



## SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

### Honorary Degree Citation

The degree of Doctor of Letters , honoris causa,  
conferred on Dr . Dany Laferrière  
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skin, to hear about Creole, Métis, Francophone, exile—all  
postcolonial air. I want to be taken for a writer. Ultimately,  
than to be called a good Haitian writer.” Suffice it to say, M  
called a bad writer.

In 1985, his first novel *How to Make Love to a Negro With*  
celebrity, and he has penned 36 books since, including a  
describes his body of work as "an American autobiography  
his happy childhood in Haiti, to field notes from across An  
comedy film

writer’s country is his xfirst library.” His book  
navigating through two worlds —won the 20  
national identity, *I Am a Japanese Writer*, pa

Madam Chancellor, our society is strengthen  
Laferrière’s contribution to world literature ha  
the Order of Canada; a Commander of the L  
and membership in the prestigious Académie  
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