

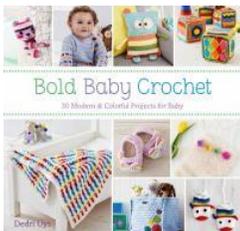
June 2022 New Adult Non-Fiction

Back to the Prairie: A Home Remade, A Life Rediscovered - Melissa Gilbert



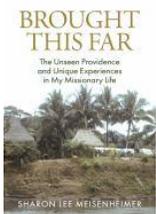
"The New York Times bestselling author and star of Little House on the Prairie returns with a new memoir -- both hilarious and heartfelt -- chronicling her journey from Hollywood to a ramshackle house in the Catskills during the COVID-19 pandemic. Known for her childhood role as Laura Ingalls Wilder on the classic NBC television show Little House on the Prairie, Melissa Gilbert has spent nearly her entire life in Hollywood. From Dancing with the Stars to a turn in politics, she has always been on the lookout for her next project. She just had no idea that her latest one would be completely life-changing. When her husband introduces her to the wilds of rural Michigan, Melissa begins to fall back in love with nature. And when work takes them to New York, they find a rustic cottage in the Catskills to call home. But 'rustic' is a generous description for the state of the house, which requires a lot of blood, sweat, and tears from the newlyweds to make it habitable. Then the coronavirus pandemic descends upon the world, further nudging Melissa out of the spotlight and into the woods. She trades Botox treatments for DIY projects, power-lunching for gardening and raising chickens, and soon her life is once again rediscovered, in her own little house in the mountains."

Bold Baby Crochet: 30 Modern and Colorful Projects for Baby - Dedri Uys



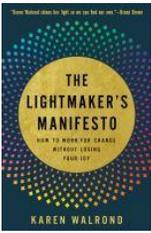
Uys shows you how to add style and color to your baby's wardrobe and nursery with these fun, colorful, and original designs. The easy-to-follow patterns and Uys's tips will guide you from starting stitch to final fastening. Whether you are creating for your own child, or giving the items as gifts, you'll know they are items made with love.

Brought This Far: The Unseen Providence and the Unique Experiences in My Missionary Life - Sharon Lee Meisenheimer



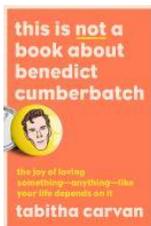
"In 1959, a year into their marriage, Sharon Meisenheimer and her husband, Lester, experienced a steep learning curve when they moved with their nine-month-old son, Timmy, to the tropical rainforest of northwestern Ecuador. Called by God to serve as missionaries in that unknown-to-them primitive area, they brought Western medicine and a love of Jesus to the two distinct cultures and languages of the native Chachi Indians and Afro-Ecuadorians, whose lives had not changed for centuries. As she showed God's love through solving medical dilemmas and physical mysteries and discovering new treatments, the Almighty One used that wedge to widen the hearts and minds of the locals, allowing the penetration of the Gospel's good news and the transformation of lives. During thirty-seven years as a missionary, Sharon had harrowing experiences; an unexpected childbirth; frustrations, hardships, and tragedies; and she cared for two daughters through thirteen years of their spiraling, fatal diseases. She learned to fully trust God for strength, faithfulness, joy, and victory in whatever life brought her way. She also witnessed the maturing of an infant church, the development of leaders, and a medical miracle that involved the entire local population. Her exciting recompense was all planned by the One who weaves together the story of every life. Sharon Meisenheimer is a retired missionary nurse and recently widowed. She lives on the family farm, enjoys gardening, reading books, family gatherings, church activities, and keeping current with mission programs. She has written articles on her missionary work. Brought This Far is her first book."

The Lightmaker's Manifesto: How to Work for Change Without Losing Your Joy - Karen Walrond



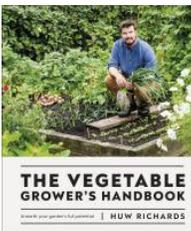
"Many of us have strong convictions. We want to advocate for causes we care about--but which ones? We want to work for change--but will the emotional toll lead to burn out? Leadership coach, lawyer, photographer, and activist Karen Walrond knows that when you care deeply about the world, light can seem hard to find. But when your activism grows out of your joy--and vice versa--you begin to see light everywhere. In *The Lightmaker's Manifesto*, Walrond helps us name the skills, values, and actions that bring us joy; identify the causes that spark our empathy and concern; and then put it all together to change the world. Creative and practical exercises, including journaling, daily intention-setting, and mindful self-compassion, are complemented by lively conversations with activists and thought leaders such as Valarie Kaur, Brené Brown, Tarana Burke, and Zuri Adele. With stories from around the world and wisdom from those leading movements for change, Walrond beckons readers toward lives of integrity, advocacy, conviction, and joy. By unearthing our passions and gifts, we learn how to joyfully advocate for justice, peace, and liberation. We learn how to become makers of light".

This is Not a Book About Benedict Cumberbatch: The Joy of Loving Something--Anything--Like Your Life



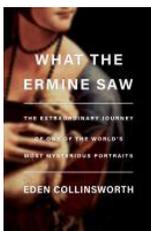
"In a humorous, heartfelt memoir about one woman's midlife obsession with Benedict Cumberbatch, the author shares how her preoccupation with the British-born actor helped her feel passionate about something at a point in her life when she had lost touch with her own identity and sense of self."

The Vegetable Grower's Handbook - Huw Richards



Garden efficiently and grow more food - Huw Richards shows you how. Following the success of *Veg in One Bed* and *Grow Food for Free*, in his third book Huw shares his tried and tested methods to help you unearth your garden's potential and get better results without putting in endless hours. With the right information anyone can become a more productive veg grower. Walking you through simple yet effective strategies such as implementing a compost system, nurturing healthy soil, and sowing in modules, Huw shares the personal approach he uses in his own garden and includes tips for plenty of quick wins too. He recommends planning, good infrastructure, and having a clear vision - the essentials that are usually left out of veg-growing books. Try out new ways of tackling tasks and projects, as well as rethinking your whole approach to the growing season. Get these elements right and everything else will fall into place. Every successful business has a strategy. Why not apply one to your veg patch?

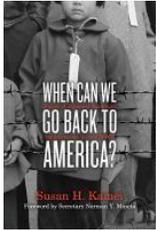
What the Ermine Saw: The Extraordinary Journey of Leonardo da Vinci's Most Mysterious Portrait - Eden Collinworth.



"In the tradition of *The Lady in Gold* and *The Hare with the Amber Eyes*, the remarkable story behind one of history's most enigmatic portraits. Five hundred and thirty years ago, a young woman sat for her portrait, which was to be painted by a tall, Grecian-nosed artist known as Leonardo da Vinci. Her name was Cecilia Gallerani, and she was the teenage mistress of the Duke of Milan. With shining hair and alabaster skin, and a thin veil framing her delicate features, Gallerani held a white ermine--an emblem of pregnancy and childbirth--close to her breast. Their slender bodies appeared almost as one. Her lover, Ludovico Sforza, was a ruthless man who was betrothed to the daughter of a powerful family; he was aware that da Vinci's brilliance as a painter would not only capture his mistress's beauty, but reflect Sforza's own political prowess. Indeed, with this beguiling image, da Vinci revolutionized the genre, changing not just what a portrait looked like, but also its purpose. While the painting faithfully captures the young woman's likeness, it also bears something deeper: the essence of a "soul," one conveyed with brush strokes and more effectively than with words used by any writer. But despite the work's importance in its own time, no records of it exist during the two hundred and fifty years that

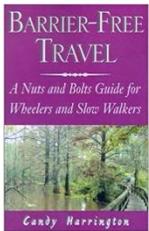
followed Gallerani's death. Author Eden Collinworth illuminates the startling history of this unique masterpiece, as it journeyed for over five centuries from one owner to the next—from the cunning Milanese duke, likely to have murdered his seven-year-old nephew for the title, to an unconventional Polish noblewoman, who counted as acquaintances Benjamin Franklin and Voltaire. From Hitler, who designated it for his private collection, to Hans Frank, the Nazi high command in Poland, who hung it above his desk until it was returned after the War to the Czartoryski Museum in Kraków. Along the way, Collinworth reveals a bewildering maze of social alliances and cultural upheavals, polarizing political divisions and territorial fragmentation. Expertly researched and deftly told, *What the Ermine Saw* is an enthralling account of Renaissance Italy and its actors; a comprehensive study of artistry and innovation; a riveting tale of Nazi plunder; of art lost and found; and a reminder that genius, power, and beauty always have a price.”

When Can We Go Back to America? Voices of Japanese American Incarceration During WWII - Susan H. Kamei, foreword by Secretary Norman Y. Mineta



After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, the United States government forcibly removed more than 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast and imprisoned them in desolate detention camps until the end of World War II just because of their race. Here Kamei weaves the voices of individuals who lived through this tragic episode, most of them as children and young adults. They tell the story of their incarceration and the long-term impact of this dark period in American history, at a time when many Americans are confronting questions about racial identity, immigration, and citizenship.

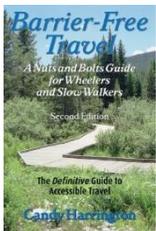
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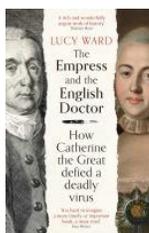
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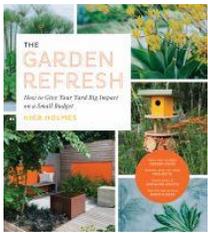
The Empress and the English Doctor: How Catherine the Great defied a deadly virus - Lucy Ward



"A killer virus ... an all-powerful Empress ... an encounter cloaked in secrecy. Within living memory, smallpox was a dreaded disease. Over human history it has killed untold millions. Back in the eighteenth century, as epidemics swept Europe, the first rumours emerged of an effective treatment: a mysterious method called inoculation. But a key problem remained: convincing people to accept the preventative remedy, the forerunner of vaccination. Arguments raged over risks and benefits, and public resistance ran high. As smallpox ravaged her empire and threatened her court, Catherine the Great took the

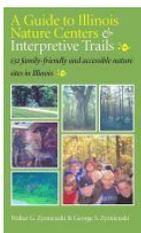
momentous decision to summon the Quaker physician Tomas Dimsdale to St Petersburg to carry out a secret mission that would transform both their lives. Lucy Ward expertly unveils the extraordinary story of Enlightenment ideals, female leadership and the fight to promote science over superstition."

The Garden Refresh: How to Give Your Yard Big Impact on a Small Budget - Kier Holmes



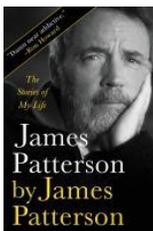
"Garden Refresh is a thoughtful, accessible, and creative guide for the savvy home gardener on how to create a beautiful, productive and healthy garden without spending crazy amounts of cash or using an excess of Earth's valuable natural resources. This budget and earth-friendly guide presents itself in different chapters that focus on key specific areas where a gardener can save, such as on designing a garden, soil, plants, water, maintenance, and upcycling. Peppered throughout the book, the reader finds quick pro tips, top ten lists, creative side bar suggestions, easy homemade remedies to common garden problems and reasons why certain actions in the garden save money and make the earth healthier. This book is not about being cheap or cutting corners. The reader will find both inspiration and actionable knowledge on how to garden sustainably and responsibly-how to grow more by spending less".

A Guide to Illinois Nature Centers and Interpretive Trails: 132 Family-Friendly and Accessible Nature Sites in Illinois - Walter G. Zyzniwski and George S. Zyzniwski



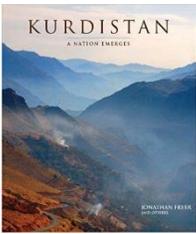
Following the success of their previous collaborations, "Illinois" Hiking and Backpacking Trails, Revised Edition "and "A Guide to Mountain Bike Trails in Illinois, "Walter and George Zyzniwski offer this concise and handy resource for all outdoor enthusiasts interested in the outstanding nature centers and interpretive trails throughout Illinois. The 135 sites detailed in this illustrated guide are located in municipal and county parks, forest preserves, state parks, wildlife refuges, and the Shawnee National Forest. Sites range from the Apple River Canyon State Park in northwest Illinois to the Cache River State Natural Area in southern Illinois. This guide will assist individuals and groups in successfully planning visits to these areas by clearly identifying trails that are fairly short and well suited for families and those nature centers that provide hands-on experiences viewing wildlife and nature exhibits and participating in a nature program or activity. Also, those trails that are accessible to families with strollers, individuals with disabilities, and the elderly are identified with symbols and described throughout the book. Detailed descriptions of each center and trail are included along with directions, some maps and photographs, hours of operation, and contact information, including web sites, where available. Sixty-seven nature centers and interpretive trails are featured for northern Illinois, including Chicago Botanic Garden, Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary and Volkering Heritage Farm, The Morton Arboretum, the Chicago Portage National Historic Site, and the Black Hawk State Historic Site. For those interested in central Illinois, forty-one nature centers and trails are listed, including Kickapoo Creek Park, Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge, Valentine Park, Salt Fork River Forest Preserve, Merwin Nature Preserve, Forest Park Nature Center and Adams Wildlife Sanctuary. Twenty-seven nature centers and trails are described for southern Illinois. Among these are Lusk Creek Canyon, Giant City State Park, Cache River State Natural Area, Ferne Clyffe State Park, Rim Rock, and Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge."

James Patterson: The Stories of My Life - James Patterson



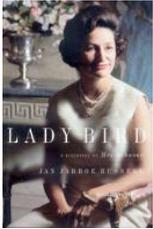
A #1 best-selling author shows how a boy from small-town New York made it to literary stardom. How did a kid whose dad lived in the poorhouse become the most successful storyteller in the world? On the morning he was born, he nearly died. His dad grew up in the Pogey--the Newburgh, New York, poorhouse. He worked at a mental hospital in Massachusetts, where he met the singer James Taylor and the poet Robert Lowell. While he toiled in advertising hell, James wrote the ad jingle line "I'm a Toys 'R' Us Kid." He once watched James Baldwin and Norman Mailer square off to trade punches at a party. He's only been in love twice. Both times are amazing. Dolly Parton once sang "Happy Birthday" to James over the phone. She calls him J.J., for Jimmy James. How did a boy from small-town New York become the world's most successful writer? How does he do it? He has always wanted to write the kind of novel that would be read and reread so many times that the binding breaks and the book literally falls apart. As he says, "I'm still working on that one."

Kurdistan: A Nation Emerges - Jonathan Fryer



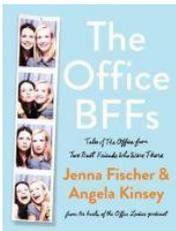
Kurdistan is one of the Middle East's great recent success stories. The area occupies much of what is now northern and north-eastern Iraq. The Kurds have a distinguished and eventful history; their capital, Erbil, claims to be the oldest continuously inhabited city. Occupying strategically important lands and formidable mineral reserves, the region has from ancient times been a magnet for invaders.

Lady Bird: A Biography of Mrs. Johnson - Jan Jarboe Russell



This book covers the full spectrum of Mrs. Johnson's life, career, and ultimately, her multi-layered, seldom-documented relationship with LBJ.

The Office BFFs: Tales of The Office from Two Best Friends Who Were There - Jenna Fischer and Angela Kinsey



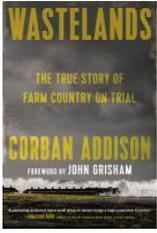
Jenna Fischer and Angela Kinsey have been best friends for over eighteen years. For nine seasons they battled over party planning, relationship advice, and baby names, while behind the scenes they supported each other through marriage, motherhood, and careers that took them all over the globe. The ladies share heartfelt and humorous stories about their time together making *The Office*, giving readers insights into everything from their first meeting on the pilot to the shooting of iconic episodes like 'Booze Cruise' and 'Work Bus' to their hilarious adventures on the red carpet. In candid conversations complete with personal mementos and photographs, Jenna and Angela take a deep dive into their special friendship and how it's evolved from having lunch together in their on-set trailers to creating their own media company and hugely successful podcast, *Office Ladies*.

The Palace Papers: Inside the House of Windsor -- the Truth and the Turmoil - Tina Brown



"Never again" became Queen Elizabeth II's mantra shortly after Princess Diana's tragic death. More specifically, there could never be "another Diana"--a member of the family whose global popularity upstaged, outshone, and posed an existential threat to the British monarchy. Brown takes readers on a tour de force journey through the scandals, love affairs, power plays, and betrayals that have buffeted the monarchy over the last twenty-five years. We see the Queen's stoic resolve after the passing of Princess Margaret, the Queen Mother, and Prince Philip, her partner for seven decades, and how she triumphs in her Jubilee years even as family troubles rage around her. Brown explores Prince Charles's determination to make Camilla Parker Bowles his wife, the tension between William and Harry on "different paths," the ascendance of Kate Middleton, the downfall of Prince Andrew, and Harry and Meghan's stunning decision to step back as senior royals. Despite the fragile monarchy's best efforts, "never again" seems fast approaching. Picking up where Tina Brown's masterful *The Diana Chronicles* left off, *The Palace Papers* reveals how the royal family reinvented itself after the traumatic years when Diana's blazing celebrity ripped through the House of Windsor like a comet.

Wastelands: The True Story of Farm Country on Trial - Corban Addison, foreword by John Grisham



"A once idyllic American landscape is home to a closely knit, rural community that, for more than a generation, has battled the polluting practices of large-scale farming that had been making them sick and damaging their homes. After years of frustration and futile attempts to bring about change, an impassioned cadre of local residents, led by a team of intrepid and dedicated lawyers, brought suit against one of the world's most powerful corporations-and, miraculously, they won. As vivid and fast-paced as a novel, *Wastelands* takes us into the heart of a legal battle over the future of America's farmland, and into the lives of the people who found the courage to fight. With unparalleled entrée in the courtroom, Corban Addison captures the stirring and unforgettable struggle to bring a modern-day monopoly to its knees, to force a once invincible power to change, to vindicate the rights of a long-suffering community, and finally to restore their heritage".