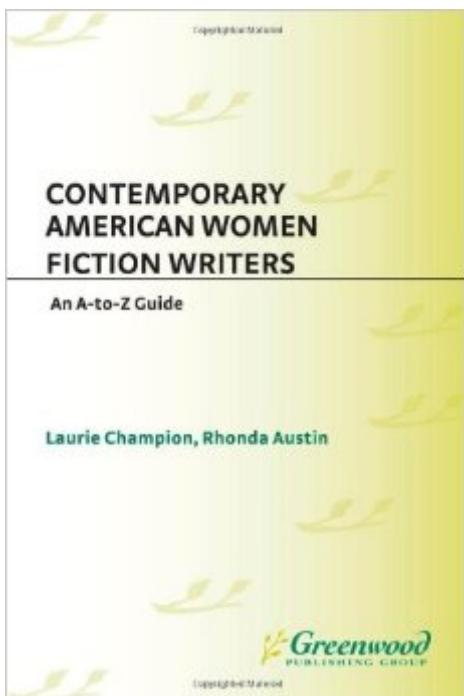


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• brief biography  
• discussion of major works and themes  
• survey of the writer's critical reception  
• bibliography of primary and secondary sources

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