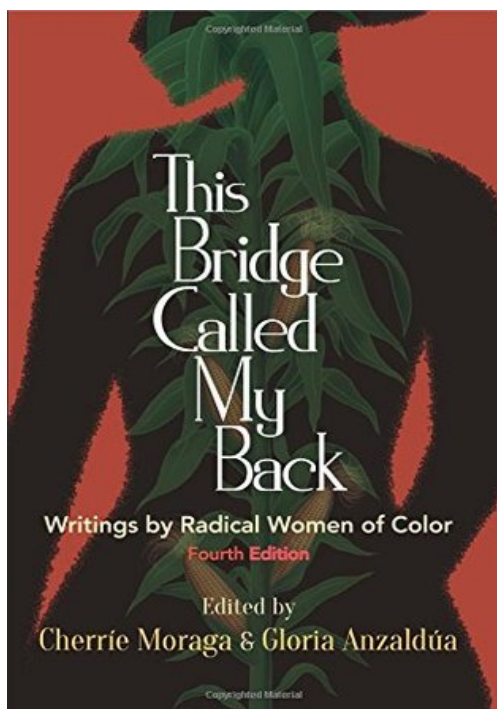
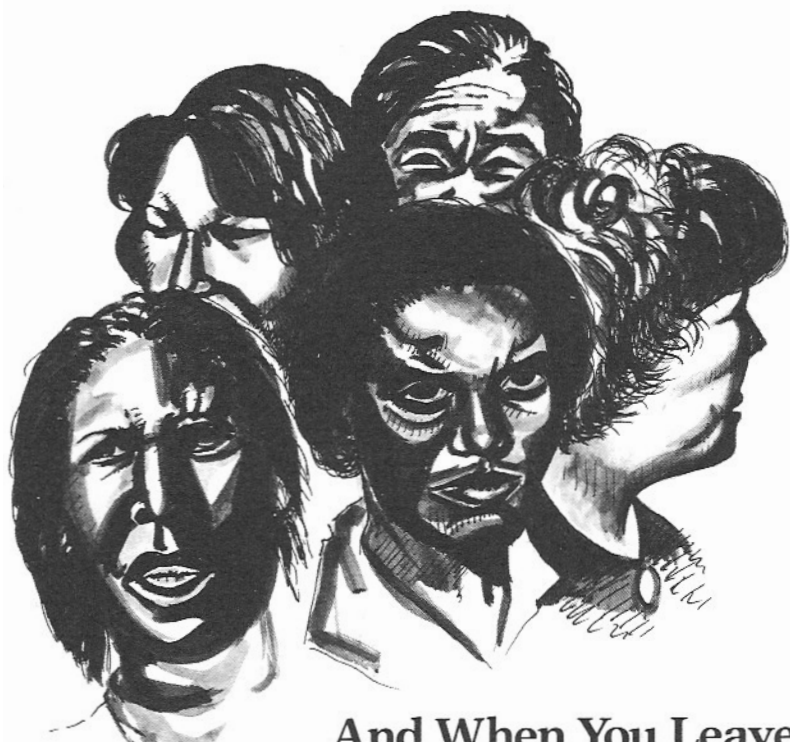


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Our white sisters
 radical friends
 love to own pictures of us
 sitting at a factory machine
 wielding a machete
 in our bright bandanas
 holding brown yellow black red children
 reading books from literacy campaigns
 holding machine guns bayonets bombs knives
 Our white sisters
 radical friends
 should think
 again.

Our white sisters
 radical friends
 love to own pictures of us
 walking to the fields in hot sun
 with straw hat on head if brown
 bandana if black
 in bright embroidered shirts
 holding brown yellow black red children
 reading books from literacy campaigns
 smiling.

Our white sisters radical friends
 should think again.

No one smiles
 at the beginning of a day spent
 digging for souvenir chunks of uranium
 of cleaning up after
 our white sisters
 radical friends

And when our white sisters
 radical friends see us

in the flesh
not as a picture they own,
they are not quite as sure
if
they like us as much.
We're not as happy as we look
on
their
wall.