

# EIGHTY MOODS OF MAYA

## & Other Photo-Poetic Moments from the Eugene B. Redmond Collection

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The 500-plus images in this book were culled from thousands produced over four decades. "Eighty" of these, which enter the eye via a near-38-year "brothering-sistering" relationship between Maya Angelou and Eugene B. Redmond, debuted in April, 2008, as an exhibit at the Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach (FL) during Maya's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. Arranged "see"-matically rather than chronologically, these images—"moods"—include Maya's 48th birthday in Sonoma (CA), 1976, and Thanksgiving in Winston-Salem (NC), 2007. The panorama of "moods" covers various habitations in the "Soular System" from galas (sponsored by Oprah) to special dinners, ad hoc soirees, on-the-road performances, awards ceremonies, and a [Toni Morrison] "Nobel Party" with "Noble Friends." Settings range from the West Coast to the East Coast.

The remaining 400-plus images compliment Maya's "eighty moods" through single-page collages of a memorial for Reginald Lockett; Alexandria, Louisiana's Arna Bontemps Museum and Kwanzaa celebration; "Nigeria in Words & Images"; "Paris 1992"; and "Gallery(s) of Writers . . . Bluesicians . . . Filmmakers & Photographers." Multi-page mosaics of Soular Systems in East Saint ("Arkansippi") Midwest include "Apropos Katherine Dunham"; "Gwen's & Haki's Chicago"; and "The Miles Davis Legacy." Then there's California ("West Coastin' from San Francisco Bay to World Stage L-A") where Redmond spent more than a decade (1970 to mid-80's) as a teacher-writer-activist at CSU-Sacramento. And, finally, the East Coast ("jazz n pizza, beans n salsa") for "writers rites," funeral rites (Max Roach's, St. Clair Bourne's, Sekou Sundiata's) and Book Fair-based "Miami's Asili Nights." .... Included in the panorama of images are the following:

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