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Here is the new (tenth) issue of *Explorations*, a journal devoted now mainly to literature (please note that the linguistics section has been dropped). We hope you will find something interesting in the articles that follow. As usual, we begin with an interview. In this issue, Professor Michael Gorra speaks about his book *The Saddest Words: William Faulkner's Civil War* (2020), a compelling study of Faulkner's dilemmas and ambivalences in regard to the post-bellum America. Prof. Gorra's books and essays are a treasure trove of original ideas and insights about the American novel of the last two centuries, and we are genuinely happy that he has agreed to talk to us about his critical and readerly response to Faulkner's works. Following the conversation are six essays containing interpretations of the works by (among others) Thomas Heywood, Caroline Clive, Ann Radcliffe, Elizabeth Gaskell, Don DeLillo and Margaret Atwood. Finally, in the reviews section, you will find information concerning two recently published books: *Eliot's Christianity in a Contemporary Perspective. From Hindsight to Insight* by Małgorzata Grzegorzewska (2021) and *The Landscapes of W. H. Auden's Interwar Poetry: Roots and Routes* by the Czech scholar Ladislav Vit (2022). Enjoy.