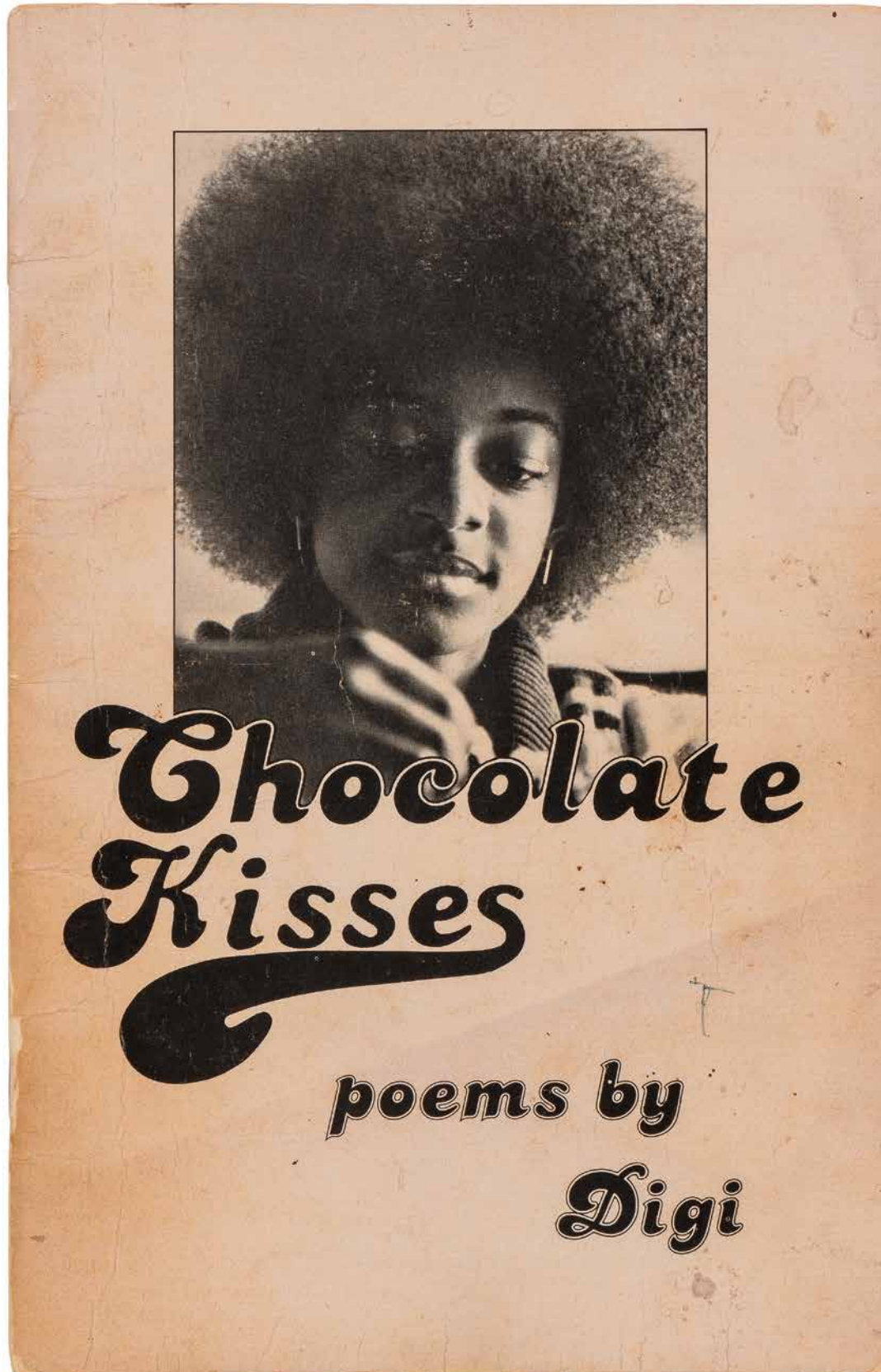


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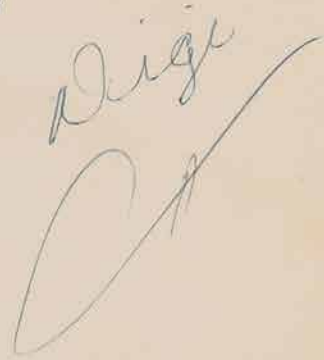
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First edition. Octavo. 32pp. Illustrated by Cynthia Tomye Neal. Stapled photographically illustrated wrappers. Some offsetting at the margins of the wrappers, very good. Inscribed by the author with a long and warm message to her grandmother [featured on the following page]. First book of poetry by a 17-year old black girl attending Milpitas High School in California. Extremely scarce. OCLC locates two copies, both on the east coast.

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To  
Nana -  
my one and  
only grandmother  
thanks to you, I  
found Jesus Christ  
before going away to  
school (college). We have  
spent some beautiful times  
together that I will always  
remember. I am fortunate to  
have a grandmother living whereas  
some people my age don't. I guess  
I could have never written "Grandmother"  
if I had never & go away to school  
I miss you when I go with me, so I'll  
but the Lord will be with our few  
disagreements, but it was only  
because I didn't realize, at the  
time, how valuable the wisdom  
you possess is. May God's love  
continue to shine on you, always  
Love Always & Always  
Your 1 & only granddaughter

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