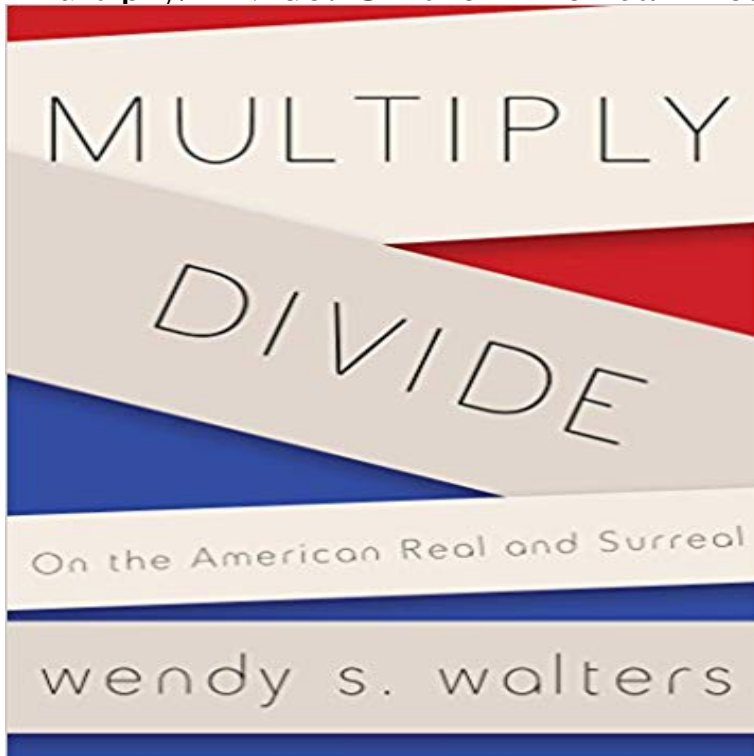


## Multiply/Divide: On the American Real and Surreal



I have never been particularly interested in slavery, perhaps because it is such an obvious fact of my family's history. The fact that I am descended from slaves is hard to acknowledge on a day-to-day basis, because slavery does not fit with my self-image. Perhaps this is because I am pretty certain I would not have survived it. In the manner of Calvino's *Invisible Cities*, Wendy Walters deftly explores the psyches of cities such as Chicago, Detroit, Manhattan, and Portsmouth. In Cleveland, she interviews an African-American playwright who draws great reviews, but can't muster an audience. An on-air telephone chat between a DJ and his listeners drives a discussion of race and nutrition in Chicago Radio. In Manhattanville the author, out for a walk with her biracial son, is mistaken for his nanny. There's even a fable, imagining a black takeover of Norway. All of these essays explore societal questions: how eras of immense growth can leave us unable to prosper from that growth, how places intended for safety become fraught with danger, and how race and gender bias threaten our communities. As John D'Agata notes: What probing, lively, ridiculously smart, gorgeously surprising essays. Wendy S. Walters is the author of two books of poems, *Troy, Michigan* and *Longer I Wait, More You Love Me*. Her work has appeared in *Harpers*, *Bookforum*, the *Iowa Review*, and many other publications. She is associate professor of creative writing at The New School University in New York.

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We are happy to provide quality fresh fruits, vegetables, Grass-fed and Finished Beef, Naturally & Humanely raised Pork, Pastured Chickens, and Cage Free Eggs to Clackamas County sustainably on our small acreage.

We strive to provide vegetables that grow well in our climate ensuring the best tasting local food available. We prefer to grow old-fashioned and rare varieties of vegetables believing that they are the best to offer but do also grow a very select, few varieties of hybrids, but they are counted on one hand! Much of what we grow, we save the seed of every year and re-offer it to members of the Seed Savers Exchange.

We thank all of you, the “locavores”, food enthusiasts, market goers, and home chefs for making our goal of fresh, local, fruits and veggies sustainably a reality.

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2015 is off to a great start! We are looking forward to what this year has to offer!

All our efforts are gearing up to get the growing season started...from ordering/starting/transplanting seeds, planning rotation crops for the fields, cleaning the greenhouses and field equipment, and clearing the fields! There is not a dull day here on the farm!

Planning for garden start varieties is in full swing also. This year we will be offering many of our favorite heirlooms, open-pollinated, and hybrid varieties that we have grown for the past 10+ years as well as many new-to-us varieties. We are diligent to not purchase, offer or grow GMO seeds or food.

Our mix of garden starts includes many different varieties of tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, ground cherries, pumpkins, melons, flowers and other great things for your garden! Most, if not all, varieties are tried and true for our Pacific Northwest valley climate. Check out the Garden Start page for a printable list of varieties available. Or go directly to a specific list at our Tomato, Pepper, and Other garden start pages.

We grew over 100 heirloom/open-pollinated Pepper varieties and 125+ varieties of heirloom/open-pollinated Tomatoes in 2014! Not counting the numerous other garden necessities like heirloom flowers, cucumbers, summer and winter squash, herbs, and melons amongst other rare and hard to find vegetables! In 2015 we will continue with the tradition we've started and will be planting and growing almost all the varieties that have been started so that even if you don't buy a plant you have a chance to taste a range of different flavors!

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