and parts of West Africa, Anatol shows how tales of the nocturnal female bloodsuckers not

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only entertain and encourage obedience in pre-adolescent listeners, but also work to instill particular values about women's "proper" place and behaviors in society at large. Alongside traditional legends, Anatol considers the explosion of soucouyant and other vampire narratives among writers of Caribbean and African

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heritage who in the past twenty years have rejected the demonic image of the character and used her instead to urge for female mobility, racial and cultural empowerment, and anti colonial resistance. Texts include work by authors as diverse as Nobel Laureate Toni Morrison, U.S. National Book Award

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winner Edwidge Danticat, and science fiction/fantasy writers Octavia Butler and Nalo Hopkinson.

A sensual novel set in the modern Caribbean traces the relationship between a poor islander and a wealthy foreign couple. By the author of *Buxton Spice*.

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Reprint.

Jamaican-born novelist and sociologist Erna Brodber describes *Myal* as "an exploration of the links between the way of life forged by the people of two points of the black diaspora—the Afro-Americans and the Afro-Jamaicans." Operating on

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many literary levels—thematically, linguistically, stylistically—it is the story of women’s cultural and spiritual struggle in colonial Jamaica. The novel opens at the beginning of the 20th century with a community gathering to heal the mysterious illness of a young woman, Ella, who has returned to Jamaica after an

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unsuccessful marriage abroad. The Afro-Jamaican religion myal, which asserts that good has the power to conquer all, is invoked to heal Ella, who has been left "zombified" and devoid of any black soul. Ella, who is light skinned enough to pass for white, has suffered a breakdown after her white American husband produced a

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black-face minstrel show based on the stories of her village and childhood. This cultural appropriation is one of a series Ella encountered in her life, and parallels the ongoing theft of the labor and culture of colonized peoples for imperial gain and pleasure. The novel's rich, vivid language and vital characters earned it the

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Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Canada and the Caribbean. The novel links nicely with Brodber's coming-of-age story, *Jane & Louisa Will Soon Come Home*, also from Waveland Press, for its similar images, themes, and specific Jamaican cultural references to colonialism, religion, slavery, gender, and identity. Both novels

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are Brodber's way of telling stories outside of published history to point out the whitewashing and distortion of black history through religion and colonialism.

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ambitious debut novel (The New York Times Book Review) that reveals the ways in which a Jamaican family forms and fractures over generations, in the tradition of Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi. Stanford Solomon's shocking, thirty-year-old secret is about to change the lives of everyone around him. Stanford has done something

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no one could ever imagine. He is a man who faked his own death and stole the identity of his best friend. Stanford Solomon is actually Abel Paisley. And now, nearing the end of his life, Stanford is about to meet his firstborn daughter, Irene Paisley, a home health aide who has unwittingly shown up for her first day of

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work to tend to the father she thought was dead. These Ghosts Are Family revolves around the consequences of Abel's decision and tells the story of the Paisley family from colonial Jamaica to present-day Harlem. There is Vera, whose widowhood forced her into the role of a single mother. There are two daughters

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and a granddaughter who have never known they are related. And there are others, like the houseboy who loved Vera, whose lives might have taken different courses if not for Abel Paisley's actions. This "rich and layered story" (Kirkus Reviews) explores the ways each character wrestles with their ghosts and struggles to

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forge independent identities outside of the family and their trauma. The result is a [beguiling]vividly drawn, and compelling[(BookPage, starred review) portrait of a family and individuals caught in the sweep of history, slavery, migration, and the more personal dramas of infidelity, lost love, and regret.

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Diasporic Marvellous Realism urges a deeper dialogue between postcolonial and Latin American literary theory in order to analyse the influence that the latter has exerted on the former and thus to indicate the constant feedback between these two traditions.

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