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Too Much And Not The Mood: Essays



Synopsis

An entirely original portrait of a young writer shutting out the din in order to find her own voiceOn April 11, 1931, Virginia Woolf ended her entry in A Writerâ™s Diary with the words âœtoo much and not the mood.â• She was describing how tired she was of correcting her own writing, of the âœcramming in and the cutting outâ• to please other readers, wondering if she had anything at all that was truly worth saying. The character of that sentiment, the attitude of it, inspired Durga Chew-Bose to write and collect her own work. The result is a lyrical and piercingly insightful collection of essays, letters (to her grandmother, to the basketball star Michael Jordon, to Death), and her own brand of essay-meets-prose poetry about identity and culture. Inspired by Maggie Nelsonâ™s *Bluets*, Lydia Davisâ™s short prose, and Vivian Gornickâ™s exploration of interior life, Chew-Bose captures the inner restlessness that keeps her always on the brink of creative expression. *Too Much and Not the Mood* is a beautiful and surprising exploration of what it means to be a first-generation, creative young woman working today.

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