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Powerful and accessible, *Exile according to Julia* is above all a moving and beautiful story of childhood, survival, and heritage that will speak to readers of all ages.

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Review

[Pineau is] among the best of women writers from the Third World. L'exil selon Julia is one of the richest, most enjoyable books to appear recently from the group of remarkable women novelists from Guadeloupe.

(World Literature Today)

An exercise in humor and lucidity, L'exil selon Julia is a discreet invitation to reflect on today's fundamental issues, the uprooting, acceptance, and mixing of populations.

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