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This selection, compiled by Aurélie Guillain (short stories and travel writing by Henry James), Mathilde Rogez (short stories from South Africa) and Héliane Ventura, is intended to highlight the transcultural dimension of some short narratives from Africa, Australia, Canada, China, Great Britain, India, Japan, New Zealand, the United States and the West Indies. Not all the stories selected feature a transatlantic passage, be it literal or metaphoric, but they all develop around the tension, collision, or reunion between the opposite sides of a major divide, between what can be considered an older and a more recent world order. The stories by Henry James loom larger because they provide an emblem of the international theme, but there is no attempt at exhaustiveness or representativity based upon parity: the selection is subjectively committed to transnationality and the relational poetics of transatlantism.

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