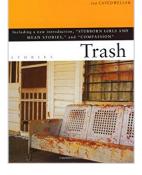
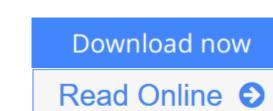
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Dorothy Allison is the acclaimed author of the nationally bestselling novel **Bastard Out of Carolina**, which was a finalist for the 1992 National Book Award. The recipient of numerous awards, she lives in Northern California.

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