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A new generation of contemporary writers has taken on the legacy of nostalgia in literature and complicated it. Authors like Elaine Castillo, Luiza Sauma, and Safia Elhillo send vital lifelines out to diasporic folks disconnected from their ancestral lands. They address nostalgia in the present tense, counteracting reductive notions that remembering amounts to a simple sentimentality. Their nuanced use of nostalgia and cultural memory resists contemporary xenophobia and attempts to erase marginalized communities. When used by diasporic writers, nostalgia becomes a tool for cultural resiliency. Tiffin's comparative study of these two very different literatures serves several purposes. First, the less familiar (to scholars in the west) and. This content downloaded from 115.248.45.78 on Thu, 17 Jul 2014 12:01:44 PM.Â This attention to diasporic movement over two centuries and over the face of the entire globe brings complex and difficult issues to the fore. For instance, in such analyses, some actors (literary critics, creative writers and the characters they create) have difficulty in accepting the fact or future possibility of racial hybridity and of split affiliations as undeniable features of any diaspora. Taking a comparative approach to literary studies, this series v.Â World War II in Contemporary German and Dutch Fiction: The Generation of Meta-Memory offers a comparative study of the construction of World War II memory in contemporary German, Flemish, and Dutch literature. More specifically, it investigates in what ways the large temporal distance to the Teaching in Times of Crisis: Applying Comparative Literature in the Classroom. This book offers the first detailed comparative study of the seven bestdocumented early civilizations: ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia, Shang China, the Aztecs and adjacent peoples in the Valley of Mexico, the Classic Maya, the Inka, and the Yoruba. Unlike previous studies, equal attention is paid to similarities and differences in their sociopolitical organization, economic systems, religion, and culture. Many of this study's findings are surprising and provocative. Agricultural systemsâ€| Expand.