

# SOUTHERN FICTION

Photographs by Tema Stauffer

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Southern Fiction explores the history of the American South using its literary tradition as a road map, focusing on environments which have shaped the imaginations of 20th-century Southern writers during their formative years or throughout the course of their lives and careers. The images portray domestic settings, vernacular architecture, and rural landscapes that visually resonate with the history, culture, and atmosphere of the Deep South. From 2018 - 2021, she made road trips to Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi to shoot large-format color photographs of settings associated with writers such as Flannery O'Connor, Alice Walker, Truman Capote, Harper Lee, William Faulkner, Eudora Welty, Tennessee Williams, and Richard Wright. The series depicts the former homes of some of these writers, sites that were relevant to their backgrounds and literary works, and the surrounding architecture and landscapes that shaped their fiction. By examining the roots of its greatest writers, the series investigates the richness and complexity of the South through the evocative settings that defined their experiences and voices.

Tema Stauffer is a photographer whose work examines the social, economic, and cultural landscape of American spaces. She is an Associate Professor of Photography at East Tennessee State University. Her work has been exhibited at Sasha Wolf, Daniel Cooney Fine Art, and Jen Bekman galleries in New York, as well as galleries and institutions internationally. In 2018, Daylight Books published a monograph of her *Upstate* series portraying the lingering legacy of American industrial and agricultural history in and around Hudson, New York. The book was nominated for the Unveil'd Photobook Award 2018 and the prints were exhibited at ETSU's Reece Museum, Tracey Morgan Gallery, ilon Art Gallery, and Hudson Hall. Her work is represented by Tracey Morgan Gallery in Asheville, North Carolina, where her current series, *Southern Fiction*, was exhibited in Fall 2021. The production of this body of work received support from ETSU's Research Development Committee through four research grants and from a Tennessee Arts Commission Individual Artist Fellowship in 2021. Daylight Books released a monograph of *Southern Fiction* in October 2022.

Image list on reverse



William Faulkner's Kitchen Curtains, Rowan Oak, Oxford, Mississippi, 2018



Jills' Room, Rowan Oak, Oxford, Mississippi, 2020



Car in Woods, William Faulkner Memorial Highway, Mississippi, 2018



Eudora Welty's Bedroom, Jackson, Mississippi, 2020



Eudora Welty's Kitchen, Jackson, Mississippi, 2020



Eudora Welty's Armchair, Jackson, Mississippi, 2020



Silver Car, Elraine Subdivision, Jackson, Mississippi, 2020



Civil Rights Leader Medgar Evers's Bedroom, Jackson, Mississippi, 2020



Mount Zion No.1 Baptist Church, Rodney, Mississippi, 2020



Rollins Funeral Home, Port Gibson, Mississippi, 2020



East Woodlawn Avenue Where Richard Wright Grew Up, Natchez, Mississippi, 2020



Anderson Cotton Gin, Clarksdale, Mississippi, 2020



Church, Highway 47, Alabama, 2018



Red Clay Road, Perdue Hill, Alabama, 2019



Gas Station Pumps, Gosport, Alabama, 2019



Greenwood Baptist Church, Prattville, Alabama, 2021



Standard Oil Station Where Civil Rights Activist Samuel Leamon Younge Jr. was Murdered in 1966, Tuskegee, Alabama, 2021



Flannery O'Connor's Horse Barn, Andalusia Farm, Milledgeville, Georgia, 2018



Fruit Stand, Highway 441, Georgia, 2018



Rocking Chair, Sparta, Georgia, 2018



Mimosa Branches, Sparta Highway, Georgia, 2018



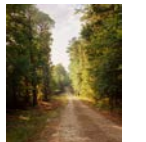
Cooper's Gro, Powelton, Georgia, 2020



Wards Chapel Cemetery Where Alice Walker's Parents and Ancestors Are Buried, Eatonton, Georgia, 2020



Wards Chapel A.M.E. Church Where Alice Walker Was Baptized, Eatonton, Georgia, 2020



Driveway, Wards Chapel Road, Eatonton, Georgia, 2020

20 x 24 in. prints - \$2000 (edition of 8)  
30 x 36 in. prints - \$3600 (edition of 8, \$3950 framed)  
42 x 50.5 in prints - \$5000 (edition of 3), \$5500 framed

All sales are handled through Tracey Morgan Gallery, Asheville, NC. Please contact [info@traceymorgangallery.com](mailto:info@traceymorgangallery.com) for details on purchasing work.