



Cooperative
Extension Service

Extension
Grayson County
Homemakers
2024-2025
YEARBOOK

Name:

Club:

Dear Homemakers,

Thank you for all that you do in our county and our community. I am excited for a new program year with each of you! I hope that you find this Yearbook to be helpful. Please make notes throughout the year of what you would like to see added to this booklet. I want it to be convenient and useful for the membership! Please continue to be an active member of this organization; if you aren't sure how to become more involved, give me a call! Or talk to your Club President! Grayson County is lucky to have such a wonderful group serving the community! Let's continue to serve this county and expand our reach even more over this coming year! If you ever have any questions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me - I love hearing from you all! Have a great program year!

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I believe in the home as an inspiring and happy center of family life—comfortable and attractive—a place for relaxation and work where pleasures and responsibilities are shared.

I believe in the home and its contribution to community life which reflects the development of the homemaker and the family.

I believe in the homemaker—alert, diligent, in search of better ways of doing ordinary things for the welfare and happiness of the family.

I believe in the homemaker as a community leader responsible for passing on to others mastered skills and knowledge.

I believe in the fellowship that comes through the homemakers' organization—the exchange of ideas and the joy of knowledge shared with others thus broadening our lives and lifting household tasks above the commonplace.

For these opportunities, I am grateful. I am also thankful for the courage of yesterday, the hope of tomorrow and a growing consciousness of God's love always.

- Jefferson Homemakers Club: Jefferson County

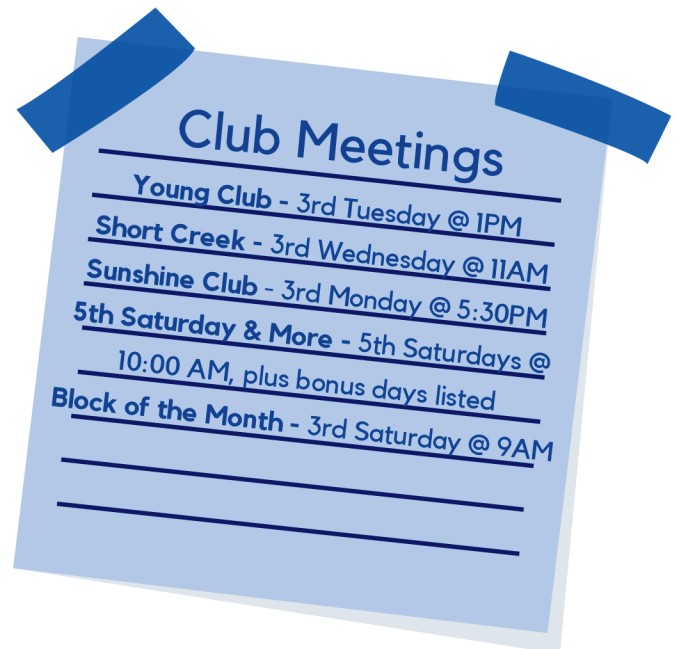
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24-25 COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Annual Meeting Planning: Denise Barrett, Sara Bailey, and Shannon Harp

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Fair Committee: Pamela Cissell, Stacy Mudd, Shirley Thompson, Jo Escue, Shannon Harp, Janey Shartzter, and Anna Tubb

Finance/Nominating Committee: Cherie Seadler, Donna Wilson, **1 more volunteer needed!**

Your Club Council

Club Officers

President	
President Elect	
Vice President	
Secretary	
Treasurer	

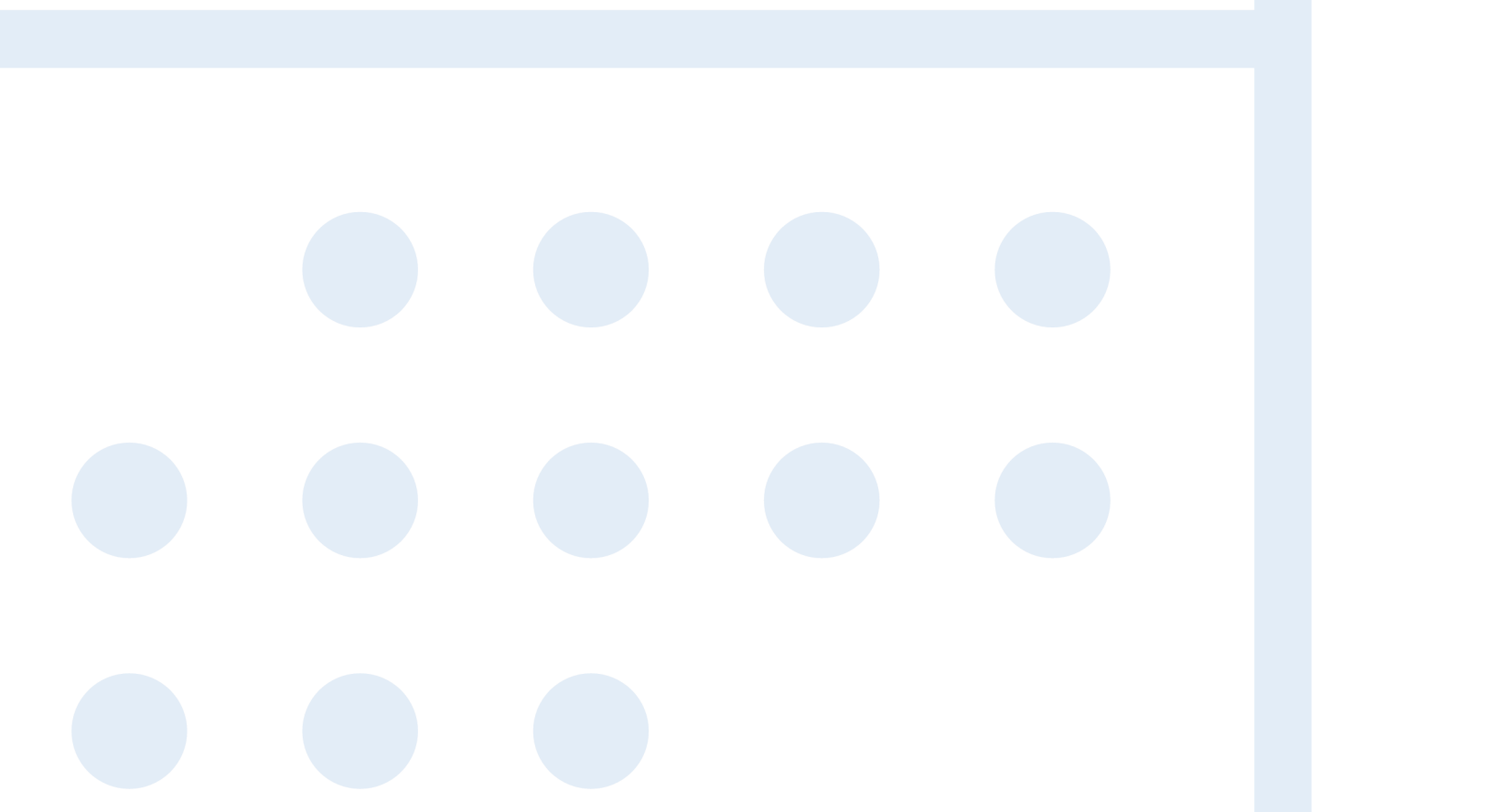
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Family & Individual Development	
Leadership Development	
Food, Nutrition & Health	
4-H Youth Development	
International	
Management & Safety	



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Calendar of Events



july

 = Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4 4th of July Office Closed	5	6
7	8 Council Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Young	17 Short Creek	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Council Training	1	2	3

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The Details

- 7/4: 4th of July, office closed
- 7/8: Homemaker Council @ 3PM
- 7/16: Young @ 1PM
- 7/17: Short Creek @ 11AM
- 7/31: HM Council Training @ 9:30AM



**Forms
Needed**








CLUB PRESIDENTS

Please return Club Officer and Chairman Forms and Lesson Leader Forms to the Extension Office as soon as possible!!

July Notes

august

 = Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6 LTA Council Meeting	7	8	9	10 5th Saturday Yard Sale 
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 HM Lesson Young	21 Short Creek	22	23	24
25	26 Fair Entry Day 	27 Fair Judging Day 	28 	29 	30 	31  5th Saturday <small>Jan-12-20</small>
Grayson County Fair						

The Details

- 8/6: LTA Council Meeting, LaRue Co. Ext. Office
- 8/10: 5th Saturday Yard Sale @ 7AM
- 8/20: Young @ 1PM
- 8/21: Short Creek @ 11AM
- 8/26: Fair Entry Day @ 1PM
- 8/27: Fair Judging Day @ 10AM
- 8/27 - 9/2: Grayson County Fair
- 8/31: 5th Saturday @ 10AM

Reminders this month:

- Record any volunteer hours.
- Complete club officer and chairman forms to return to office. ***PRESIDENTS ONLY***
- Complete lesson leader form to return to office ***PRESIDENTS ONLY***

Monthly Lesson

Creating Welcoming Communities and Robert's Rules of Order

Tuesday, August 20 @ 9-11:30AM CT
@ Hardin Co Ext Office

Taught by Jennifer Bridge, Meade Co FCS Agent and LTA Agents

Creating Welcoming Communities | All societies experience shifts in culture and modern America is no exception. Have you wished to be more confident in navigating unfamiliar cultural experiences? With this lesson, become a more prepared community volunteer by understanding how culture makes all of us unique. We will examine our own culture, understand culturally related strengths of both ourselves and of others, and gain an understanding of oppressive


experiences and their effects. As we seek to build a stronger Kentucky, KEHA volunteers can lead the way in making the state more welcoming to all newcomers in the Commonwealth.

Robert's Rules of Order | How do you rate your skills in using Robert's Rules of Order? Could you use a refresher to be sure you know the basic parliamentary procedures that can improve the effectiveness of any business meeting? This lesson incorporates interactive teaching methods and fun approaches to brush up on your knowledge and improve your ability to lead or participate in effective meetings.

August Notes

september

 = Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 	2 Labor Day office closed	3	4	5 Farm to Fork Dinner	6	7	
Grayson County Fair							
8	9 Fair & Council Meeting Open House	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17 Young	18 Short Creek	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26 HM Lesson	27	28	
29	30	New Membership Recruitment Begins					5

The Details

- 8/27 - 9/2: Grayson County Fair
- 9/2: Fair Pick Up Day @ 1PM
- 9/2: Labor Day - office closed
- 9/5: Farm to Fork Dinner *ticket purchase required
- 9/9: Fair Wrap Up Meeting @ 1:30PM
- 9/9: Council Meeting @ 3PM
- 9/9: Open House @ 5PM
- 9/17: Young @ 1PM
- 9/18: Short Creek @ 11AM

- Record any volunteer hours.
- New membership recruitment begins.
- Enrollment Forms due back November 21st
- Register for Area Annual Meeting

Health Literacy

Thursday, September 26 @ 10AM

Taught by Rachel Mattingly, Marion Co FCS Agent

Have you ever been confused by the words your doctor was using during an appointment? Or maybe you were unsure when and how often to take a prescription medicine? Maybe you want to be informed when you take your loved one to the doctor. These are just common examples of opportunities to use health literacy. It is estimated that 9 out of 10 adults have difficulty understanding and using health information. But don't worry! Everyone has struggled with health literacy. This lesson will focus on increasing health literacy and empower you to step up and lead your health-care team in reaching your overall health goals.

Monthly Lesson

September Notes

october

 = Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5 5th Saturday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Young	16 Short Creek	17	18 HM Lesson	19 Block of the Month
KEHA Week						
20	21 Sunshine	22	23	24	25 Area Annual Meeting	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
						Enrollment Forms Due November 21

The Details

10/5: 5th Saturday @ 10AM

10/15: Young @ 1PM

10/16: Short Creek @ 11AM

10/19: Block of the Month @ 10AM

10/21: Sunshine @ 5:30PM

10/25: Area Annual Meeting @ Marion Co. Ext. Office

Reminders this month:

- Record any volunteer hours.
- Enrollment forms due November 21st.
- Continued recruitment

Health Holiday Meals

October 18 @ 10AM

Taught by Lynnette Allen, Breckinridge Co FCS Agent

Cooking during the holidays doesn't have to be stressful or expensive. This lesson will focus on healthy meal planning strategies and ways to stay within your budget when preparing for a large holiday meal. You will learn kitchen time management strategies to reduce the hassle of cooking, ways to prepare low-cost and delicious recipes, holiday food safety tips, and how to maximize your leftovers to avoid waste.

Monthly Lesson

October Notes

november

 = Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5 Election Day Office Closed	6	7	8	9
10	11 Council Meeting	12	13	14 HM Lesson	15	16 Block of the Month
17	18 Sunshine	19 Young	20 Short Creek	21 Enrollment Forms Due	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed	29	30 5th Saturday

The Details

- 11/5: Election Day - office closed
- 11/11: Homemaker Council @ 3PM
- 11/16: Block of the Month @ 10AM
- 11/18: Sunshine @ 5:30
- 11/19: Young @ 1PM
- 11/20: Short Creek @ 11AM
- 11/28 - 11/29: Thanksgiving Holiday - office closed
- 11/30: 5th Saturday @ 10AM

Reminders this month:

- Record any volunteer hours.
- Review program of work reports and update with any activities you have participated in since July 1.
- * PRESIDENTS ONLY***

Monthly Lesson

No Sew Quilted Star Ornament

Thursday, November 14 @ 1PM

Taught by Marla Stillwell, LaRue Co FCS Agent

Join us for a quick, easy, and fun crafting project this holiday season, no-sew quilted star ornaments. These festive ornaments capture the style of a classic star quilt pattern without requiring any prior quilting skills. Despite using the name "quilted," nothing is quilted for this ornament, it is a no-sew project.

November Notes

december

 = Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Sunshine	17 Young	18 Short Creek	19	20	21 Block of the Month
22	23	24	Christmas and New Year Holidays Office Closed			28
29	Christmas and New Year Holidays Office Closed		1	2	3	4

The Details

- 12/16: Sunshine @ 5:30PM
- 12/17: Young @ 1PM
- 12/18: Short Creek @ 11AM
- 12/21: Block of the Month @ 10AM
- 12/25 - 1/1: Holiday Break - office closed



Monthly Lesson

Strong Bones for Life: Preventing Osteoporosis

*mail-out

Keeping bones healthy and strong is important throughout the lifespan. Without proper nutrition, exercise, and even sunshine, the risk for osteoporosis increases. Osteoporosis is a bone disease that causes bones to become weak and more susceptible to breaks. This KEHA lesson will examine risk factors and lifestyle behaviors to help stop bone loss and rebuild bone to prevent breaks. It is never too early or too late to make bone health a priority.

December Notes

january

 = Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 New Years Day Office Closed	2	3	4 5th Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Council Meeting	14	15 Short Creek	16	17	18 Block of the Month
19	20 MLK Day Office Closed Sunshine	21 Young	22	23	24 HM Lesson	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 <small>© Calendar-12.com</small>

The Details

- 1/1: New Year's Day - office closed
- 1/4: 5th Saturday @ 10AM
- 1/13: Council Meeting @ 3PM
- 1/15: Short Creek @ 11AM
- 1/18: Block of the Month @ 10AM
- 1/20: MLK Day - office closed
- 1/20: Sunshine @ 5:30PM
- 1/21: Young @ 1PM

Reminders this month:

- Record any volunteer hours.
- Review KEHA contest chart.
- Will you or your club submit one?
- State contests due March 1st

Monthly Lesson

Inspiring Grandchildren to become Grand Cooks
Friday, January 24 @ 10:30AM

Taught by Dayna Fentress, Hardin Co FCS Agent

Learning cooking skills early in life improves skills and confidence in the kitchen, which can lead to higher diet quality to support health later in life. The decrease in kitchen skills over generations means grandparents are an important resource for helping grandchildren navigate the kitchen. We'll ideas for bringing different generations together in the kitchen in ways that build confidence, share knowledge and traditions, and create lasting memories.

January Notes



February

 = Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 5th Saturday
2	3	4 LTA Council Meeting	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Block of the Month
16	17 Sunshine	18 Young	19 Short Creek	20	21	22
23	24	25 HM Lesson	26	27	28	1

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The Details

- 2/1: 5th Saturday @ 10AM
- 2/4: LTA Council Meeting, Marion Co. Ext. Office
- 2/15: Block of the Month @ 10AM
- 2/17: Sunshine @ 5:30PM
- 2/18: Young @ 1PM
- 2/19: Short Creek @ 11AM

Reminders this month:

- Record any volunteer hours.
- State contests due March 1st

Monthly Lesson

Pathways to Wellness
 Tuesday, February 25 @ 10AM
 Taught by Natalie Taul, Grayson Co FCS Agent

Did you know diet, physical activity, and sleep account for less than half of the factors that determine the length and quality of your life? In this session we explore how the people, places, and spaces in which we live, learn, work, and play influence health.

February Notes

march

 = Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Council Meeting	11	12	13	14	15 Block of the Month
16	17 Sunshine	18 Young	19 Short Creek	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 HM Lesson	29 5th Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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The Details

- 3/10: Council Meeting @ 3PM
- 3/15: Block of the Month @ 10AM
- 3/17: Sunshine @ 5:30PM
- 3/18: Young @ 1PM
- 3/19: Short Creek @ 11AM
- 3/29: 5th Saturday @ 10AM

Reminders this month:

- Record any volunteer hours.
- Register for State Meeting and book hotel room if needed.

Monthly Lesson

How to Get Out of a Meal Time Rut
Friday, March 28 @ 10AM

Taught by Cabrina Buckman, Washington Co FCS Agent

When you or a family member find out what is on the menu for dinner, is the typical response "Again?" If you dread the thought of cleaning another dish or you just can't think of the last time you were excited by your own cooking, you may be in a cooking rut. The goal of this lesson is to share creative strategies that can be used to overcome mealtime ruts and prepare meals at home. Participants will be able to explain why it is important to prepare home-cooked meals, describe several creative strategies to come up with meal ideas, and identify ways to reduce barriers related to preparing meals at home.

March Notes

april

 = Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Young	16 Short Creek	17	18	19 Block of the Month
20	21 Sunshine	22	23	24 HM Lesson	25	26
27	28	29	30	1 2 3 Consider nominating yourself or someone else for homemaker of the year! The form can be found in your booklets!		

The Details

- 4/15: Young @ 1PM
- 4/16: Short Creek @ 11AM
- 4/19: Block of the Month @ 10AM
- 4/21: Sunshine @ 5:30PM



Monthly Lesson

Composition in Photography

Thursday, April 24 @ 1PM

Taught by Danielle Hagler, Nelson Co FCS Agent

Looking to take photographs that not only capture the memory, but also enhance it? Participants will receive a handout with suggestions for successful composition in photography.

April Notes



may

 = Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	KEHA State Meeting Lexington			9	10
11	12 Council Meeting	13	14	15	16	17 Block of the Month
18	19 Sunshine	20 Young	21 Short Creek	22	23 Award Forms Due	24
25	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31 5th Saturday

The Details

- 5/12: Council Meeting @ 3PM
- 5/17: Block of the Month @ 10AM
- 5/19: Sunshine @ 5:30PM
- 5/20: Young @ 1PM
- 5/21: Short Creek @ 11AM
- 5/26: Memorial Day - office closed
- 5/31: 5th Saturday @ 10AM

Reminders this month:

- Record any volunteer hours.
- CLUB PRESIDENTS** - Discuss county awards at club meetings
- Register for County Annual Meeting

County Award Info

CLUB PRESIDENTS

Award Form in leadership packet

- Homemaker of the Year Application
- Reading Award
- Perfect Attendance
- Years of Service
- New Member
- Volunteer Service Hours

May Notes



June

 = Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 County Annual Meeting
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Sunshine	17 Young	18 Short Creek	19 Juneteenth office closed	20	21 Block of the Month
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 5th Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Plan of Work Report Forms Due at July Council Meeting!						

The Details

- 6/7: County Annual Meeting
- 6/16: Sunshine @ 5:30PM
- 6/17: Young @ 1PM
- 6/18: Short Creek @ 11AM
- 6/19: Juneteenth - office closed
- 6/21: Block of the Month @ 10AM
- 6/28: 5th Saturday @ 10AM



Club Reporting Information

CLUB PRESIDENTS & CHAIRMEN
Plan of Work Report Forms in leadership packet. Complete at meeting and return to Office at July Council Meeting.

June Notes



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Forms

Check individual
forms for due dates

Officer Nomination Form
Homemaker of the Year Nomination Form

OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

Check One: County _____ Area _____

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

ADDRESS OF NOMINEE _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Nomination for:(check one) President () President-Elect ()
 Vice-President () Secretary () 1st Vice-President for Program ()
 Treasurer () 2nd Vice-President for Member Resources ()

Personal Sketch of Nominee:

Hobbies _____

Offices Held in KEHA – List years served in each office at each level:

Offices Held:	Local Club	County	Area	State
President				
Vice President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Educational Chairman List:				
Committee Chairman List:				

Other: Community organizations in which the nominee has served as an officer (list and give offices held), committees served on, awards received:

By signing this form, I verify I'm an active member of KEHA and my dues are current.

To be signed by the Nominee

Additional comments on this nominee from a Homemaker member or agent. (An ability to assume leadership in Homemakers programs would be of great help, especially in the area you are submitting credentials.)

SIGNED: _____

Please do not include any information except this form and do not include additional pages. All information should be included on this form.

Grayson County Extension Homemakers Homemaker of the Year

Club Name _____

Member Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date _____

Number of years you
have been a member: _____

(If you have dropped out as an active member for any reason, add the number of years previous, and the number of years since re-joining, as your total number of years as a member.)

Offices Held

Please indicate the years of service for each position held and add additional space if necessary

<i>Local Club</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>State</i>
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President _____

Vice-President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Committee Chair _____

Lesson Leader/Cultural _____

Arts _____

Volunteer Hours

Do you keep track of your volunteer hours? Yes _____ No _____

How many volunteer hours did you have last year? _____

Short Answer Responses

Please attach a separate document answering the following questions.

1. Summarize your involvement within the Homemaker Organization for the year.
2. Summarize your involvement within the community for the year.
3. Summarize your involvement within Extension for the year.
4. List special awards or honors received from the Homemaker's Association *(such as attendance, reading, etc.)*
4. How has being a member of the Extension Homemakers affected your life?
5. Describe the way you manage your family's food supply.

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**Awards &
Contests**

KEHA Awards & Contests Contact Chart
Cultural Arts and Heritage Contest Categories

AWARDS AND CONTESTS Deadline/Contact Chart

CATEGORY	NAME OF CONTEST	FORMS and/or REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE	AWARD	CONTACT PERSON
Leadership Development	Volunteer Service Units (VSUs)	<i>See Handbook 86-87 and 89-93 Forms Appendix 19-20a</i>	Club-July 1 County-Aug. 15 Area-Sept. 15	Gift Card (1 st) Certificate (2 nd & 3 rd) (Per category)	Nancy Snouse 117 Meadowlark Road Russell, KY 41169 wsnouse@msn.com
	Community Volunteerism Award	<i>See Handbook 88</i> Club & County	March 1	Gift Card (1 st) Certificate (2 nd & 3 rd)	
	KEHA Scholarship Contributions and Local Scholarship Awards	<i>See Handbook 87</i>	Club-July 1 County-Aug. 15; December 15 (with dues); and March 1	Gift Card (1 st) Certificate (2 nd & 3 rd)	
Management & Safety	No contest will be conducted in 2024-2025				Peggy Tracy peggytracy@att.net
Cultural Arts & Heritage	Creative Writing/Poetry (1 entry/person)	<i>See Handbook 37-39</i>	March 1	Certificate (1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd)	Cindy Moore 2707 Sunnyside Road Eminence, KY 40019 502-706-0579 cjm1@bellsouth.net
	Creative Writing/Memoirs (1 entry/person)	<i>See Handbook 37-39</i>	March 1	Certificate (1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd)	
	Creative Writing/Short Story (1 entry/person)	<i>See Handbook 37-39</i>	March 1	Certificate (1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd)	
	Cultural Arts & Heritage Passport	<i>See Handbook 36</i>	July 1	\$100 prize (1 st) Certificate (2 nd & 3 rd)	
International	Most Coins Collected: • Coins for Change • KY Academy/Ghana	<i>See Handbook 73</i>	December 15 (with dues)	Gift Card (1 st) Certificate (2 nd & 3 rd)	Tammy Alford 165 Oak Ridge Road Morgantown, KY 42261 270-999-3222 tamalford@att.net
	International Projects and Programs Award	<i>See Handbook 73</i>	March 1	Gift Card (1 st) Certificate (2 nd & 3 rd)	
	One-Time International Mini Grant: Creating Welcoming Communities	<i>See Handbook 72</i>	March 1	\$500 (1 st); \$150 (2 nd); \$100 (3 rd)	
Environment, Housing & Energy	Adopt-A-Highway Awards	<i>See Handbook 49</i>	March 1	Gift Card (1 st) – county with most miles and most miles as % of membership Certificate (2 nd & 3 rd)	Rhonella Chaffin P.O. Box 1057 Louisa, KY 41230 rhonella@att.net

AWARDS AND CONTESTS, CONTINUED

CATEGORY	NAME OF CONTEST	FORMS and/or REQUIREMENTS	DEADLINE	AWARD	CONTACT PERSON
Family & Individual Development	Self-Care Contest	<i>See Handbook 55</i>	March 1	Gift Card (1 st) Certificate (2 nd & 3 rd)	Amelia Godfrey 625 Main St. Apt. 102 Paintsville, KY 41240 Meme6968@yahoo.com
	Ovarian Cancer Financial Contributions	<i>See Handbook 60</i>	December 15 (with dues)	Gift Card – Largest amount & largest amount per member Certificates – 100% participation & over \$1,000	
Food, Nutrition, & Health	First-time Ovarian Cancer Screenings – County Award	<i>See Handbook 60</i>	Club-July 1 County-Aug. 15	Gift Card (1 st) Certificate (2 nd & 3 rd)	Esther Bailey 304 Somerset St. Stanford, KY 40484 hadasah5@hotmail.com
	Ovarian Cancer Fundraising Contest	<i>See Handbook 60</i>	March 1	Gift Card (1 st) Certificate (2 nd & 3 rd)	
	Let No Child or Senior Go Hungry	<i>See Handbook 60a</i>	March 1	Gift Card (1 st) Certificate (2 nd & 3 rd)	
	Food Culture in Other Countries	<i>See Handbook 60a</i>	March 1	Gift Card (1 st) Certificate (2 nd & 3 rd)	
4-H Youth Development	Innovative Partnership Project	<i>See Handbook 64-65 (Details page 64, entry form page 65)</i>	March 1	Gift Card and \$50	Denise Boebinger 3725 Bald Knob Road Frankfort, KY 40601 dboebinger@me.com
	Volunteer Hours for 4-H (club, county, area)		March 1	Certificate and small gift	
	4-H Camp Scholarships (club, county, area)		March 1	Certificate and small gift	
Membership Recognition	Membership Increase	<i>Based upon dues submitted in December</i>	December 15 (with dues)	Certificate for counties with 25 new members. Gift Card (1 st) and certificates (2 nd & 3 rd) highest increase by number & percentage.	Martha E. Colley 204 Desert Inn Ct. Hopkinsville, KY 42240 270-839-1531 cell marthaky3@live.com
	Membership Tenure Recognitions (50, 60, 65, 70 and 75 years)	<i>See Appendix 17</i>	January 31	Listed in the KEHA State Meeting Program.	

2024-2025 CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT CATEGORIES

Categories and Subcategories

1. SEWING (Apparel & Home Decor)

- a. Basic Garment APPAREL
- b. Specialty¹ Garment APPAREL
- c. Accessory APPAREL
- d. Basic HOME DECOR
- e. Specialty¹ HOME DÉCOR

¹ b. and e. "Specialty" may include *applied and quilted*.

2. ART, 3-Dimensional

- a. Carving
- b. Sculpture

3. ART, NATURAL

- a. Wood
- b. Other

4. ART, RECYCLED (Include a before picture)

- a. Clothing
- b. Household
- c. Other

5. BASKETRY

- a. Cane
- b. Dyed Material
- c. Miniature (under 4 inch)
- d. Novelty
- e. Plain

6. BEADING

- a. Bead Weaving
- b. Non-jewelry Item/Wearable
- c. Miscellaneous

7. CERAMICS

- a. Hand-formed
- b. Molded
- c. Pre-made

8. COUNTED CROSS STITCH

- a. 14 Count & Under
- b. 16-22 Count
- c. Specialty Cloth (linens, etc.)

9. CROCHET

- a. Accessories
- b. Fashion
- c. Home Décor and Afghans
- d. Thread

10. DOLL/TOY MAKING

- a. Cloth
- b. Handmade Toy other than Porcelain/China or Cloth
- c. Porcelain/China

11. DRAWING

- a. Pastels
- b. Pen and Ink
- c. Pen and Ink with Oil Roughing
- d. Pencil or Charcoal-Black
- e. Pencil-Color

12. EMBROIDERY

- a. Basic
- b. Candle Wicking
- c. Crewel
- d. Machine
- e. Ribbon
- f. Smocking
- g. Swedish
- h. Tatting/Lace Making
- i. Chicken Scratch
- j. Punch Needle (under 60" perimeter)
- k. Miscellaneous

13. FELTING*

- a. Needle Method
- b. Wet Method

14. HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

- a. Autumn
- b. Spring
- c. Summer
- d. Winter

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15. JEWELRY

- a. Beaded
- b. Mixed Media (wire, chain maille, mixed with beads)
- c. Original Design

16. KNITTING (HAND – with knitting needles)

- a. Accessories
- b. Fashion
- c. Home Décor and Afghans

17. KNITTING (OTHER – machine / loom)

18. NEEDLEPOINT

- a. Cloth Canvas
- b. Plastic

19. PAINTING, ART

- a. Acrylic
- b. Oil
- c. Watercolor

20. PAINTING, DECORATIVE

- a. Metal
- b. Wood
- c. Other

21. PHOTOGRAPHY (mounted or framed) **

- a. Black & White
- b. Color

22. QUILTS***

- a. Baby-size or Lap-size (hand quilted)
- b. Baby-size or Lap-size (machine quilted)
- c. Hand Appliqué (hand quilted)
- d. Hand Pieced (hand quilted)
- e. Machine Appliqué (machine quilted)

22. QUILTS*** (continued)

- f. Machine Pieced (hand quilted)
- g. Machine Pieced (machine quilted)
- h. Novelty (stenciled, embroidered, miniature, etc.) (hand quilted)
- i. Novelty (stenciled, embroidered, miniature, etc.) (machine quilted)
- j. Technology Based (hand or machine quilted)
- k. Miscellaneous (hand or machine quilted)

23. PAPER CRAFTING

- a. Card Making
- b. Origami
- c. Quilling
- d. Scrapbooking****

24. RUG MAKING

- a. Braided
- b. Hooked
- c. Punch Needle, rug (over 60” perimeter)
- d. Woven

25. WALL or DOOR HANGING

- a. Fabric
- b. Other
- c. Diamond Art Mosaic

26. WEAVING

- a. Hand (macrame, caning)
- b. Loom (includes pin weaving)

27. MISCELLANEOUS (Items not included in other categories listed, otherwise they will be disqualified.)

* All felted items should be entered in the Felting category under one of the subcategories. Items that have been knitted or crocheted and wet felted should not be entered in Knitting or Crochet.

** Photographs should be either mounted and/or in a frame – MATTING and/or GLASS is OPTIONAL

***Quilts must be completely done by the KEHA member exhibitor. This includes quilting.

**** Scrapbooking entries are limited to 1 or 2 pages. If the entire scrapbook is sent, please designate pages to be judged.



24-25



**Volunteer
Service
Units**

Volunteer Service Unit (VSU) Log (copy as needed)

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County: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date	Activity/Job Performed	Hours (report in appropriate category)			
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TOTALS					

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June 2023

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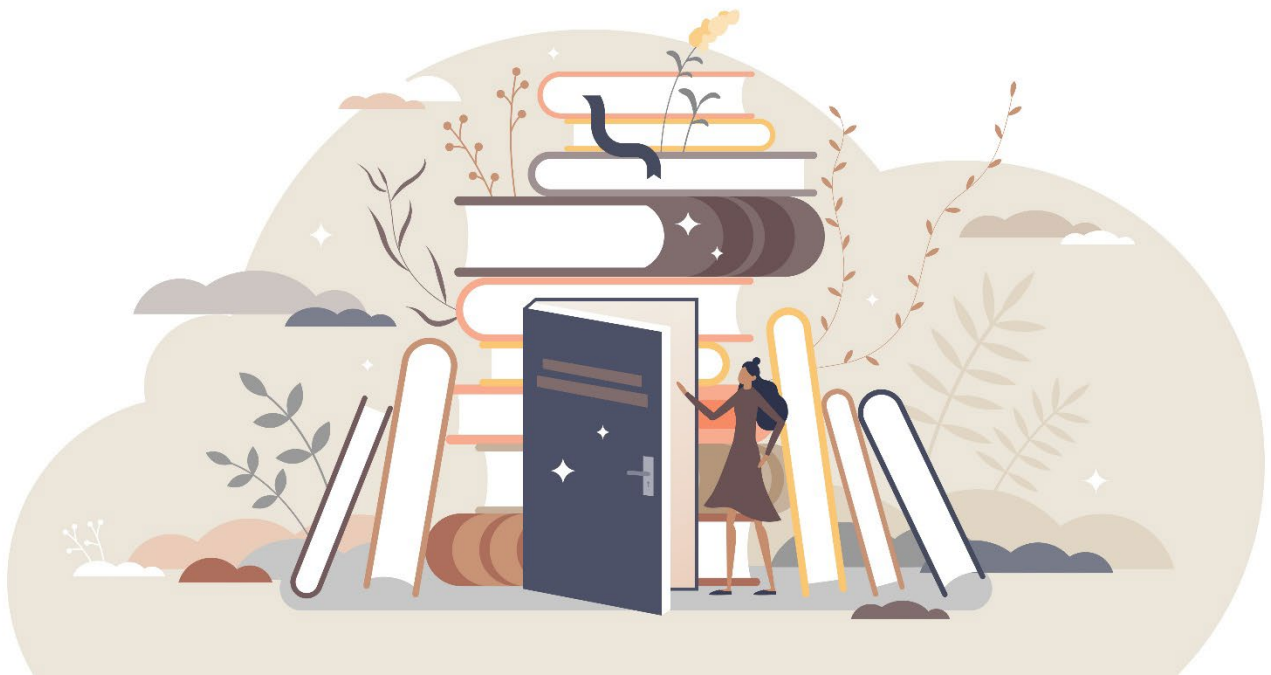
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Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association



Cultural Arts and Heritage

• Book List •
2024 - 2025

Preface

The KEHA Cultural Arts and Heritage Program area annually sponsors a reading program. Extension Homemakers may participate by reading one book from six of these nine categories (listed below). Keep a record of the books read and submit the record to the club Cultural Arts and Heritage chair. The club chair should forward that information to the county chair or to the extension agent. Qualified readers may receive the Cultural Arts Reading Award Bookmark recognition at the county level. Counties are responsible for printing their own bookmark. The bookmark is available for download on the KEHA Cultural Arts and Heritage web page.

This is only a suggested list. You may choose your own titles. Your local public librarian may have other suggestions. Local libraries usually belong to the Kentucky Library Network, which allows individuals to borrow books from other libraries through interlibrary loan. If you cannot find the book you wish to read at your local library, ask about this service.

Kelly May (KEHA State Advisor)



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All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me by *Patrick Bringley* (2023)

This is an inspiring portrait of a great museum, its hidden treasures, and the people who make it tick, written by one of its most intimate observers—a museum guard. Also included are illustrations that reviewers say, “strike just the right balance between simplicity and emotional complexity” (Kirkus Reviews 2/14/2023.)

The Art of Bob Mackie by *Frank Vlastnik, Laura Ross, et al.* (2021)

For nearly six decades, the iconic and incomparable Bob Mackie has been designing stunning, unforgettable clothing. His unique, glamorous—sometimes hilarious—creations have appeared on Broadway stages, TV screens, runways, and red carpets worldwide. For the first time, he has granted full access to his archives and personal memories to the authors of this lavish celebration of his achievements.

The Art of Collecting: Personal Treasures that Make a Home (Victoria) by *Melissa Lester* (2022)

Whether it is a passion for exquisite linens, sterling silver, or fine English china—or simply the thrill of the hunt—that entices us to sift through old attics and antiques shops, estate sales, and European flea markets, we are kindred spirits, linked by an unbridled fervor for curating our favorite things.

The Art of Home: A Designer Guide to Creating an Elevated Yet Approachable Home by *Shea McGee* (2023)

In *The Art of Home*, Shea takes us through every room of the house, starting with an explanation of the process and then guiding our entryways, living rooms, kitchens, offices, kids' rooms, and even our utility rooms. With step-by-step guides paired with her own design projects and the power of her personal stories, Shea helps us transform the most important parts of our lives and how we live.

The Art of Home by *Sara Story and Judith Nasatir* (2023)

With a keen eye for art and having spent her childhood in Japan, Singapore, and the United States, rising star designer Sara Story brings a unique perspective to all of her projects. She exacts her aesthetic vision with a style that combines modern with bohemian, creating well-collected, polished environments that feature crisp, elegant, and comfortable design gestures.

The Art of Organizing: An Artful Guide to an Organized Life by *Nicole Gabai* (2023)

In this unique book using the color wheel as its guide, artist and professional organizer Nicole Gabai presents her six-step organizing system, using delightful illustrations and colorful reference points to keep you inspired every step of the way in your organizing project. *The Art of Organizing* is a whimsical and artfully illustrated definitive guide to organizing your life.

The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession by *Michael Finkel* (2023)

The Art Thief tells of the many heists committed by Stéphane Breitwieser, until his inevitable downfall. Proving both his craft and obsession, he successfully stole over three hundred pieces of art to admire in his own personal collection. However, disregarding the increasing risk and his partners warnings, Breitwieser's uncontrollable desire leads to his capture during one final score.

The Come Up: An Oral History of the Rise of Hip-Hop by *Jonathan Abrams* (2022)

A culmination of hundreds of interviews, personal accounts, and over three years of work to record the history and art of hip-hop. Originating in 1973 from a party in the Bronx, and it now is the most popular music genre in America, influencing fashion, art, and language. The Come Up provides a voice to the pioneers that made hip-hop what it is today.

Baking Yesteryear: The Best Recipes from the 1900s to the 1980s by *B. Dylan Hollis* (2023)

A true cookbook of the ages to challenge the mundane. Hollis takes readers on a curated trip remarking on the many surprisingly delicious recipes of the past century. Including the unusual gems of Chocolate Sauerkraut Cake and Potato Chip Cookies, experience a culinary journey with humor mixed in.

Barbie Takes the Catwalk: A Style Icon's History in Fashion by *Karan Feder* (2023)

Barbie has always been a fashion icon, with a wardrobe of looks inspired by the world's great fashion designers, and inspiring them as well with her signature style. From decade-defining designs by formidable fashion royalty such as Dior, Balenciaga, Yves St. Laurent, Pucci, and Chanel, to skateboard culture and rave fashion, Barbie doll's outfits have reflected the fashion and the time.

Country Living Farmhouse Style: Warm and Welcoming Rustic Homes by *Caroline McKenzie and Country Living* (2023)

Step inside 20 beautifully-designed homes and discover how to create the cozy and practical country vibe. This collection of classic and modern farmhouses inspires easy and comfortable living in every room. Just add rustic country charm to make your own home your favorite place to be.

The Gift of Home: Beauty and Inspiration to Make Every Space a Special Place by *Bre Doucette* (2022)

Bre Doucette is here to help you break free from your decorating disillusionment with expert advice on how to view your home from a new perspective, overcome the obstacles that keep you from trying new ideas, and be happy in the here and now as you transform your spaces into places filled with warmth, joy, and love.

Landings by Arwen Donahue (2022)

This is part memoir, part art book, with an introduction by “New York Times” bestselling author Barbara Kingsolver. In 130 ink-and-watercolor drawings, the story of one year on a family farm in Kentucky unfolds in captured moments of daily life: Donahue's husband chopping wood, a cow sniffing her head, her daughter tending to goats after a hard day at school.

Making Things: Finding Use, Meaning, and Satisfaction in Crafting Everyday Objects by Erin Boyle and Rose Pearlman (2024)

Through easy-to-follow tutorials for over 100 projects that are both accessible and aspirational, *Making Things* invites readers to try their hands at a variety of crafts and celebrate the satisfaction that comes from slowly and carefully creating for oneself. Learn to fold magazine pages into Masu Boxes for organizing bits and bobs, make a cardboard loom for weaving potholders out of old linens, or braid your own Kumihimo Dog Leash, etc.

The Soul of Gift Wrapping: Creative Techniques for Expressing Gratitude, Inspired by the Japanese Art of Giving by Megumi Lorna Inouye and Beth Kempton (2024)

Drawing on the gift-giving traditions of her Japanese heritage, Inouye explores how the act of giving a thoughtfully wrapped gift can be a creative, caring act for both the giver and the receiver. Using recycled and repurposed materials, Inouye’s approach inspires readers to think intentionally about the presentation of every gift.

Style: The Art of Creating a Beautiful Home by Natalie Walton (2022)

Style: The Art of Creating a Beautiful Home is a timeless interiors book that shows you how to transform your living spaces using what you own and love. Based on more than a decade of industry experience and teaching, this book will show you how to connect with your own personal style and enjoy inspiring, welcoming and authentic interiors. Styling is both an art and a science – and you can learn both.

BIOGRAPHY

All My Knotted-Up Life: A Memoir by Beth Moore (2023)

New York Times best-selling author, speaker, visionary, and founder of Living Proof Ministries Beth Moore has devoted her whole life to helping women across the globe come to know the transforming power of Jesus. An established writer of many acclaimed books and Bible studies for women on spiritual growth and personal development, Beth now unveils her own story in a much-anticipated debut memoir.

American Ramble: A Walk of Memory and Renewal by Neil King (2024)

Neil King Jr.’s desire to walk from Washington, D.C., to New York City began as a whim and soon became an obsession. By the spring of 2021, events had intervened that gave his desire greater urgency. His neighborhood still reeled from the January 6th insurrection. COVID lockdowns and a rancorous election had deepened America’s divides. Neil himself bore the imprints of a long battle with cancer.

An Uncommon Woman: The Life of Lydia Hamilton Smith by *Mark Kelley* (2023)

Lydia Hamilton Smith (1813-1884) was a prominent African American businesswoman in Pennsylvania, and the longtime housekeeper and life companion of the state's abolitionist congressman Thaddeus Stevens. In his biography of this remarkable woman, Mark Kelley reveals how Smith sheltered people on the Underground Railroad, managed Stevens's household, acquired property, and crossed racialized social boundaries.

Bad Vibes Only: And Other Things I Bring to the Table by *Nora McInerny* (2022)

Essays that explore our aggressively over optimistic culture, obsession with self-improvement, and how to live authentically. A reminder that a life worth living is about more than just good vibes.

Being Elisabeth Elliot by *Ellen Vaughn* (2023)

Elisabeth Elliot was a young missionary in Ecuador when members of a remote Amazonian indigenous people group killed her husband Jim and his four colleagues. Despite this tragic loss, she stayed in the jungle with her young daughter to minister to the very people who had thrown the spears, demonstrating the power of forgiveness.

Being Henry: The Fonz . . . and Beyond by *Henry Winkler* (2023)

Henry Winkler, launched into prominence as “The Fonz” in the beloved *Happy Days*, has transcended the role that made him who he is. Brilliant, funny, and widely-regarded as the nicest man in Hollywood, Henry shares in this achingly vulnerable memoir the disheartening truth of his childhood, the difficulties of a life with severe dyslexia, the pressures of a role that takes on a life of its own, and the path forward once your wildest dream seems behind you.

Breaking Through: My Life in Science by *Katalin Karikó* (2023)

Breaking through is a memoir of Karikó’s commitment to the world of science and understanding the medical capabilities of mRNA. Her research in mRNA’s lead to the development of vaccines for COVID-19, protecting millions. Breaking through is a journey of trials and determination, in the pursuit to further science and save lives.

Broken Water: An Extraordinary True Story by *Barbara Lane* (2023)

In this true story of resilience in the face of hardship, Barbara Lane and her sister Kay survive abandonment by their mother only to face severe abuse while living in foster care: the home of a Mafia grunt.

Coming Home by *Brittney Griner and Michelle Burford* (2024)

In *Coming Home*, Brittney finally shares the harrowing details of her sudden arrest days before Russia invaded Ukraine; her bewilderment and isolation while navigating a foreign legal system amid her trial and sentencing; her emotional and physical anguish as the first American woman ever to endure a Russian penal colony; the chilling prisoner swap with Russian arms dealer Viktor Bout; and her rise from hostage to global spokesperson on behalf of America’s forgotten.

The Country Gentleman: The Untold, and Inspiring Story of Allen Karl Sterner by Julie Richardson (2023)

This is the life story of Country Music's most respected, Country Gentleman. Known for his place in the Country Music Hall of Fame as well as the Cherokee National Hall of Fame - his story of humble beginnings and hardship laid the foundation of the man he was to become.

Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships by Nina Totenberg (2022)

Four years before Nina Totenberg was hired at NPR, where she cemented her legacy as a prizewinning reporter, and nearly twenty-two years before Ruth Bader Ginsburg was appointed to the Supreme Court, Nina called Ruth. A reporter for *The National Observer*, Nina was curious about Ruth's legal brief, asking the Supreme Court to do something revolutionary: declare a law that discriminated "on the basis of sex" to be unconstitutional. This memoir describes their nearly fifty-year friendship.

Dolly Parton Behind the Seams: My Life in Rhinestones by Dolly Parton (2023)

Global superstar Dolly Parton shares, for the first time, the full story behind her lifelong passion for fashion, including how she developed her own, distinctly Dolly style, which has endeared her to fans around the world. Filled with candor, humor, and lots and lots of rhinestones, this book is an indispensable guide to forging your own path to beauty and confidence.

Happy Landings: Emilie Loring's Life, Writing, and Wisdom by Patti Bender Ph.D (2023)

With a career spanning 40 years, Emilie Baker Loring saw millions of her books sold during her lifetime. *Happy Landings: Emilie Loring's Life, Writing and Wisdom* shares this best-selling author's uplifting story for the first time. Loring's books brimmed with intricate plot twists, intense imagery, and page-turning excitement, setting her works apart from the drugstore novels of the early- to mid-20th century. Her oft-quoted phrases are part of the American lexicon.

I Heard Her Call My Name: A Memoir of Transition by Lucy Sante (2024)

A memoir of internal discord and self-realization. Born in Belgium to a working-class Catholic family, before moving to New York, Sante witnessed an array of fates in her community. This is a recollection of her life and her transition after sixty years living a façade of an identity.

Living with Down Syndrome, One Woman's Journey by Leanna Echols (2023)

The author is from Murray and the book contains excerpts from her journals.

Making It So: A Memoir by Patrick Stewart (2023)

From his acclaimed stage triumphs to his legendary onscreen work in the Star Trek and X-Men franchises, Sir Patrick Stewart has captivated audiences around the world and across multiple generations. Now, he presents his memoir, *Making It So*, a revealing portrait of an artist whose astonishing life—from his humble beginnings in Yorkshire, England, to the heights of Hollywood—proves a story as exuberant, definitive, and enduring as the author himself.

Mind Over Matter: Hard-Won Battles on the Road to Hope by *Jordin Tootoo and Stephen Brunt* (2023)

For some hockey players, retirement marks the moment when it's all over. But Jordin Tootoo is not most hockey players. Having inspired millions when he first broke into the league, Tootoo continued to influence people throughout his career—not only through his very public triumph over alcoholism, but also his natural charisma. And now, years after hanging up his skates, he is more committed to doing things the right way and speaking about it to others.

My Friend Anne Frank: The Inspiring and Heartbreaking True Story of Best Friends Torn Apart and Reunited Against All Odds by *Hannah Pick-Goslar and Dina Kraft* (2023)

In 1933, Hannah Pick-Goslar and her family fled Nazi Germany to live in Amsterdam, where she struck up a close friendship with her next-door neighbor, an outspoken and fun-loving young girl named Anne Frank. For several years, the inseparable pair enjoyed a carefree childhood. But in 1942, as the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam progressed, Anne and the Frank family seemingly vanished, leaving behind unmade beds and dishes in the sink. Torn from her dear friend without warning, Hannah spent the next two years wondering if Anne managed to escape danger.

No Ordinary Assignment: A Memoir by *Jane Ferguson* (2023)

Jane Ferguson has covered nearly every war front and humanitarian crisis of our time. She reported from Yemen as protests grew into the Arab Spring; she secured rare access to rebel-held Syria, where foreign journalists were banned, to cover its civil war. When the Taliban claimed Kabul in 2021, she was one of the last Western journalists to remain at the airport as thousands of Afghans, including some of her colleagues, struggled to evacuate.

Nothing Is Missing: A Memoir of Living Boldly by *Nicole Walters* (2023)

Raised in a home where food was unstable and anger was the norm, Nicole learned early that she needed to take charge of her life. She got into an elite school by talking to a stranger in her dad's cab, she strategized her way onto Wheel of Fortune to pay for college, she adopted three girls after meeting their mother panhandling, she quit her job to launch her own business, and she struggled.

Not That Fancy: Simple Lessons on Living, Loving, Eating, and Dusting Off Your Boots by *Reba McEntire* (2023)

The best things in life are really not that fancy. This photo-driven book featuring all-things-Reba invites you to get back to the basics of life: fun, food, friends, and family. In her first book in over two decades, actress and country music legend Reba McEntire takes you behind the scenes and shares the stories, recipes, and Oklahoma-style truths that guide her life.

A Place Called Home: A Memoir by *David Ambroz* (2022)

There are millions of homeless children in America today and in *A Place Called Home*, award-winning child welfare advocate David Ambroz writes about growing up homeless in New York for eleven years and his subsequent years in foster care, offering a window into what so many kids living in poverty experience every day.

Running Strong: The best, inspiring, revealing memoir for every woman this Mother's Day 2023 by *Candice Warner* (2023)

From her beginnings as Australia's youngest Ironwoman and the joys and heartbreak of elite sport, to being publicly shamed as a woman, and her crucial role in Australia's most successful and highest profile partnership, this story is about climbing back from rock bottom, the power of creating precious sanctuary for yourself and protecting the people closest to you.

Three Ordinary Girls: The Remarkable Story of Three Dutch Teenagers Who Became Spies, Saboteurs, Nazi Assassins--and WWII Heroes by *Tim Brady* (2021)

May 10, 1940. The Netherlands was swarming with Third Reich troops. In seven days it's entirely occupied by Nazi Germany. Joining a small resistance cell in the Dutch city of Haarlem were three teenage girls: Hannie Schaft, and sisters Truus and Freddie Oversteegen who would soon band together to form a singular female underground squad.

Wake Up With Purpose!: What I've Learned in My First Hundred Years by *Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt* (2023)

Part life story, part philosophy text, and part spiritual guide, Sister Jean's wit, wisdom, and common sense has broad appeal and application that transcends religious creed, belief, and even feelings on Loyola's basketball team.

What Have We Here? Portraits of a Life by *Billy Dee Williams* (2024)

From Brian's Song to Lando in the Star Wars saga, What Have We Here follows the life and career of legendary actor Billy Dee Williams. Williams sought to avoid being type casted and lived a career of being anyone he wished. Read as he recalls his debut working with Lotte Lenya, studies with Diahanna Carroll, and receiving life changing advice from the great Paul Muni.

The Wingmen: The Unlikely, Unusual, Unbreakable Friendship Between John Glenn and Ted Williams by *Adam Lazarus* (2023)

The untold story of the unique fifty-year friendship between two American icons: John Glenn, the unassailable pioneer of space exploration and Ted Williams, indisputably the greatest hitter in baseball history.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

The Allergy-Friendly Cookbook: Simple Recipes for the Whole Family by *Elizabeth Pecoraro* (2023)

Registered dietitian Elizabeth Pecoraro teaches families with allergies to cook simple, healthy, delicious meals that are completely free of the top nine allergens: peanuts, tree nuts, egg, milk, wheat, soy, fish, shellfish, and sesame. With each recipe, she also provides substitution options, nutrition notes, and cooking tips. In addition, she shares which allergy-friendly manufacturers she trusts for her own family.

The Art of Beautiful Tables: A treasury of inspiration and ideas for anyone who loves gracious entertaining by *Melissa Lester* (2023)

This is a showcase of table settings that span the spectrum from casual to formal affairs. Crystal goblets catching the glimmer of candlelight, polished-to-perfection sterling silver placed precisely beside delicately patterned English bone china, a snow-white linen cloth edged in the finest Bruges lace—together these elements form the foundation for an elegant table setting.

The Art of Repair: Mindful mending: how to stitch old things to new life by *Molly Martin* (2022)

In *The Art of Repair*, Molly explores the humble origins of repair and how the act of mending a cherished item carefully by hand offers not just a practical solution but nourishment for the soul. Using her own beautiful illustrations, she guides us through the basics of the craft - from piecing and patching to the ancient Japanese art of Sashiko.

The Art of Tablescaping: Deck Out Your Table with the Queen of Theme by *Bugsy Drake and Sandy Yawn* (2021)

Featuring step-by-step instructions for building your own enchanting events, this book is packed full of inventive ideas and design hacks, on-the-job stories and lessons learned. Get inspired by iconic tablescapes, from rustic outdoor gatherings to glam-as-all-get-out soirees, then follow tips for getting your own party started.

Back to the Land: A New Way of Life in the Country: Foraging, Cheesemaking, Beekeeping, Syrup Tapping, Beer Brewing, Orchard Tending , Vegetable ... Ecological Farming in the Hudson River Valley by *Pieter Estersohn* (2024)

As a lifestyle choice, many people have recently made an exodus from the city to the country. One area in particular, the Hudson River Valley is booming because of legacy farmers and newcomers' mutual respect for the land. This inspirational survey presents a broad cross section of individuals who are flocking to this bucolic region and providing their considerable newfound knowledge on such topics as vegetable farming, tending a fruit orchard, canning and pickling, foraging, harvesting biodynamic honey, brewing beer, baking bread from local grains, and much more.

BEGINNERS GUIDE TO LIVING OFF-GRID: Simple Do-It-Yourself Projects to Introduce Your Family to a Self-Sustaining Lifestyle by *Dave Phillips* (2024)

A sustainable life away from the stress of the modern world... with healthy, happy children? It sounds like a dream... but you can make it a reality. Do you dream of a life away from the noise of the city? A view of the stars at night in peace and quiet? The world is unstable, and modern life is so hectic and filled with tiny stressors that we live in a constant state of low-level stress.

The Book of Boundaries: Set the Limits That Will Set You Free by *Melissa Urban* (2022)

Boundaries are important in protecting your energy, time, and the health of your relationships. This book has 130+ scripts to support yourself when setting boundaries in your personal and professional relationships and everyday encounters. Find clarity and compassion in setting limits for yourself, those around you, and overcoming the pressures you might face along the way.

Freeze Drying Cookbook for Beginners: A Complete Guide to Freeze Drying Food, from Benefits and Advantages to Equipment and Accessories, with Freeze Drying Recipes for Your Family, Pets, and Preppers by *Keith Lentz* (2024)

You'll also find over 120 delicious and easy-to-follow recipes for your family, pets, and preppers, covering breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, desserts, and more. You'll be amazed by the variety and quality of food you can freeze dry, from fruits and vegetables to meats and dairy products, from breads and cakes to soups and stews, from pet treats to survival meals.

Garden Grown: Garden-to-Table Recipes to Make the Most of Your Bounty by *Julia Dzafic* (2024)

On her blog *Lemon Stripes*, Julia Dzafic shares her life—motherhood, decor, lifestyle, wellness, cooking, and more—with thousands of readers. Julia's husband is an avid gardener, and over the years, she has been taking their garden's bounty and experimenting with new recipes in the kitchen.

The Garden Maker's Book of Wonder: 162 Recipes, Crafts, Tips, Techniques, and Plants to Inspire You in Every Season by *Allison Vallin Kostovick* (2023)

Drawing on decades of gardening experience and illustrated with vibrant photography from her own home and garden, the author offers sage advice on growing bountiful harvests of favorite vegetables, herbs, and flowers. All levels of gardeners will enjoy the variety and creativity of Kostovick's projects, activities, and recipes for enjoying the magic and whimsy of the natural world.

Growing Seasons: Heartfelt Recipes, DIY Style and Décor, and Inspiration to Help You Find Beauty and Wonder in Each Day by *Kristin Johns* (2023)

Kristin Johns long dreamed of putting together a book of favorite recipes, ideas for interiors, and reflections on faith, family, and love. *Growing Seasons* is a gorgeously photographed collection of stories, recipes, and inspiration that encourages us to step into each day with courage and authenticity, and to embrace every season of life.

Heirloom Skills: A Complete Guide to Modern Homesteading by *Anders Rydell and Alva Herdevall* (2023)

100 ways to embrace the simple life, with instructions for keeping chickens, growing vegetables, bee keeping, churning butter, making beer and wine, arranging flowers, soap making, and more! This is a home-management book for the twenty-first century. The authors combine traditional methods with modern ideas to show that a higher degree of self-sufficiency is possible for everyone.

House + Love = Home: Creating Warm, Intentional Spaces for a Beautiful Life by *Jenny Marris and Dave Marris* (2023)

Beloved by millions of fans, Jenny and Dave Marris have built and remodeled hundreds of homes over the last two decades, creating joyful, warm, and thoughtful makeovers in each one. Now they share their journey of establishing their own home, an ever-growing family, and a busy, sustainable business. Woven throughout are wonderful essays by Jenny about their lives on the Marris farm and how they seek to live intentionally with a deep abiding faith and purpose.

Little House Living: The Make-Your-Own Guide to a Frugal, Simple, and Self-Sufficient Life
by *Merissa A. Alink* (2021)

Inspired by this gesture of kindness as well as the beloved *Little House on the Prairie* books, Merissa was determined to live an entirely made-from-scratch life, and as a result, she rescued her household budget—saving thousands of dollars a year. Now, she reveals the powerful and moving lessons she’s learned after years of homesteading, homemaking, and cooking from scratch.

Lord Honey by *Jason Smith* (2023)

A really fun cookbook. Jason Smith makes some delicious looking recipes. Makes me want to try them. They seem to be easy and do not require ingredients that you would have to run out and buy. Plus, Jason Smith is from Kentucky and his dishes are decidedly Southern with a slight twist. His comments on the recipes make you feel right at home.

Love Language of the South: A Celebration of the Food, the Hospitality, and the Stories of My Southern Home by *Stacy Lyn Harris* (2024)

This memoir of southern culinary culture, regional traditions, and easy-to-follow recipes also features hospitality tips and entertaining tools for novice and experienced hosts alike. Featuring an index designed to help cooks with meal planning, and find content by course, this cookbook will make cooking fun and productive.

Make It Easy: A Healthy Meal Prep and Menu Planning Guide [A Cookbook] by *Danielle Walker* (2024)

In this practical guide to meal prepping and menu planning, beloved author Danielle Walker removes all the guess work from your daily effort to get food on the table. *Make It Easy* presents fifteen weeks of menus, along with prep-ahead and make-ahead tips, shopping lists organized by grocery store departments, and proven methods for getting it all done quickly and effortlessly.

Marie Kondo's Kurashi at Home: How to Organize Your Space and Achieve Your Ideal Life (The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up) by *Marie Kondo* (2022)

Inspired by the Japanese concept of *kurashi*, or “way of life,” *Kurashi at Home* invites you to visualize your best life from the moment you wake up until the end of each day. By applying Marie Kondo's time-tested query—“Does it spark joy?”—to your mindset and behaviors, you are invited to take an even more holistic and personal approach to curating your environment by imagining what your life could look like full of connection and free from any limitations.

Misunderstood Vegetables: How to Fall in Love with Sunchokes, Rutabaga, Eggplant, and More by *Becky Selengut* (2024)

Selengut, a chef, culinary instructor, food journalist, and author of cookbooks believes there is no such thing as a bad vegetable; there are just misunderstood ones. Her book is arranged seasonally, with each vegetable receiving an overview providing historic, scientific, and nutritional information, along with tips on purchasing, storing, cooking, and substitutions. Three clearly written recipes follow for each vegetable along with vivid photos.

Never Enough: When Achievement Culture Becomes Toxic-and What We Can Do About It by Jennifer Breheeny Wallace (2023)

Explore the ways in which the rising achievement culture is and already has become toxic for children's upbringing. There is a constant pressure on children convincing them to take advanced courses, do resume-padding activities, and giving up time to build relationships in order to commit their time to getting into a successful college or career. Wallace provides a framework to support today's youth in a world demanding them to seek opportunities to get ahead.

No Place Like Home: An anthology about the places we come back to by Michèle Mendelssohn (2022)

No Place Like Home: An anthology about the places we come back to, writers from around the world celebrate the comfort of home, capturing its emotional power and sharing nostalgia for what we leave behind. There are extracts from the likes of Louisa May Alcott, Kenneth Graham and Charlotte Brontë as well as lesser known but no less insightful poets and writers to discover.

Organizing for the Rest of Us: 100 Realistic Strategies to Keep Any House Under Control by Dana K. White (2022)

Traditional organizing advice never worked for decluttering expert and self-proclaimed recovering slob Dana K. White. Is it possible, she wondered, to get organized without color coding my sock drawer? As Dana let go of the need for perfection, she discovered the joy of having an organized house in the midst of everyday life. You can too!

Poverty, by America by Matthew Desmond (2023)

Taking a close look at how the richest country in the world faces the largest poverty population of any other advanced democratic society. Desmond illustrates how America is built on a system that benefits the rich and keeps those in poverty poor. He expands on the ways in which we think of this problem and provides an ambitious case for ending poverty in America.

Seasons at the Farm: Year-Round Celebrations at the Elliott Homestead by Shaye Elliott (2021)

Shaye Elliott shares how she celebrates family and farm traditions year-round in *Seasons at the Farm*. With her engaging storytelling and gorgeous full-color photos, Shaye brings to life how to entertain simply yet beautifully without mortgaging the farm. Simple recipes, decorating advice, and projects make this an inspirational and aspirational sequel to her beloved previous books.

The Self-Reliant Kitchen: From-Scratch Recipes for the Heart of Your Homestead by Michelle Mullennix (2024)

The Self-Reliant Kitchen will feature simple scratch made recipes with farm-to-table inspired ingredients, the staples for every homesteader's kitchen, and teach traditional homemaking skills such as homemade butter, jams, the art of sourdough, and simple canning recipes. Learn how to replace manufactured, over processed store-bought food items one recipe at a time.

The Sensory Home: An Inspiring Guide to Mindful Decorating by Pippa Jameson (2022)

Understand whether your home is working for or against you. Layout, color, texture, scent, lighting and more can be used to create a calming or stimulating environment according to your family's unique needs, including for neurodiverse individuals. This book offers hints and tips as well as long-term solutions to bring your vision of a warm, inviting and harmonious home to life.

Simple Country Living: Techniques, Recipes, and Wisdom for the Garden, Kitchen, and Beyond by Annette Thurmon (2024)

Join homesteader and founder of Azure Farm, Annette Thurmon, to connect with nature on a deeper level. In *Simple Country Living*, you'll find a sampler covering **homesteading techniques** that can be put to work no matter where you live. Recipes, tips, tricks, and family activities will help you reduce waste, save money, and harness new skills.

The Ultimate Homesteader's Handbook: Mastering Cultivating Mushrooms, Raising Chickens, Food Preservation, and Growing Nutrient-Rich Foods for a Self-Sufficient Haven by Benz Joe, Keaton Erickson, et al. (2024)

Have you dreamed of living off the land, creating your food source, and fostering a life of resilience and sustainability? This guide offers you practical, hands-on advice, regardless of your experience level or living situation. It paves the way for you to conquer the challenges of homesteading while ensuring the journey is as rewarding as the destination.

FICTION

A Better World: A Novel by Sarah Langan (2024)

A cunning, outside-the-box satirical thriller about a family's odyssey into an exclusive enclave for the wealthy that might not be as ideal as it seems. The Farmer-Bowens family visits Plymouth Valley, a walled-off company town with clean air, pantries that never go empty, and blue-ribbon schools. When offered a job, the family jumps at the opportunity. They'd be crazy not to take it. With the outside world falling apart, this might be the Farmer-Bowens' last chance.

The Bandit Queens by Parini Shroff (2023)

There is a theme of oppression and abuse in every society which is explored in this particular setting in a rural village in India. The Bandit Queen was a real person, born poor, born low caste and born a woman. Her parents married the very young headstrong daughter to a man "thrice her age." She becomes a legend and an idol to some, like the story's main character, Greta.

The Bee Sting by Paul Murray (2023)

A family on the brink of collapse from internal anxieties and external pressures. An apocalyptic-prepper husband with a failing car dealership. A wife half-heartedly avoiding the advances of the local farmer. A daughter that is content on drinking her way through classes she once excelled in. A son who plans on running away from this dysfunctional family. The Bee Sting questions: how far back would you have to go to change this bleak reality?

The Book Club Hotel by Sarah Morgan (2023)

With its historic charm and picture-perfect library, the Maple Sugar Inn is considered the ultimate vacation destination. But widowed far too young, and exhausted from juggling the hotel while being a dedicated single mom, Hattie Coleman dreams only of making it through each day. When her lifelong friends, who seem to have it all, come visit, it changes everything. Their close friendships have carried them through life's ups and downs. But Hattie can see her friends' emotional baggage, as her own life is about to become entwined in theirs.

By Any Other Name: A Novel by Jodi Picoult (2024)

Young playwright Melina Green has just written a new work inspired by the life of her Elizabethan ancestor Emilia Bassano. But seeing it performed is unlikely, in a theater world where the playing field isn't level for women. Her best friend submits the play to a festival under a male pseudonym. This sweeping tale of ambition, courage, and desire centers two women who are determined to create something beautiful despite the prejudices they face.

A Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci (2024)

Set in the tumultuous year of 1968 in southern Virginia, a racially-charged murder case sets a duo of white and Black lawyers against a deeply unfair system as they work to defend their wrongfully-accused Black defendants in this courtroom drama. Jack Lee, a white lawyer who has never done anything to push back against racism, decides to represent black man charged with brutally killing an elderly and wealthy white couple. Lee quickly finds himself out of his depth when he realizes that what is at stake is far greater than the outcome of a murder trial.

Daughter of Mine: A Novel by Megan Miranda (2024)

Hazel's father was the town detective, her mother a notorious criminal. Now the secrets of her hometown are coming to the surface...and changing everything. When Hazel inherits her childhood home, she's warily drawn back to the town she left behind almost a decade earlier. A drought has descended on the region, and as the water level in the lake drops, secrets begin to emerge, including evidence that may help finally explain the mystery of her mother's disappearance.

The Echo of Old Books by Barbara Davis (2023)

Rare-book dealer Ashlyn Greer's affinity for books extends beyond the intoxicating scent of old paper, ink, and leather. She can feel the echoes of the books' previous owners an emotional fingerprint only she can read. When Ashlyn discovers a pair of beautifully bound volumes that appear to have never been published, her gift quickly becomes an obsession.

The First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray (2023)

The daughter of formerly enslaved parents, Mary McLeod Bethune refuses to back down as white supremacists attempt to thwart her work. First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, is eager to make her acquaintance. Initially drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education, Mary and Eleanor become fast friends confiding their secrets, hopes and dreams—and holding each other's hands through tragedy and triumph.

The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County: A Novel by *Claire Swinarski* (2024)

Armed with a Crock-Pot and a pile of recipes, a grandmother, her granddaughter, and a mysterious young man work to bring a community together. Esther Larson has been cooking for funerals for seventy years. Known locally as the “funeral ladies,” she and her cohort have worked hard to keep the mourners in her town fed. But, after falling for an internet scam that puts her home at risk, the proud Larson family matriarch is the one in need of help these days.

The Girl from Guernica by *Karen Robards* (2022)

In 1937, young Sibi, her sisters and mother, experience the bombing of Guernica that brings tragedy to her family. Returning to Germany where her father lives, Sibi joins the underground resistance and becomes involved in a web of secrets that threatens to decimate her family once and for all. This book describes the bonds of family and the courage of women in wartime.

The Girls We Sent Away: A Novel by *Meagan Church* (2024)

It's the 1960s and Lorraine Delford has it all – an upstanding family, a perfect boyfriend, and a white picket fence home in North Carolina. Yet every time she looks through her father's telescope, she dreams of the stars. It's ambitious, but Lorraine has always been exceptional. But when this darling girl-next-door gets pregnant, she's forced to learn firsthand the realities that keep women grounded.

The Heiress: A Novel by *Rachel Hawkins* (2024)

When Ruby McTavish Callahan Woodward Miller Kenmore dies, she's not only North Carolina's richest woman, she's also its most notorious. But in the aftermath of her death, her adopted son wants little to do with the house or the money—and even less to do with the surviving McTavishes. Instead, he rejects his inheritance, settling into a normal life as an English teacher in Colorado, marrying a woman just as eager to escape her own messy past. Ten years later, his uncle's death pulls him back into the inescapable family fold.

The House on Biscayne Bay by *Chanel Cleeton* (2024)

With the Great War finally behind them, many Americans flock to South Florida with their sights set on making a fortune. When wealthy industrialist Robert Barnes and his wife, Anna, build Marbrisa, a glamorous estate on Biscayne Bay, they become the toast of the newly burgeoning society. Anna and Robert appear to have it all, but in a town like Miami, appearances can be deceiving, and one scandal can change everything.

I Have to Save Them: Inspired by a true story, a totally heartbreaking and utterly gripping World War 2 by *Ellie Midwood* (2024)

Inspired by the incredible true story of Orli Reichert, this unforgettable World War Two novel brings to life the powerful tale of a woman who risked everything to fight against evil. Fans of *The Choice* and *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* will be utterly gripped by this unputdownable page-turner.

Just for the Summer by Abby Jimenez (2024)

Justin has a curse, and thanks to a Reddit thread, it's now all over the internet. Every woman he dates goes on to find their soul mate the second they break up. When a woman slides into his DMs with the same problem, they come up with a plan: They'll date each other and break up. Their curses will cancel each other's out, and they'll both go on to find the love of their lives. It's a bonkers idea... and it just might work.

The Kitchen Front by Jennifer Ryan (2022)

Two years into World War II, Britain is feeling her losses: The Nazis have won battles, the Blitz has destroyed cities, and U-boats have cut off the supply of food. In an effort to help housewives with food rationing, a BBC radio program called The Kitchen Front is holding a cooking contest and the grand prize is a job as the program's first-ever female co-host. For four very different women, winning the competition would present a crucial chance to change their lives.

The Land Beneath Us - Sunrise at Normandy by Sarah Sundin (2020)

1943, Private Paxton trains with US Army Rangers at Camp Forrest, Tennessee. He makes friends with Leah Jones who works as a librarian at Camp Forrest. She was raised in an orphanage and was separated from her twin baby sisters. Paxton marries Leah after she is attacked and becomes pregnant. He is deployed and they fall in love with their letter writing to each other.

Lark Ascending by Silas House (2022)

Set in a future America, fires are destroying the land and persecuting religious nationalists are in power. Lark and his family leave Maryland for Maine to escape, but nowhere is safe. The family heads to Ireland on an overcrowded boat, that is the last place on earth rumored to be accepting American refugees. Upon arrival, it turns out that Ireland no longer accepts refugees and Lark must seek a safe harbor elsewhere with his companions.

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus (2022)

Elizabeth Zott dreams of being a scientist is challenged by the times in which she lives (1950-1960). She is unable to finish her degree because of the fragile egos of the male faculty. She goes on to become a prominent tv personality using the science knowledge.

The Lost Girls of Willowbrook: A Heartbreaking Novel of Survival Based on True History by Ellen Marie Wiseman (2022)

Girl, Interrupted meets American Horror Story in 1970s Staten Island, as the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Orphan Collector* blends fact, fiction, and the urban legend of Cropsey for a haunting story about a young woman mistakenly imprisoned at Willowbrook State School – the real state-run institution that Geraldo Rivera would later expose for its horrifying abuses.

Maybe Next Time by *Cesca Major* (2023)

Emma is having an ordinary day. Too much stress, too many commitments, too much social media and then she forgets to do the one thing she really needed to do—write Dan the love of her life an anniversary letter. A terrible day with an even worse ending. But wait, she wakes in the morning, and it starts all over again. Can she change the outcome? Can she get her life back on track? Can she save her husband and help her children cope?

Meadow Falls by *Carolyn Brown* (2024)

An emotional novel about a small-town Texas family, forgiveness, and coming to terms with the past by *New York Times* bestselling author Carolyn Brown. Angela Marie has spent all of her thirty-five years on Meadow Falls, the farm that's been in her Texas family for generations. It wasn't her plan. It was an obligation. Now that her parents—less loving kin than strangers—have passed, the whole shebang belongs to Angela. And a legacy she never wanted is hers to uphold.

The Memory Library by *Kate Storey* (2024)

For forty-two years, Sally Harrison has been building a library. Each year, on her daughter's birthday, she adds a new book to her shelves – with a note in the front dedicated to her own greatest work. But Ella – Sally's only child – fled to Australia twenty-one years ago after a heated exchange, and never looked back. And though Sally still dutifully adds a new paperback each year, her hopes of her daughter ever thumbing through the pages are starting to dwindle.

Mockingbird Summer: A Novel by *Lynda Rutledge* (2024)

A powerful and emotional coming-of-age novel set amid the turmoil and profound changes of the 1960s. In segregated High Cotton, Texas, in 1964, the racial divide is as clear, and two girls plan to shake things up. This is the last summer of thirteen-year-old Corky Corcoran's childhood, and her family hires a Haitian housekeeper who brings her daughter, America, along with her. Corky is quick to befriend America and eager to share her favorite new “grown-up” novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. America's take on it is different and profoundly personal.

The Music of Bees by *Eileen Garvin* (2021)

The emotionally powerful story of three lonely strangers who meet by happenstance and find themselves together on a small local bee farm. Beautifully moving, warm, and uplifting book about the power of friendship, compassion in the face of loss, and finding the courage to start over at any age when life hasn't turned out the way you expected.

The Nightingale by *Kristin Hannah* (2017)

France, 1939 - In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France, but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Without food or money or hope, she is forced to make one impossible choice after another to keep her family alive.

One of Us Knows: A Thriller by *Alyssa Cole* (2024)

This riveting thriller is about the new caretaker of a historic estate who finds herself trapped on an island with a murderer—and the ghosts of her past. Years after a breakdown and a diagnosis of dissociative identity disorder derailed her historical preservationist career, Kenetria Nash and her alters have been given a second chance they can't refuse: a position as resident caretaker of a historic home. Having been dormant for years, Ken has no idea what led them to this isolated Hudson River Island, but she's determined not to ruin their opportunity.

Ours: A Novel by *Phillip B. Williams* (2024)

A powerful woman named Saint rescues people enslaved across Arkansas and establishes her own secluded utopia, named Ours. Once her power and memories begin to fail her, the veil protecting this flourishing community begins to fade. Newcomers with abilities of their own intrude on the community, and the safety provided by Ours begins to be questioned as another form of bondage. Starting in the 1830s and spanning across decades, *Ours* explores the meaning of freedom through rich cultures and traditions.

The Prince Warriors Series by *Priscilla Shirer* (2021)

As brothers, Xavier and Evan are used to battling each other. But now they're discovering that there is a much bigger battle going on all around them. And it's their turn to fight. *The Prince Warriors* is the first book in an epic new series that brings to life the invisible struggle ensuing in the spiritual realm. The characters have typical lives until they enter a mysterious land called Ahoratos. There they meet their guide, Ruwach, who offers wisdom and direction as the kid's initial adventure begins an adventure filled with armor and danger and a very real enemy.

Sisters of Fortune: A Riveting Historical Novel of the Titanic Based on True History by *Anna Lee Huber* (2024)

Readers of *The Second Mrs. Astor* by Shana Abé will be captivated as the USA Today bestselling author expertly weaves real historical figures and events into this vivid, surprising, emotionally powerful novel about longing for independence and love—and the moments that irrevocably change even the best laid plans. Based on the true story of the Fortune sisters, three young women each at a crossroads when they boarded the RMS Titanic in the spring of 1912 –and how that maiden voyage would transform their lives in profound and unexpected ways.

The Storm We Made: A Novel by *Vanessa Chan* (2024)

An ordinary housewife becomes an unlikely spy—and her dark secrets will test even the most unbreakable ties. Malaya, 1945. Cecily Alcantara's family is in terrible danger: her fifteen-year-old son, Abel, has disappeared, and her youngest daughter, Jasmin, is confined in a basement to prevent being pressed into service at the comfort stations. Her eldest daughter Jujube, who works at a tea house frequented by drunk Japanese soldiers, becomes angrier by the day.

The Stranger in the Lifeboat by *Mitch Albom* (2021)

A fast-paced, compelling novel that makes you ponder your deepest beliefs, *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* suggests that answers to our prayers may be found where we least expect them.

The Summer We Started Over by *Nancy Thayer* (2024)

When Eddie Grant returns to Nantucket Island for a vacation she must face all she left behind: her father's increased eccentricities; her sister's resentment; and a past love connection. The two sisters reconnect and pursue their dreams as they overcome life's challenges and find new love.

The Teacher by *Freida McFadden* (2024)

Eve has a good life. She gets up each day, gets a kiss from her husband Nate, and heads off to teach math at the local high school. All is as it should be. Except...last year, her school was rocked by a scandal involving a student-teacher affair, with one student, Addie, at its center. But Eve knows there is far more to these ugly rumors than meets the eye. Addie can't be trusted. But nobody knows the secrets that could destroy her. And Addie will do anything to keep it quiet.

The Truth about the Devlins by *Lisa Scottoline* (2024)

TJ Devlin is the charming disappointment in the prominent Devlin family, all of whom are lawyers at their highly successful firm—except him. After a stint in prison and rehab for alcoholism, TJ can't get hired anywhere except at the firm, in a make-work job with the title of investigator. But one night, TJ's world turns upside down after his older brother John confesses that he murdered one of their clients, an accountant he'd confronted with proof of embezzlement. It seems impossible coming from John, the firstborn son and Most Valuable Devlin.

Under the Tamarind Tree by *Nigar Alam* (2023)

Set in Karachi, Pakistan, in the years after Partition to the present day. It's one night, four friends, countless secrets and how young lives were shaped then & for years following one incident.

The Wartime Book Club by *Kate Thompson* (2024)

Inspired by true events, *The Wartime Book Club* is an unforgettable story of everyday bravery and resistance, full of romance, drama, and camaraderie and a tribute to the joy of reading and the power of books in our darkest hour. The Isle of Jersey was once a warm and neighborly community, but in 1943, German soldiers patrol the cobbled streets, imposing a harsh rule.

The Wedding Dress Sewing Circle by *Jennifer Ryan* (2023)

In this heartwarming novel based on true events, three plucky women lift the spirits of home-front brides in wartime Britain, where clothes rationing leaves little opportunity for pomp or celebration—even at weddings. After a renowned fashion designer loses both her home and her design house in the London Blitz, she has nowhere to go but the family manor house she fled decades ago. Praying her estranged family will be hospitable, she arrives with nothing, at a loss as to how to rebuild her business while staying in a quaint country village.

Wellness: A Novel by *Nathan Hill* (2023)

College love in the 90's to the challenges of married life 20 years later. Jack and Elizabeth struggle to recognize one another amidst challenges in parenting, offers of would-be suitors, failed dreams and childhood trauma. In order to salvage their relationship both must undertake separate journeys of realizations and acceptances.

What you are looking for is in the Library. By *Michiko Aoyama* (2020)

The sweetest most soothing story about a few Japanese individuals looking for new direction in their "okay" lives. Each character is influenced by an enigmatic librarian who senses exactly what each visitor to her library is searching for. She provides just the right book recommendation to help jumpstart a new thought process for that individual's need.

The Widow Spy: A Novel by *Megan Campisi* (2024)

Kate Warne is many things: the country's first female detective, a Pinkerton agent, and a union spy. It's August 1861, and her latest assignment could finally end the bloody war and bring the fractured United States together again. All she has to do is win the trust of her captive: Confederate spy and socialite Rose Greenhow. But with Rose well aware of Kate's working-class background and belief in abolitionism, it seems an impossible task. Worst, Kate has secrets that make her vulnerable, such as her forbidden love affair with a colleague.

The Women: A Novel by *Kristin Hannah* (2024)

Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army and follows his path.

HISTORY

A New History of the American South by *W. Fitzhugh Brundage, Laura F. Edwards, et al.* (2023)

For at least two centuries, the South's economy, politics, religion, race relations, fiction, music, foodways and more have figured prominently in nearly all facets of American life. This book draws on both well-established and new currents in scholarship, among them global and Atlantic world history, histories of African diaspora, and environmental history. It considers the experiences of all people of the South: Black, white, Indigenous, female, male, poor, and elite. Together, the essays compose a seamless, cogent, and engaging work.

Anne Boleyn & Elizabeth I: The Mother and Daughter Who Forever Changed British History
by Tracy Borman (2023)

Much of the fascination with Britain’s legendary Tudors centers around the dramas surrounding Henry VIII and his six wives and Elizabeth I’s rumored liaisons. Yet the most fascinating relationship in that historic era may well be that between the mother and daughter who, individually and collectively, changed the course of British history.

American Childhood: A Photographic History *by Todd Brewster (2023)*

Did Americans “invent” childhood? Author Todd Brewster believes we did, or at least childhood as “a period of life cordoned off from that of full maturity, covered with a veil of protection, and subject to a program of nurture.” That’s the inspiration behind this rich, compelling volume of rarely seen historical images drawn from many important photography collections as well as dozens of other archives, flea markets, and antique shops.

Cold Sun: The Search for World War II Airmen Lost in a Tibetan Glacier *by William H. Jordan and Mac Thornberry (2023)*

In January 1944, a US Army Air Corps transport, en route to its home base in India, crashed into a snowfield in Tibet, killing all crew members. Because of the remote location and fierce winter weather, the aircraft was covered by heavy snowfall. The snowfield glaciated, completely hiding the aircraft until its accidental discovery by a Tibetan hunter in 1993. A nearby Chinese army garrison launched an immediate reconnaissance into the crash site and brought out remnants of the airplane and remains of the crew. They then notified the American Embassy in Beijing.

The Dictionary People: The Unsung Heroes Who Created the Oxford English Dictionary *by Sarah Ogilvie (2023)*

Most people know the Oxford English Dictionary, or OED, but few know anything about its authors. This book tells the stories of many of those behind this historic accomplishment. The author reveals the shocking truth that the OED’s authorship includes three murderers, the daughter of Karl Marx, activists, inventors, and other surprising characters. A fascinating look into the history of defining the English language.

Edison's Ghosts: The Untold Weirdness of History’s Greatest Geniuses *by Katie Spalding (2023)*

“As Albert Einstein almost certainly never said, everyone is a genius – but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.” So begins Katie Spalding’s spunky takedown of the Western canon, and how genius may not be as irrefutably great as we commonly understand. While most of us may never become Einstein, it may surprise you to learn that there’s probably a bunch of stuff you can do that Einstein couldn’t. And, as Spalding shows, the famous prodigies she explores here were quite odd by any definition.

Forgotten Warriors: The Long History of Women in Combat by Sarah Percy (2023)

From Boudicca's rebellion to the war in Ukraine, battlefields have always contained a surprising number of women. Some formed all-female armies, some fought disguised as men, mobilized in times of national survival. International relations expert Sarah Percy unearths the stories of these forgotten warriors. She sets the historical record straight, revealing that women's exclusion from active combat in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries is a blip in a much longer narrative of female inclusion.

The Hammer: Power, Inequality, and the Struggle for the Soul of Labor by Hamilton Nolan (2024)

Nolan's examination of the American labor movement's history and current status finds us at a tipping point with public opinion on unions. He discussed the intersection of labor and politics and how organized labor can be a positive force. Using personal struggles and a diverse sample of workplaces, *The Hammer* presents a compelling assessment of the past, present, and future of organized labor in America.

The HISTORY Channel This Day in History For Kids: 1001 Remarkable Moments & Fascinating Facts by Dan Bova and Russell Shaw (2024)

Jam-packed with important events, inspiring accomplishments by remarkable people, and groundbreaking inventions, this super-fun fact-filled book, the first kids book from History Channel, includes the most interesting historical facts--from early civilization up to the 21st century all around the world for every day of the year.

History of the American Frontier - 1763-1893 by Frederic L. Paxson (2022)

The American pioneer is followed to every frontier for nearly 150 years across fifty-nine chapters. Full of world-class insight, Paxson masterfully paints a picture of how the land mass of the United States was settled – starting with English settlers in New England to the wayward expansion across the continent and ending with the sunny shores of California.

Hollywood: The Oral History by Jeanine Basinger and Sam Wasson (2022)

From the archives of the American Film Institute comes a unique picture of what it was like to work in Hollywood from its beginnings to its present day. Excerpts from interviews allows readers “listen in” on candid remarks from the biggest names in front of the camera—as well as the lesser known individuals that shaped what was heard and seen on screen: musicians, costumers, art directors, cinematographers, writers, sound men, editors, make-up artists, and even script timers, messengers, and publicists.

Horse by Geraldine Brooks (2022)

A discarded paining in a junk pile, a horse skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American History conspire for a wonderful read about the greatest racehorse in history- Lexington. "Horse is a novel of art & science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism."

Invisible Iceberg: When Climate and Weather Shaped History by *Dr. Joel N. Myers* (2024)

Learn about significant climate events that shaped history such as: the comet that hit Earth almost 67 million years ago that led to the extinction of the dinosaur; the dramatic climate shift in 1213 BC that created the conditions for the Ten Plagues of Egypt; the fog that helped to create an independent United States of America during the Revolutionary War; the storm in 1814 that ended the reign of Napoleon Bonaparte; the "Great White Hurricane," i.e. two major blizzards, that helped create the New York Subway System in 1888; and so much more!

On This Day She Made History: 366 Days With Women Who Shaped the World by *Emma Josephine Rosen* (2023)

Are you curious about the women who've shaped our world day by day? In *On This Day She Made History*, we challenge the notion that women have been mere footnotes in the grand tale of human existence. This empowering book for women offers a daily dose of female historical events that will inspire and educate.

OOPS!: The Worst Blunders of All Time by *David P. Barash* (2023)

Everyone makes mistakes and nearly everyone likes to know about them, especially when made by someone else! This book presents some of our most notable blunders, from the silly to the consequential, from ancient history to current events.

Oscar Wars: a History of Hollywood in Gold, Sweat, and Tears by *Michael Schulman* (2023)

A chronicle of the remarkable, sprawling history of the Academy Awards and some personal dramas that have played out on the stage and off camera. Each chapter takes a deep dive into a particular year, conflict, or category that tells a larger story of cultural change. Examines thwarted ambitions, artistic epiphanies, messy collaborations, and dreams fulfilled or dashed.

Pathogenesis: A History of the World in Eight Plagues by *Jonathan Kennedy* (2024)

Kennedy presents a narrative in opposition to the widely-held belief in the supremacy of human exceptionalism as our path to modernity. Rather, he posits, it is the microbe that has shaped the course of history. Citing plagues as the basis for many social structures, the author asks readers to question their understanding of how we as societies have become what we are today.

The Real Queen Charlotte: Inside the Real Bridgerton Court by *Catherine Curzon* (2022)

Known to millions as the imperious matriarch of *Bridgerton's* court, Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz was still a teenager when she was chosen to be the bride of King George III. Shy, innocent, and sheltered, the orphaned princess and her.

The Royal Wardrobe by *Rosie Harte and Headline* (2023)

From the draping of a fabric to the arrangements of jewels, the clothing worn by royals is anything but coincidental. King at just nine years old, Edward VI's clothes were padded to make him seem

stronger and more manly; and the ever-conscious Elizabeth II insisted her coronation gown include all the representative flora of the commonwealth nations, and not just that of the United Kingdom. Yet reigning monarchs are not the only ones whose fashion sensibilities could mean make or break for the crown.

The Small and the Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who Changed the Course of History, From the Founding to the Civil Rights Movement by Sharon McMahon (2024)

In *The Small and the Mighty*, Sharon McMahon proves that the most remarkable Americans are often ordinary people who didn't make it into the textbooks. Not the presidents, but the telephone operators. Not the aristocrats, but the schoolteachers. Through meticulous research, she discovers history's unsung characters and brings their rich, riveting stories to light for the first time.

The Southern Way of Life: Meanings of Culture and Civilization in the American South by Charles Reagan Wilson (2023)

How does one begin to understand the idea of a distinctive southern way of life—a concept as enduring as it is disputed? In this examination of the American South in national and global contexts, the author assesses how diverse communities of southerners have sought to define the region's identity. Surveying centuries of southern regional consciousness across genres, disciplines, and cultural strains - - prior presentations of the region, advancing a vision of southern culture that has always been dynamic and complicated by race and class are explored.

Star-Crossed: A Romeo and Juliet Story in Hitler's Paris by Heather Dune Macadam, Simon Worrell, et al. (2023)

This epic true story of love and resistance during WWII is part historical portrait of life during the Occupation, part valentine to The City of Light and the resilience of its people. The story follows the romance between the Romeo and Juliet of war-torn Paris – a Catholic Resistance fighter and a Holocaust victim who meet at the famous Café Flore before war, prejudice, and disapproving families set them on divergent and tragically inevitable paths.

The Story Behind: The Extraordinary History Behind Ordinary Objects by Emily Prokop (2023)

Everyday objects and major events in history. Every single thing that surrounds us has a story behind it. Many of us learn the history of humans and the major inventions that shaped our world. But what you may not have learned is the history of objects we surround ourselves with every day. You might not even know how the major events in history (World Wars, ancient civilizations, revolutions, etc.) influenced the inventions of things we use today.

Well of Souls: Uncovering the Banjo's Hidden History by Kristina R. Gaddy and Rhiannon Giddens (2024)

In an extraordinary story unfolding across two hundred years, the banjo's key role in Black spirituality, ritual, and rebellion is uncovered. Through meticulous research in diaries, letters, archives, and art, the banjo's beginnings are traced from the seventeenth century, when enslaved

people of African descent created it from gourds or calabashes and wood. Learn how the enslaved carried this unique instrument as they were transported and sold by slaveowners throughout the Americas, to Suriname, the Caribbean, and some of the U.S. colonies.

Women in Intelligence: The Hidden History of Two World Wars by *Helen Fry* (2023)

From the twentieth century onward, women took on an extraordinary range of roles in intelligence, defying the conventions of their time. Across both world wars, far from being a small part of covert operations, women ran spy networks and escape lines, parachuted behind enemy lines, and interrogated prisoners. And, back in Bletchley and Whitehall, women's vital administrative work in MI offices kept the British war engine running.

Women of the American Revolution by *Samantha Wilcoxson* (2022)

Women of the American Revolution explores the trials of war and daily life for women in the United States during the War of Independence. What challenges were caused by the division within communities as some stayed loyal to the king and others became patriots? How much choice did women have as their loyalties were assumed to be that of their husbands or fathers?

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Another Day: Sabbath Poems 2013-2023 by *Wendell Berry* (2024)

A companion to his beloved volume *This Day* and Wendell Berry's first new poetry collection since 2016, this new selection of Sabbath Poems are filled with spiritual longing and political extremity, memorials and celebrations, elegies and lyrics, alongside the occasional rants of the Mad Farmer, pushed to the edge yet again by his compatriots and elected officials.

The Back Page: Byron Crawford's Kentucky Living Columns by *Byron Crawford* (2023)

Veteran television and newspaper journalist Byron Crawford shares stories about Kentucky's rural people and places, ranging from the playful to the poignant to the profound. Meet Justin the donkey, companion of racehorses and connoisseur of marigolds. Read tales of panther sightings, snake crossings and haunted happenings. Reminisce about country stores, telephone operators and pool halls. Hear quiet voices of sacrifice, courage, service, and love.

The Book Woman's Daughter by *Kim Michele Richardson* (2022)

A companion novel to, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*. Honey, daughter of the bookwoman of Troublesome Creek, fights for her freedom after her parents are imprisoned. She takes over her mother's packhorse library route and begins delivering books in treacherous and remote areas of rural Appalachia, facing many challenging circumstances.

They Call Me Goose: My Life in Kentucky Basketball and Beyond by *Jack Givens* (2024)

Jack "Goose" Givens' memoir outlines his expansive sports career from being Kentucky's Mr. Basketball 1974, through his historic NCAA and NBA tenures, and his roles as sports analyst and commentator. He shares intimate moments with his family and friends and opens up about hardship and life challenges. A must-read for any fan of UK Basketball.

The Coal Miner Who Became Governor by Paul Patton and Jeffrey Suchanek (2023)

Born in a tenant house in Fallsburg, Kentucky, Paul Patton had a humble upbringing that held few clues about his future as one of the most prominent politicians in the history of the state. From the coal mines to the governor's office, Patton's life exemplifies hard work, determination, and perseverance, as well as the consequences of personal mistakes.

Creepy Kentucky: Strange Stories from the Bluegrass State by Mr. Keven McQueen (2023)

Kentucky is no stranger to odd occurrences. From weird encounters with the Grim Reaper to local graveyard dogs, the Bluegrass State has its share of strange stories. Learn about local ghosts who've haunted areas for years. Encounter body snatchers and some very peculiar modes of death. Go on the hunt for Daniel Boone's bones and witness the marvelous twisting tombstone. McQueen details these creepy stories and more.

Gatewood: Kentucky's Uncommon Man by Matthew Strandmark (2023)

When Louis Gatewood Galbraith passed away in 2012, the flood of tributes honoring him merely scratched the surface of the life of this colorful and controversial figure. Best known as an advocate for the legalization of cannabis, Second Amendment rights, and smaller government, Galbraith was a perennial candidate whose once-quixotic platform might have found traction in contemporary Kentucky politics.

Guerrilla Warfare in Civil War Kentucky: Volume II -- Legacy of the Irregulars by Gerald W Fischer and James M Prichard (2024)

While the American Civil War is well-known for large-scale battles that involved thousands of men, like Gettysburg, Chickamauga, and Shiloh, the conflict between North and South was also fought in small communities across the Bluegrass, where armed men were quick to settle differing opinions with the barrel of a gun. Fischer also expounds on the backgrounds of these desperate men, which gives insight into why they followed their bloody path to an early grave.

Haint Country: Dark Folktales from the Hills and Hollers by Matthew R. Sparks and Olivia Sizemore (2024)

The hills of the Appalachia region hold secrets—dark, deep, varied, and mysterious. These secrets are often told in the form of eerie, thrilling, and creepy folk tales that reveal strange sightings, curious oddities, and commonly serve as cautionary tales for eager and curious ears. These spine-tingling stories have been told and retold by family members, neighbors, and "hillfolk" for generations.

Hannah of Kentucky by James Otis (2023)

Journey into the heart of Kentucky with Hannah, a young girl whose life intertwines with the legendary pioneer, Daniel Boone. As her father pledges allegiance to Boone, they find themselves in the throes of wilderness challenges at the fortress of Boonesborough. Walk alongside Hannah and experience the tales of courage, survival, and history in the making.

The History of the Kentucky Derby in 75 Objects by *Kentucky Derby Museum, Jessica K. Whitehead, et al.* (2024)

One hundred and fifty years have passed since the Thoroughbreds of the inaugural Kentucky Derby sprang from the starting gate to race beneath the iconic Twin Spires of Churchill Downs. But the story of the greatest two minutes in sports is more than the pageantry of the horses and thrill of the people who love and celebrate the event.

Kentucky Quilts and Quiltmakers: Three Centuries of Creativity, Community and Commerce by *Linda Elisabeth LaPinta* (2023)

Much more than simple patchwork bed coverings, quilts are often intricate works of art rich in history and tradition. This is a comprehensive study to approach quilts as objects of material culture that have adorned homes throughout the history of the commonwealth and the country. The author highlights such topics as quilt making in women's history, the influence of early Black quiltmakers, popular Kentucky quilt patterns, types, and colors, and the continuing importance of preserving the commonwealth's quilt history and traditions.

Kentucky, Y'all: A Celebration of the People and Culture of the Bluegrass State by *Blair Thomas Hess and Cameron M. Ludwick* (2024)

When people think of Kentucky, three things usually come to mind: bourbon, Colonel Sanders's secret chicken recipe, and the glamorous Kentucky Derby. Add college basketball to that list, and you have yourself a superfecta. Looking beyond these time-honored traditions, however, visitors will find in Kentucky a diverse patchwork of faces and places, each as unique as the state's geography.

King Kelly Coleman, Kentucky's Greatest Basketball Legend--New Expanded Edition by *Gary P West* (2024)

The story of Kelly Coleman, who played basketball at Wayland High School in eastern Kentucky from 1952-56, scoring 4,337 points during his high school career. Kelly was the all-time scoring leading for boy's high school basketball until 2023, a record that stood for over six decades. The son of a coal miner, Kelly was described as "the greatest high school player who ever lived" by Coach Adolph Rupp and "one of the most exciting players in Kentucky's history" by Coach Joe B. Hall.

Lark Ascending by *Silas House* (2023)

Winner of the Southern Book Prize for Fiction * Winner of a Nautilus Award. A timely, powerful story of survival set in the not-too-distant future that Margaret Renkl (*Late Migrations*) calls "a beautiful book...shot through with such tenderness and humanity, such love and courage and beauty and hope, that it feels almost like a prayer."

Lessons from the Foothills: Berea College and Its Unique Role in America by *Gretchen Dykstra* (2024)

This profile of modern Berea College, considered the moral compass of the commonwealth, explores its rich and beloved history. This book focuses on the principles and practices that guide

the college: the eight Great Commitments, which individually and holistically provide clear aspirations for the college and its community. Each chapter functions as a deep dive into the history, practice, and significance of each Great Commitment, from providing opportunity for the most marginalized, to its high academic standards, to its commitment to the entire region.

The Lost Letters of Aisling: A Novel by *Cynthia Ellingsen* (2024)

Rainey’s grandmother makes a startling request: *Take me home*. To Ireland, the country she fled post–World War II. Though they’re inseparably close, Rainey knows few of her grandmother’s secrets. Until they arrive at Aisling—the majestic estate on the southern coast of Ireland where her grandmother was raised—and Rainey discovers a collection of seventy-year-old letters in a trunk.

My Kentucky Birds by *Jen Jeffrey Billington* (2023)

Birdwatching has become a popular hobby for all ages, and social media gives us a platform for *show and tell*. Kentucky author Jen Jeffrey Billington began birding just before the 2020 pandemic. Her birding posts on social media delighted her friends and readers so much that she wrote a book about her birdwatching journey and discoveries.

My Old Kentucky Home: The Astonishing Life and Reckoning of an Iconic American Song by *Emily Bingham* (2022)

In the book, Emily Bingham, explores the long, strange journey of what has come to be seen by some as an American anthem, an integral part of our folklore, culture, customs, foundation, a living symbol of a happy past. But My Old Kentucky Home was never just a song.

Ordinary Angels by *Sharon Stevens Evans* (2023)

The amazing true story now a major motion picture, a first-hand account by the hairdresser who inspired a city to save the life of a little girl, the miracle that played out in front of millions around the world. The obstacles that showed up that wintery morning were nothing compared to the lifetime of mountains Sharon Stevens had to climb to get to that point.

Praisesong for the Kitchen Ghosts: Stories and Recipes from Five Generations of Black Mountain Cooks by *Crystal Wilkinson* (2023)

This book is part memoir, part cookbook, because it weaves fiction with historical records, memories, and interviews to present a unique culinary portrait of Black Appalachians. Forty recipes rooted deep in the past yet full of contemporary flavor are brought to vivid life through stunning photography and beautiful illustrations.

Races, Games, and Olympic Dreams: A Sportscaster's Life by *Tom Hammond and Mark Story* (2024)

In sports, not all the long shots who succeed are athletes. In 1984, Tom Hammond, a sportscaster who had primarily worked in Kentucky and the Southeast, got an unlikely opportunity to appear on the NBC Sports telecast of the inaugural Breeders' Cup. Assigned to report from the stall area on

what was supposed to be a single broadcast, Hammond performed so well that NBC offered him a chance to call NFL games. Find out how a Kentucky native who started out reading horse racing results on Lexington radio went on to broadcast from thirteen Olympic Games.

The Reggie Warford Story: Integrating Basketball at the University of Kentucky by *Scott Brown and Jack Givens* (2024)

In 1972, Reggie Warford was a sinewy, lightning-fast, sharp-shooting leftie who was in high demand by such renowned coaches as Bobby Knight at Indiana and Digger Phelps at Notre Drame. When the prolific player was signed by Joe B. Hall at the University Kentucky, he would ultimately become an inspirational scoring force on the team and the first Black basketball player to graduate from the university—instrumental in helping to break the color barriers for generations of students who followed.

Shaker Made: Inside Pleasant Hill's Shaker Village by *Carol Peachee* (2024)

This photographic collection presents cultural artifacts of the Shakers of Pleasant Hill, Kentucky. Peachee's work covers subjects from the traditional furniture and crafts to the more mundane everyday items such as eyeglasses and medicine bottles. With a foreword by Shaker Village Curator of Collections Rebecca Soules, this collection presents an educational and respectful glimpse into the world of a unique historical Kentucky community.

Some Murders in Berlin: A Crime Thriller by *Karen Robards* (2024)

September 1943: Berlin is the heart of darkness—and the last place Dr. Elin Lund wishes to be. An expert in psychological profiling, she's been summoned from Copenhagen to investigate the gruesome murders of eight young women. Even in the midst of unspeakable evil, these killings stand apart. And with her homeland now under Nazi occupation and a young son to protect, Elin can't refuse such a request.

They Call Me Goose: My Life in Kentucky Basketball and Beyond by *Jack Givens and Doug Brunk* (2024)

When Jack "Goose" Givens first walked onto the basketball court at Lexington's Douglass Park for the legendary Dirt Bowl league, it was the beginning of one of the most illustrious sports careers in Kentucky history. After being named 1974's Mr. Basketball for the state of Kentucky as a high school senior, Givens signed with the University of Kentucky and went on to amass a string of achievements that place him among the all-time greats in NCAA college basketball—most notably leading UK to the 1978 NCAA Men's National Championship.

Troublesome Rising: A Thousand-Year Flood in Eastern Kentucky by *Melissa Helton* (2024)

In late July 2022, a catastrophic flash flood claimed the lives of more than forty people and devastated homes and communities in Central Appalachia. The forty-fifth annual Appalachian Writers' Workshop at Hindman Settlement School in eastern Kentucky was in progress when surging floodwater forced the participants and staff to rush to higher ground. The school lost

classrooms, countless resources and irreplaceable artifacts such as historical books and documents. As the floodwaters finally receded, countless lives were forever changed.

Under the Greenwood Tree: A Celebration of Kentucky Shakespeare by Tracy E. K'Meyer (2024)

This title tells the story of C. Douglas Ramey's Carriage House Players theater company in Louisville and how they built the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival upon a single crowd-pleasing Central Park production of *Much Ado About Nothing* in 1960. The festival is the oldest free Shakespeare in the Park festival in the United States. The theater company's history and impact of this Kentucky arts program is recounted through many interviews.

RELIGION and SPIRITUALITY

The 2% Way: How a Philosophy of Small Improvements Took Me to Oxford, the NFL, and Neurosurgery by Dr. Myron L. Rolle (2022)

In this inspiring book, Dr. Rolle tells the story of his incredible journey, revealing how a strong work ethic, deep faith, and the family values instilled by his Bahamian immigrant parents set the stage for the transformative life philosophy that enabled him to overcome adversity, defy expectations, and create a life of meaning and purpose.

A Prairie Faith: The Religious Life of Laura Ingalls Wilder by John J. Fry and Mark A. Noll (2024)

The beloved *Little House* books by Laura Ingalls Wilder have sold over 60 million copies since their publication in the first half of the twentieth century. Even her unpolished memoir, *Pioneer Girl*, which tells the true story behind the children's books, was widely embraced upon its release in 2014. Despite Wilder's enduring popularity, few fans know much about her Christian beliefs and practice.

All Hope is Found: Rediscovering the Joy of Expectation by Sarah Jakes Roberts (2023)

Undoubtedly, there are moments when hope is obscure. That's because hope has many hiding places. It hides behind heartbreak, camouflages in stress, and disguises itself in grief. It only takes a few disappointments before our expectations are hijacked by doubt and disbelief. Hope is easy to lose and hard to find, but there is never a season when hope is out of reach.

Amazing Grace: A Cultural History of the Beloved Hymn by James Walvin (2023)

Journey through the history of "Amazing Grace," one of the transatlantic world's most popular hymns and a powerful anthem for humanity. Sung in moments of personal isolation or on state occasions watched by millions, "Amazing Grace" has become an unparalleled anthem for humankind. How did a simple Christian hymn, written in a remote English vicarage in 1772, come to hold such sway over millions in all corners of the modern world?

Becoming Free Indeed: My Story of Disentangling Faith from Fear by *Jinger Vuolo* (2023)

The author, sixth child in the famous Duggar family of TLC's "19 Kids and Counting," recounts how she began to question the unhealthy ideology of her youth. Jinger committed to studying the Bible--truly understanding it--for the first time. What resulted was an earth-shaking realization---that much of what she had always believed about God and personal holiness wasn't in-line with what the Bible teaches.

The Big One: Miracles happen when you shoot for the sun by *Mike Krysiuk and Julia Bobkoff* (2020)

The year was 1974 and Mike Krysiuk was a high school senior who had finally hit his stride. When the coach finally called Mike in to relieve the star pitcher, a scout from the Mets who had come to observe the starter got to see Mike close the game with his famous sinker and turn a blowout into a one-run loss for the Wreckers. Suddenly, the major leagues were more than just a dream.

The Cabin at the End of the Train by *Michael V. Ivanov* (2022)

This book provides lessons about purpose, life and the value of perspectives. Blends true events from the author's life with fiction. Loved It!

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Angels and the Miraculous: 101 Inspirational Stories of Faith, Miracles and Answered Prayers by *Amy Newmark* (2023)

Some people call them Godwinks—others call them miracles. They are the amazing coincidences that are unexplainable, unexpected surprises that bless the lives of people from all walks of life. You'll be inspired and comforted by these 101 stories from ordinary people who've experienced the extraordinary. These true stories will remind you that good things do happen to good people!

Come Sit a Spell: An Invitation to Reflect on Faith, Food, and Family by *Marilyn Jansen* (2022)

Through her personal reflections on growing up in the Missouri Ozarks, Marilyn Jansen reminds us that God's love comforts and guides us even when the pantry is empty. These stories, based on memories from three generations of kitchens, come fully baked with a recipe that just about anyone can master, and ingredients that are probably already in your cupboard. Learn about people and food—not the glamorous kind, but the everyday, love-'em-with-all-you-got kind that is the foundation of country homes across America.

Connect to Your Calling by *T. D. Jakes* (2024)

Each of us has innate instincts that drive our actions, our feelings, and our desires. Learning to recognize, understand, and act on those instincts can help each of us reach for the opportunities and step into the purpose for which God has called us. This bestseller will inspire you to identify and understand the longings and interests at the core of who you are. It then guides you to use those passions to uncover your goals, intentions, and deepest desires.

God Bless This Mess: Learning to Live and Love Through Life's Best (and Worst) Moments
by Hannah Brown (2021)

“My life was a complete mess, and God bless all of it. Because it’s in the messes where we learn the most—as long as we slow down enough to realize what God is trying to show us.” Suddenly in the spotlight, twenty-four-year-old Hannah Brown realized that she wasn’t sure what she wanted. After years of competing in beauty pageants, and then starring on *The Bachelorette* and *Dancing with the Stars*, she had become incredibly visible. What would it mean to stop seeking approval from others and decide—for the first time—what it was she wanted from her own life?

God Never Gives Up on You: What Jacob's Story Teaches Us About Grace, Mercy, and God's Relentless Love
by Max Lucado (2023)

God Never Gives Up on You is for the strugglers among us and the fumbler within us. For those of us who are part saint, part scoundrel; we mean well, but we don’t always do well. We have breakthroughs and breakdowns, often in the same hour. We need no reminder of our failures. But where can we find examples of God’s steadfast grace?

The Half Known Life: In Search of Paradise
by Pico Iyer (2023)

What is paradise? Iyer introduces a multitude of interpretations of Utopia across numerous religions and cultures. He presents what many expect from the afterlife and discusses how we might find some bits of paradise in our lives right now. Iyer invites readers to open their eyes to the possibilities.

The Hidden Powers of Ritual: The Journey of a Lifetime
by Bradd Shore (2023)

The author of this title highlights how humans ritualize behavior, from the sacred and religious to the more everyday or common. He presents detailed case studies on lives filled with ritual and how these rituals benefit and define humanity. An anthropological examination that will interest a wide variety of audiences.

Like a River: Finding the Faith and Strength to Move Forward after Loss and Heartache
by Granger Smith (2023)

Like a River, a triumphant story of new life birthed out of tragedy, will teach readers how to face their failures, confront their pain, and connect with God—the true source of life. On June 4th, 2019, country music singer Granger Smith was enjoying a final evening with his kids before heading to Nashville for the CMT Music Awards and his next tour. While helping his daughter London with her gymnastics, his youngest son fell into their pool. Granger did everything he could to get to him, but he was too late. River drowned, and Granger's world shattered.

Living the Seasons: Simple Ways to Celebrate the Beauty of Your Faith throughout the Year
by Erica Tighe Campbell and Hannah Hoggatt (2023)

Enjoy this full-color guide to creatively celebrate faith throughout the year. *Living the Seasons* is brimming with clever, doable, and beautiful crafts and activities; vivid photographs; brief introductions to the seasons and the lives of the saints; heartfelt notes of encouragement from

Campbell; and original Be A Heart illustrations. This gorgeous companion will become your favorite resource for living your faith at home for years to come.

Raised to Stay by *Natalie Runion* (2023)

An honest exploration of disappointment with the Church, this is for anyone weary of God's people but longing to keep their faith in God. God might seem silent right now. God's people might seem not worth the wounds. But hold on as Natalie Runion embarks on a journey for all who are wandering, wondering, and wrestling. Together, we will move toward trusting God again, knowing that even though Christian community may fail us, the love of God never fails.

Rescue Story: Faith, Freedom, and Finding My Way Home by *Zach Williams* (2024)

From a hard-rocking life fueled by substance abuse to a hope-filled life of freedom and joy--this is music star Zach Williams's bold and vulnerable story of faith and redemption. A rock-and-roll singer who thought he had all he ever wanted to make him happy, Zach instead felt empty. The drugs, alcohol, and late-night gigs played around the world couldn't satisfy the longing in his heart for a place to belong. He was desperate for change.

The Spirit of Harriet Tubman: Awakening from the Underground by *Spring Washam* (2024)

Chapter by chapter, this book examines a facet of Harriet Tubman's prophetic life and how it can be applied to what we are experiencing today. Addressing the current movement of civil rights and how readers can engage in change with Tubman's guidance, this title is an inspirational read for those seeking to build or heal a compassionate heart.

Virtuous Women by *Ann Goltz* (2024)

In the two years since her mother's death, young Hope Wagner has single-handedly raised and homeschooled her ten younger siblings while keeping her father's house. When her father marries the strange newcomer, Hope is allowed to begin a courtship that will make her a helpmeet in her own right. Much to her surprise, her betrothed has a vision for their life that includes radical ideas like education, careers, and choosing how many children they want to have rather than leaving it up to God. For the first time Hope can imagine a different future than the one planned for her, and she wants that future more than she's ever wanted anything else.

Winning Your Spiritual Battles by *Tony Evans* (2019)

If fear or anxiety has its grip on you, and you're imagining the devil preparing to make yet another move in your personal life, marriage, home, health, career, finances, or any number of other arenas, there is hope. This quick read prepares you to understand how the battle is fought by Satan identify the strongholds that keep you in the fight stand firm in your faith as you face your enemy Dr. Evans offer compelling, down to earth, guidance to help you stand firm in God's Word and authority to experience victory in all your spiritual battles.

You've Been Chosen: Thriving Through the Unexpected by *Cynt Marshall* (2022)

Cynt Marshall has spent her entire life beating personal and professional odds while also helping everyone she meets see how they are uniquely equipped to thrive. Through it all, this self-described “people person” never stopped reaching out and built a reputation as an inspiring motivator and mentor in business and beyond.

TRAVEL

12 Trips in 12 Months: Make Your Own Solo Travel Magic by *Jen Ruiz* (2024)

The year before her thirtieth birthday, Jen Ruiz decided to change everything. Despite being professionally accomplished and contributing to the world as an attorney at a nonprofit, she had yet to achieve the most important goal, according to society: becoming a wife and mother. So, after more ghostings than a graveyard, tired of dating apps and sitting in a windowless office, Jen embarked on an epic challenge to send her twenties out in style.

A Deeper South: The Beauty, Mystery, and Sorrow of the Southern Road by *Pete Candler* (2024)

This travel narrative drawn from years of road-tripping through the backroads of the American South features the author’s own photography. Belonging to one of Georgia's most recognizable families, the author confronts the uncomfortable truths of his own ancestors' roles in the South's legacy of white supremacy with a masterful mix of authority and a humbling sense that his own journey of unforgetting and recovering has only just begun.

America's Greatest Road Trip!: Key West to Deadhorse: 9000 Miles Across Backroad USA by *Tom Cotter and Michael Alan Ross* (2023)

Ride along with author Tom Cotter and photographer Michael Alan Ross as they pilot their Ford Bronco/Airstream Basecamp combination 8,881 miles along the lower 48’s back roads and byways. Tom Cotter has spent decades ferreting out lost “barn find” collector cars. The process has made him an ardent road tripper, logging thousands of miles every year on America’s back roads. Previous journeys have traced Route 66 in his 1939 Ford Woody wagon and followed the Lincoln highway coast to coast behind the wheel of a 1926 Model T.

An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us by *Ed Yong* (2022)

Around the globe there is an array of senses that can only be experienced and perceived by specific species. From the sparkling of whales in the eyes of the giant squid, the allure of flowers to bees, to humans that use sonar like bats. *An Immense World* is a book of travel and discoveries of the many worlds hidden within our own.

Bored In The USA: A Field Guide To Best-ish Stuff in America, A Travel-Sized Book of Must-See Parks & Roadside Oddities in All 50 States by *Brass Monkey and Galison* (2024)

Any old travel guide can tell you about the Grand Canyon in Arizona, but what about Joann's Gum Wrapper Museum that's in a pink shed behind her house? This handy guide will point out the best (and strangest) attractions in all 50 states—with plenty of space to map and journal your adventures to everything from National Parks to small town tourist traps.

Chasing Hope: A Reporter's Life by *Nicholas D. Kristof* (2024)

Since 1984, Nicholas Kristof has worked almost continuously for *The New York Times* as a reporter, foreign correspondent, bureau chief, and now columnist, becoming one of the foremost reporters of his generation. Here, he recounts his event-filled path from a small-town farm in Oregon to every corner of the world.

Dragonfly: choosing to be nomads in retirement by *Margaret Herle* (2023)

Through her engaging memoir, author Margaret Herle shares a pioneering tale of life on the road. After deciding to retire in a home on wheels, she and her husband satisfied their cravings for travels on their own terms, exploring every province in Canada, most of the US, and the entire length of the Baja Peninsula in Mexico. From tourist destinations to unexpected offbeat spots, they found more adventure than they imagined in their converted bus, the Dragonfly.

Instructions for Traveling West: Poems by *Joy Sullivan* (2024)

A collection of poems in reinvention and finding a hidden sense of adventure. Through Sullivan's own story of reinvention, from leaving her fiancé, selling her house, quitting her corporate job, and taking to the road for travel, there is a message of realizing the life you desire. This book is a reminder to live freely, make mistakes, and seek what really brings you joy in life.

Force of Nature: Three Women Tackle The John Muir Trail by *Joan M. Griffin* (2023)

Three friends, women in their fifties, set out to hike "the most beautiful long-distance trail in the world," the John Muir Trail. From the outset, their adventure is complicated by self-inflicted accidents and ferocious weather, then enriched when they "adopt" a young hiker abandoned by her partner along the trail.

Here Not There: 100 Unexpected Travel Destinations by *Andrew Nelson* (2024)

Let's face it. These days, many of the world's most beloved places have become expensive and overcrowded, making their celebrated allure that much harder to enjoy. But fear not: *Here Not There* helps you create a more robust, off-the-beaten path vacation by revealing 100 alternative destinations to the standard travel playbook—as well as expert tips on when to visit, where to eat, what to see, and where to stay.

Jammin' through the South: Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas (The Immersive Travel Guide, 1) by Daniel Seddiqui (2024)

Join traveler extraordinaire Daniel Seddiqui on a guided, immersive journey through the American South that reveals the region's pivotal influence on music through hands-on, experience-based activities that build lasting connections and travel memories. Many genres of music—including the blues, bluegrass, country, rock and roll, and gospel—have roots in the American South, and the region has nurtured some of the world's most famous and talented musicians—from Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn to Elvis Presley and B.B. King.

Just Go: A Globe-Trotting Guide to Travel Like an Expert, Connect Like a Local, and Live the Adventure of a Lifetime by Drew Binsky (2024)

Just Go offers readers the adventure of a lifetime, presenting not only the tricks Drew himself used in his trips, but also the best-kept secrets from every corner of the world. *Just Go* is equally a practical handbook for globetrotters and aspiring travelers as it is an intimate and heartwarming celebration of people and cultures all over.

LOUISVILLE TRAVEL GUIDE: A Journey Through Southern Charm and Cultural Fusion, Your Ultimate Travel Companion by JOHN MILLER (2023)

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the vibrant and charming city of Louisville with this comprehensive travel guide that promises to be your ultimate companion. Immerse yourself in the rich history, cultural tapestry, and hidden gems of this enchanting destination, where every page is adorned with stunning photos that capture the essence of Louisville's beauty.

Mother, Nature: A 5,000-Mile Journey to Discover If a Mother and Son Can Survive Their Differences by Jedidiah Jenkins (2023)

When his mother, Barbara, turns seventy, Jedidiah Jenkins is reminded of a sobering truth: Our parents won't live forever. For years, he and Barbara have talked about taking a trip together, just the two of them. They disagree about politics, about God, about the project of society—disagreements that hurt. But they love thrift stores, they love eating at diners, they love true crime, and they love each other.

Night Train to Nashville: The Greatest Untold Story of Music City by Paula Blackman (2023)

In another time and place, E. Gab Blackman and William Sousa "Sou" Bridgeforth might have been as close as brothers, but in 1950s Nashville they remained separated by the color of their skin. Gab, a visionary radio executive, saw something no one else did: a vast and untapped market with the R&B scene exploding in Black clubs across the city. He defied his industry, culture, government, and even his own family to broadcast Black music to a national audience.

Rambling Man: Travels of a lifetime by Billy Connolly (2024)

In his joyful new book, Billy explores this philosophy and how it has shaped him, and he shares hilarious new stories from his lifetime on the road. From riding his trike down America's famous Route 66, building an igloo on an iceberg in the Arctic, playing elephant polo (badly) in Nepal and

crashing his motorbike (more than once), to eating witchetty grubs in Australia, this memoir is a truly global adventure with the greatest possible travel companion.

Rick Steves Best of Europe (Rick Steves Travel Guide) by Rick Steves (2024)

Since 1973, Rick Steves has spent about four months a year exploring Europe. His mission: to empower Americans to have European trips that are fun, affordable, and culturally broadening. Rick produces a best-selling guidebook series, a public television series, and a public radio show, and organizes small-group tours that take over 30,000 travelers to Europe annually. Expert advice from Rick Steves on what's worth your time and money. Itineraries for one to four days in the top destinations in England, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, and Switzerland

Sigrid Rides: The Story of an Extraordinary Friendship and An Adventure on Two Wheels by Travis Nelson (2023)

When Travis Nelson arrived in London, he expected to embark on a new life and a new job. Coming from California, he'd uprooted his wife and his cat, Sigrid, and planned to be here for the long haul. Then Covid-19 struck. Travis's new job vanished as the company cut staff. For two years, and through successive lockdowns, he was stuck in limbo in an unfamiliar city, trying to find his way.

So Long as It's Wild: Standing Strong After My Famous Walk Across America by Barbara Jenkins (2023)

From the untold narrative of her impoverished hillbilly upbringing, to the crushing aftermath of her walk toward newfound courage and strength, this is Barbara Jenkins' story. As a child growing up in the wild beauty of the Ozarks, Barbara often spent her days exploring outside and daydreaming of faraway places to escape the realities of poverty. She longed to trade her homemade clothes and outdoor toilet for spectacular adventures around the world. That chance came in the form of a young wild-eyed, long-haired "viking" man named Peter.

Spooky South: Tales of Hauntings, Strange Happenings, and Other Local Lore by S. E. Schlosser and Paul G. Hoffman (2024)

Here we have a collection of unnerving tales of events that happened--and still do happen--in the collective back yard of the Deep South states. Accompanied by evocative illustrations, these compelling retellings of 43 popular folktales feature supernatural occurrences and ghosts of all sorts, from fiddling ghosts to the story of the Jack o' Lantern. Each expertly told tale is guaranteed to make readers look at the South--and over their shoulders--again and again.

The Travel Bible for Rookies: the Travel Handbook with Tips How to Travel Like a Professional by Gilles Kroger (2023)

The author says he has traveled a lot but has made many mistakes along the way. He used the experience he gained to write this book and help readers avoid those same mistakes on their journeys. Kroger includes information on how to calculate your travel budget and finding the simplest way to get from one area to another, as well as how to only pack what you really need.

Two Hogs, Two Dogs, and a Country to Cross: Rediscovering the Heart of America by Janet Charbonneau (2022)

Janet Charbonneau's big heart kept her an avid supporter of Assistance Dog organizations. Longing for adventure, she was inspired her to turn a pipedream into an ambitious road trip to raise funds for organizations devoted to Assistance Dogs. All she and her husband, Blaine, had to do was learn to ride Harleys and figure out how on earth they'd fit their two Golden Retrievers on board motorcycles for their seven-month journey across 48 states.

Villa Cetinale: Memoir of a House in Tuscany by Simon Upton, John Pawson, et al. (2023)

After inheriting a seventeenth-century Tuscan villa, Ned Lambton and his wife, Marina, lovingly restored the estate as a retreat for family and friends. Located just outside Siena, Italy, Villa Cetinale stands amid vineyards, silver olive groves, and wooded hills that have remained largely untouched since the late seventeenth century, when Cardinal Flavio Chigi, a nephew of Pope Alexander VII, expanded what was a modest farmhouse into the villa we see today.

Walk Ride Paddle: A Life Outside by Tim Kaine (2024)

This compelling account of one man's journey across hundreds of miles of Virginia wilderness is a moving testament to the optimistic spirit of America. In 2019, Tim Kaine—Virginia senator and former Democratic vice-presidential candidate—commemorated both his sixtieth birthday and his twenty-fifth year in public office by undertaking a three-part journey across the Virginia landscape as he hiked, cycled, and canoed across the state. His chronicle became an organic reflection of the extraordinary events occurring across America during that time.

Wander: A Memoir of Letting go and Walking 2,000 Miles to a Meaningful Life. by Ryan Benz (2023)

Many people only ever dream of leaving it all behind to follow their heart. In this raw and authentic memoir, Benz embarks on a journey of physical and emotional perseverance and transformation to discover what it means to live a truly meaningful life. While walking over two thousand miles from Georgia to Maine, Benz explores the nature of adventure, self-discovery, and what it means to follow your heart.

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The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman by Ernest T. Gaines (1971)

Miss Jane Pittman is one of the most unforgettable heroines in American fiction. A woman whose life has come to symbolize the struggle for freedom, dignity, and justice. This novel spans one hundred years of Miss Jane's remarkable life, from her childhood as a slave on a Louisiana plantation to the Civil Rights era of the 1960s. It is a story of courage and survival, history, bigotry, and hope—as seen through the eyes of a woman who lived through it all.

Bridge to Terabithia by *Katherine Paterson* (1977)

Jess Aarons' greatest ambition is to be the fastest runner in his grade. He's been practicing all summer and can't wait to see his classmates' faces when he beats them all. But on the first day of school, a new girl boldly crosses over to the boys' side and outruns everyone. Jess and Leslie Burke soon become inseparable. Together they create Terabithia, a magical kingdom in the woods where the two of them reign as king and queen, and their imaginations set the only limits.

Catch-22 by *Joseph Heller* (1961)

This book is centered around the protagonist bombardier Yossarian and his experience with the rule Catch-22, which frustratingly states that a man is considered insane if he willingly continues to fly dangerous combat missions; but if he makes a formal request to be removed from duty, he is proven sane and therefore ineligible to be relieved. Set in Italy during World War II, this is an insightful examination of human nature and conflict.

Flowers for Algernon by *Daniel Keyes* (1966)

A mentally disabled man whose quest for intelligence mirrors experiments like that of Algernon, an extraordinary lab mouse. In poignant diary entries, Charlie tells how a brain operation increases his IQ and changes his life. As the experimental procedure takes effect, Charlie's intelligence expands until it surpasses that of the doctors who engineered his metamorphosis. The experiment seems to be a scientific breakthrough of paramount importance--until Algernon begins his sudden, unexpected deterioration. Will the same happen to Charlie?

The Giver by *Lois Lowry* (1993)

Life in the community where Jonas lives is idyllic. Designated birthmothers produce new children, who are assigned to appropriate family units. Citizens are assigned their partners and their jobs. No one thinks to ask questions. Everyone obeys. Everyone is the same. Except Jonas. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community.

Go Tell It on the Mountain by *James Baldwin* (1953)

This classic novel opened new possibilities in the American language and in the way Americans understand themselves. With lyrical precision, psychological directness, resonating symbolic power, and a rage that is at once unrelenting and compassionate, Baldwin tells the story of the stepson of the minister of a storefront Pentecostal church in Harlem one Saturday in March of 1935.

The Handmaid's Tale by *Margaret Atwood* (1985)

In this dystopian future, environmental disasters and declining birthrates have led to a Second American Civil War. The result is the rise of the Republic of Gilead, a totalitarian regime that enforces rigid social roles and enslaves the few remaining fertile women. Offred is one of these, a Handmaid bound to produce children for one of Gilead's commanders. Deprived of her husband, her child, her freedom, and even her own name, Offred clings to her memories and her will to survive.

Hannah Fowler by *Janice Holt Giles (Kentucky author)* (1956)

In the novel *Hannah Fowler*, Janice Holt Giles created a pioneer woman who would, In Giles's words, "endow her own physical seed with her strength and courage, and her own tenderness and love." First published in 1956, this work is the second in Giles's series of historical novels on Kentucky, which includes *The Kentuckians* and *The Believers*.

The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter by *Carson McCullers* (1940)

In a Georgia Mill town during the 1930s, an enigmatic John Singer, draws out the haunted confessions of an itinerant worker, a doctor, a widowed café owner, and a young girl. Each yearns for escape from small town life, but the young girl, Mick Kelly, the book's heroine (loosely based on McCullers), finds solace in her music.

The House of the Baskervilles by *Sir Arthur Conan Doyle* (1902)

A country doctor has come to 221B Baker Street, the lodgings of famed detective Sherlock Holmes, with the eerie tale of the Hound of the Baskervilles. The legend warns the descendants of the Baskerville family never to venture out on the moors that surround their ancestral home, for fear that they will meet the devil-beast that lurks there.

In the Face of Evil by *David Baldacci* (2019)

MURDER and evil people doing things they should not do.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by *C. S. Lewis* (1950)

They open a door and enter a world, NARNIA...the land beyond the wardrobe, the secret country known only to Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy...the place where the adventure begins. Lucy is the first to find the secret of the wardrobe in the professor's mysterious old house. At first, no one believes her. But soon Edmund and then Peter and Susan discover the Magic and meet Aslan, the Great Lion, for themselves. In the blink of an eye, their lives are changed forever.

My Antonia by *Willa Cather* (1918)

The novel tells the story of Jim Burden, an orphan boy, and Antonia Shimenda who are brought as children to be pioneers in Nebraska in the late 19th century. This beautifully written story is the author's final book in her Great Plains trilogy and was praised for bringing the American West to life.

My Side of the Mountain by *Jean Craighead George* (1959)

Terrribly unhappy in his family's crowded New York City apartment, Sam Gribble runs away to the solitude-and danger-of the mountains, where he finds a side of himself he never knew.

Night by *Elie Wiesel* (1960)

Elie Wiesel's memories of the nightmare world of the death camps present him with an intolerable question: how can the God he once so fervently believed in have allowed these monstrous events to occur? There are no easy answers in this harrowing book, which probes life's essential riddles with the lucid anguish only great literature achieves. It marks the crucial first step in Wiesel's lifelong project to bear witness for those who died.

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency by *Alexander McCall Smith* (1998)

A new novel series tells the story of the delightfully cunning and enormously engaging Precious Ramotswe, who is drawn to her profession to help people with problems in their lives. Upon setting up shop in a small storefront in Gaborone, she is hired to track down a missing husband, uncover a con man, and follow a wayward daughter. But the case that tugs at her heart, and lands her in danger, is a missing boy, who may have been snatched by witchdoctors.

The Outsiders by *S. E. Hinton* (1967)

No one ever said life was easy. But Ponyboy is pretty sure that he's got things figured out. He knows that he can count on his brothers. And he knows that he can count on his friends—true friends who would do anything for him. But not on much else besides trouble with the Socs, a vicious gang of rich kids whose idea of a good time is beating up on “greasers” like Ponyboy. At least he knows what to expect—until the night someone takes things too far.

River of Earth by *James Still* (*Kentucky author*) (1940)

Seen through the eyes of a boy, this is a story of three years in the life of his family and their kin. He sees his parents pulled between the meager farm with its sense of independence and the mining camp with its uncertain promise of material prosperity. In his world, violence, and death are part of everyday life, accepted and endured. Yet it is a world of dignity, love, and humor, of natural beauty which Still evokes in sharp, poetic images. No writer has caught more effectively the vividness of mountain speech or shown more honestly the trials and joys of mountain life.

The Secret Garden by *Frances Hodgson Burnett* (1911)

This classic tale of discovery and friendship tells the story of recently orphaned Mary Lennox, who is sent to live on her uncle's estate. While exploring the grounds, she discovers a long-neglected garden that has been walled off. She begins to care for the garden along with a gardener, a young friend, and her invalid cousin. Together these characters nurture it into a thing of beauty while building friendship and discovering their capacity for confidence and empathy.

Southern Christmas: Literary Classics of the Holidays edited by *Judy Long and Thomas Payton* (1998)

Christmas has always captured the hearts of southern writers. In this book are twenty-eight short stories, poems, and excerpts from classic novels by famous writers including Mark Twain, O. Henry, Truman Capote, Langston Hughes, and many others. They offer unique opportunities to reflect on a variety of memories of the holidays.

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston (1937)

This novel brings to life a Southern love story with the wit and pathos found only in the writing of Zora Neale Hurston. Out of print for almost thirty years—due largely to initial audiences' rejection of its strong black female protagonist—this classic has since become perhaps the most widely read and highly acclaimed novel in the canon of African-American literature.

The Trail of the Lonesome Pine by John Fox, Jr. (Kentucky author) (1908)

"A classic of Appalachian literature. Through this romance runs the social and political drama of eastern Kentucky's mountain people. . . . Fox can help us, even now, to consider what Appalachia finally means to its people." *Appalachian Journal* --Appalachian Journal --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame (1908)

This is a book for those "who keep the spirit of youth alive in them; of life, sunshine, running water, woodlands, dusty roads, winter firesides." So wrote Kenneth Grahame of his timeless tale of Rat, Mole, Badger, and Toad that triumphantly succeeds in conveying the miracle of loyalty and friendship. This tale of four friends and their adventures is a classic that inspires and delights readers of all ages.

Wild Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys (1966)

This mesmerizing work introduces us to Antoinette Cosway, a sensual and protected young woman who is sold into marriage to the prideful Mr. Rochester. Rhys portrays Cosway amidst a society so driven by hatred, so skewed in its sexual relations, that it can literally drive a woman out of her mind.

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame (1908)

Originally a series of tales for the author's young son, *The Wind in the Willows* presents the many adventures of Rat, Mole, Badger, Toad, and other animal friends in the English countryside. These delightful stories introduce the reader to a simple, but never boring, natural and rustic world. A cozy read for adults as well as children.



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