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Editorial note

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We are happy to introduce to you this new (ninth) issue of *Explorations*. In the following essays you will find critical interpretations of the works by Ann Radcliffe, Maxine Hong Kingston, J. D. Vance, Tim Winton, and two Arab American woman novelists: Mohja Kahf and Laila Halaby. First, though, there is a discreet, indeed low-key interview with the writer Lydia Davis (conducted by Piotr Florczyk). Davis is a celebrated American author of short stories and innovative short fiction, an outstanding translator from the French and a brilliant essayist. Her recently released *Collected Stories* and *Essays* (the latter published in two volumes) have become a literary event and we are genuinely glad she agreed to speak to us. The issue concludes with a brief review of Davis's books, and also with two more reviews of critical monographs by Jean Ward and Grzegorz Moroz.

Enjoy the reading.