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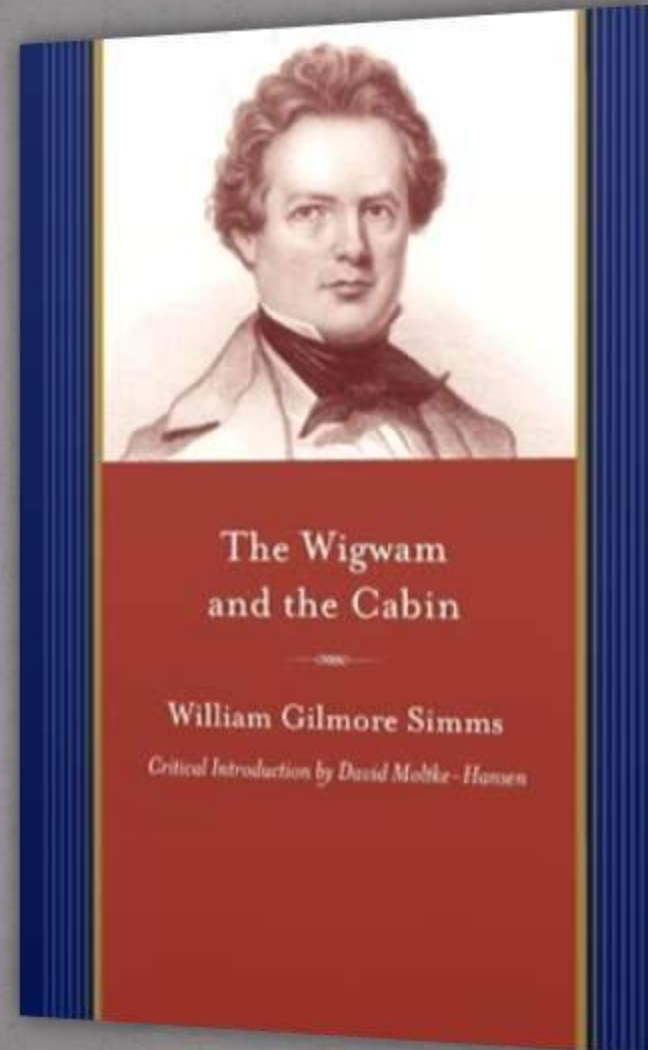


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The Wigwam and the Cabin



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Grayling; or, “Murder Will Out”

- “The best ghost-story of modern times” (Poe)
- Combines many of Simms’s typical tropes and concerns
- Romance vs. Realism
- Autobiographical bent



Caloya; or, The Loves of the Driver



- “Simms’s most controversial story” (Guilds)
- The plantation’s underbelly
- His most dense statement of his racial politics
- Dissertation on kinds, limits, and meanings of freedom

“He has surpassed, we think, any of his countrymen”



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