

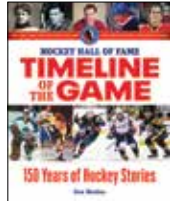


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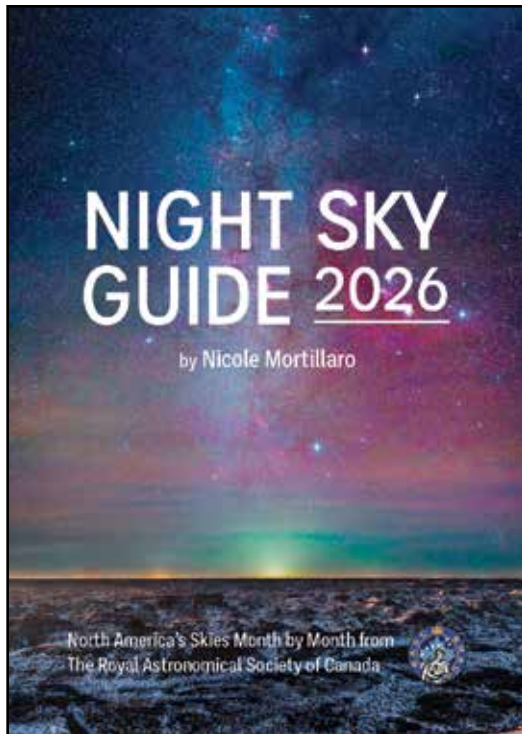
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NIGHT SKY GUIDE 2026

*North America's Skies Month by Month from
The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada*
Nicole Mortillaro

A fully illustrated, portable guidebook for enjoying the night sky in 2026.

Night Sky Guide 2026 is the ideal resource for both novice and experienced sky watchers in the United States and Canada, with all the advice, information and data that enthusiasts need to understand and enjoy the wonders of the night sky.

This in-depth guide introduces readers to the objects in the sky — from stars, to comets, to globular clusters — and then takes them through the cosmic events to look out for each month in 2026, with sky maps, moon phase charts and info about the planets. The book also features:

- Methods for using your hands to measure angles in the sky
- Information about binoculars and telescopes
- A glossary of terms
- A list of helpful resources
- And much, much more!

Night Sky Guide 2026 is both a comprehensive introduction to astronomy and a quick reference book for more experienced sky watchers who don't want to miss a thing. Its compact size means it's perfect for taking on an "astro-vacation" or simply sky viewing in the backyard.

The **Royal Astronomical Society of Canada** (RASC) was founded ad hoc in 1868 and incorporated in 1890 with a dual membership of professionals and amateurs. It has 29 Canadian chapters and over 5,000 members. The *Journal of The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada* is entering its 118th year of publication, and the RASC also produces a number of other publications and guidebooks.

Nicole Mortillaro is an avid amateur astronomer, author, editor, Senior Science Reporter for CBC News and the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada*. She is the author of *Saturn*, and lives in Toronto, Canada.

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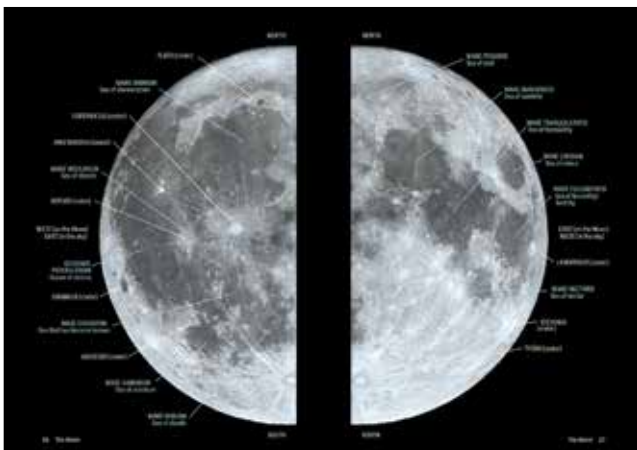
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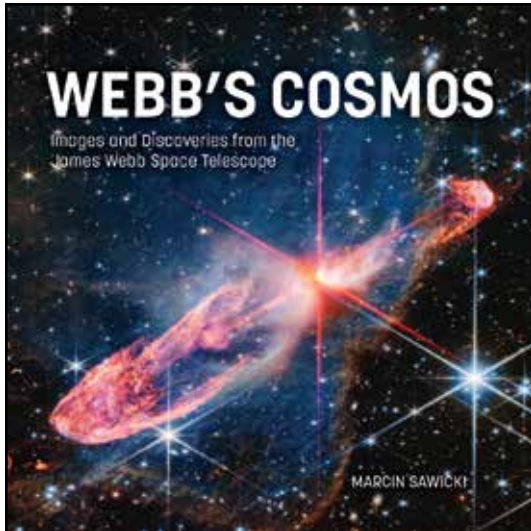
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WEBB'S COSMOS

Images and Discoveries from the James Webb Space Telescope

Marcin Sawicki

The James Webb Space Telescope took three decades from conception to launch but the wait has been worth it. The results of the most anticipated telescope of the 21st century have been nothing short of spectacular.

The idea for the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) was first raised in 1989, well before the enormously successful Hubble Space Telescope was launched. The infrared telescope with a mirror larger than four meters was launched on Christmas Day 2021.

In the summer of 2022, NASA released the first scientific images from Webb to the amazement of more than 300,000 viewers who watched the event live, and hundreds of millions around the world who have viewed Webb's images since then.

Webb's Cosmos is written in the spirit of Terry Dickinson's enormously popular book *Hubble's Universe*, which has sold over 100,000 copies. This book contains both the classic Webb images that have already become famous and the latest images from the frontiers of science taken by Webb, some of which appear here for the first time.

Author Marcin Sawicki is a professional astronomer who is an active user of Webb's images and data. He brings a wealth of knowledge and personal experience to the book and explains the science behind the images in accurate but accessible and engaging language.

Webb's Cosmos first provides the needed historical and scientific background to understand how the telescope works and what it can do. The book then presents a curated selection of some 200 photographs with descriptive captions that narrate these images of the distant universe. Chapters include:

- Stars and gas clouds
- Galaxies both near and far
- Planets and our solar system
- Exoplanets.

Marcin Sawicki is a professional research astronomer who has been involved with the James Webb Space Telescope Project for more than two decades and is now extensively using Webb for research. He is the co-author of 20 research papers based on data taken with Webb. A professional educator and experienced science communicator, Sawicki is Professor of Astronomy and Physics at Saint Mary's University and has held prestigious appointments: Canada Research Chair, Canadian Space Agency Science Fellow and Plaskett Fellow.





OUT OF THE RING NEBULA
Wells offers two complementary views of the Ring Nebula. This is a classic example of what is called planetary nebula, a cosmic phenomenon formed by a dying star with outer layers of gas.
On the left (SDSS J000000.00+000000.00) Wells reveals the filamentary structure of the nebula's outer ring and reveals some 10,000 stars gliding at 100,000 miles per hour. The right-hand image is the Ring Nebula with a more detailed view of the central core, showing the intricate structure of the gas ring and the central core.
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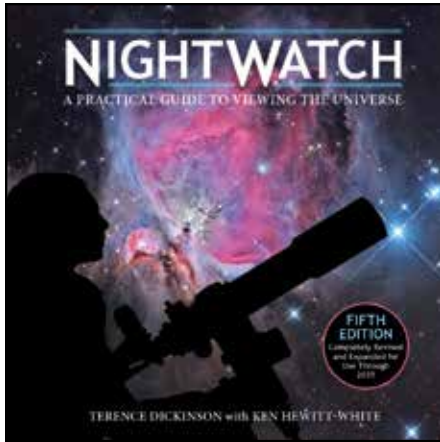
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NIGHTWATCH, 5E

A Practical Guide to Viewing the Universe

Terence Dickinson and Ken Hewitt-White

“Absolutely the best book for beginners.” —Library Journal

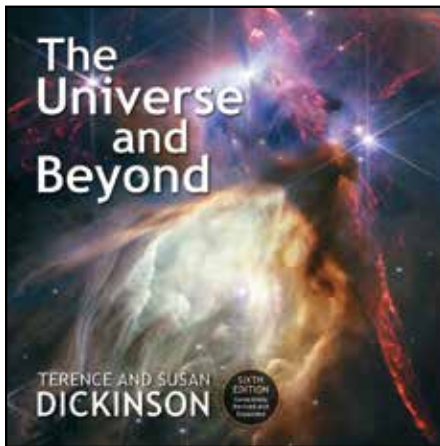
Stargazing enthusiasts of all levels of experience will discover much of value in an enduring reference conceived by one of the most respected names in amateur astronomy. This must-have Fifth Edition includes:

- a comprehensive, all-season guide to the night sky
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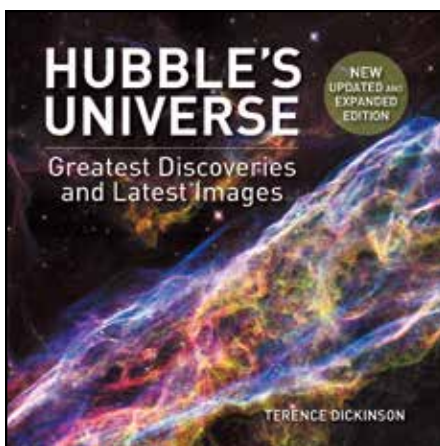
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In this new edition, Terence Dickinson and his longtime editorial partner Susan Dickinson joined forces to bring us exciting new information on the origin and evolution of the universe, the birth of planets, life on our solar system's outer moons, runaway black holes, the first gravitational waves, an enigmatic interstellar visitor and more. These recent discoveries have spawned a host of questions about the universe that couldn't even be imagined a decade ago.

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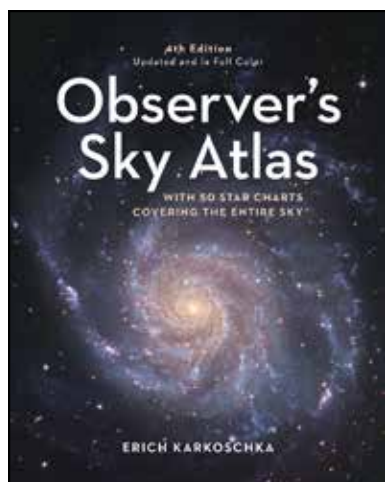
“Superbly well produced.” —Booklist

The first edition of *Hubble's Universe* displayed 300 pages of high-resolution celestial portraits selected by bestselling astronomy writer Terence Dickinson from the initial 22 years of the Hubble Space Telescope's exploration of distant galaxies. This second edition adds another chapter with more than 36 completely new images, including the first publication of a four-page fold-out of the Andromeda Galaxy, the nearest spiral galaxy to Earth.

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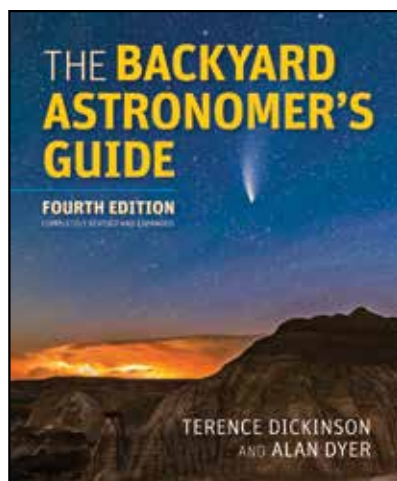
Erich Karkoschka

This tremendous new edition of a classic book (previously published only in black-and-white) contains star charts and pictures, for all those who observe the night sky with unaided eyes, binoculars or telescopes. It is equally useful for beginners and experienced old hands at astronomy.

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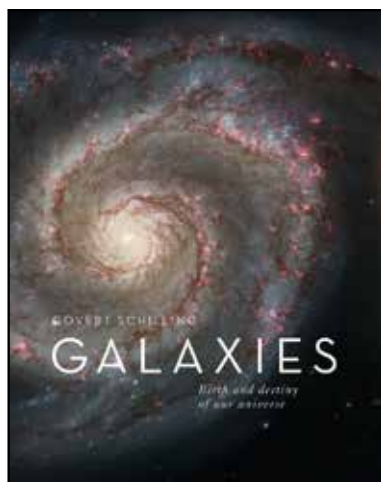
Terence Dickinson and Alan Dyer

"Crammed with practical information that should help you become a better observer, and have fun doing it." —Astronomy

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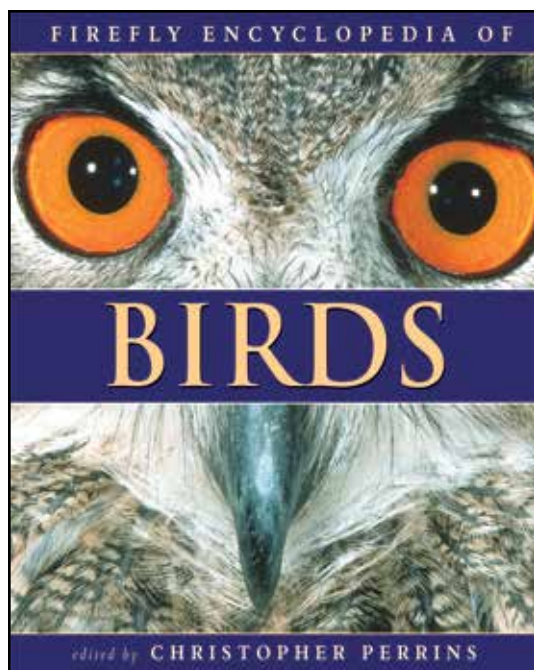
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Christopher Perrins

"Truly authoritative, but very readable, review of the more than 9,800 bird species on our planet... This well-done reference should be useful for the academic library but also for general public with its easy-to-read text. Indeed, many serious birders may well want to have this hefty volume on their home shelves."

—American Reference Books Annual

The ultimate reference to the vast world of birds.

Like no other group in the animal kingdom, birds capture our imagination. Comprehensive and up-to-date, the **Firefly Encyclopedia of Birds** is the definitive single-volume guide to these infinitely fascinating creatures.

Entries written by a team of renowned biologists and conservationists give a systematic account of every bird family, covering form and function, distribution, diet, social behavior and breeding biology. With one-eighth of all bird species now under threat, special attention is given to environmental and conservation issues. The **Encyclopedia's** core articles are complemented by special features that provide detailed coverage of particular topics. Photo stories showcase superb examples of wildlife photography.

The clear, easy-to-read text of the **Encyclopedia** is enhanced by about 1,000 photographs revealing the enormous diversity of birds in their natural habitats, from Arctic tundra to tropical rain forest. In addition, a wealth of beautifully detailed color and line illustrations depict representative species from each family and highlight characteristic behaviors. Throughout, "Factfiles" with distribution maps and scale drawings place essential data at the reader's fingertips.

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Christopher Perrins is a distinguished ornithologist and the author of many academic studies and popular books on birds. He was Professor of Ornithology at Oxford University from 1992 to 2002 and Director of the Edward Grey Institute of Field Ornithology from 1974 to 2002, and has been a visiting lecturer at universities in Canada and Australia.

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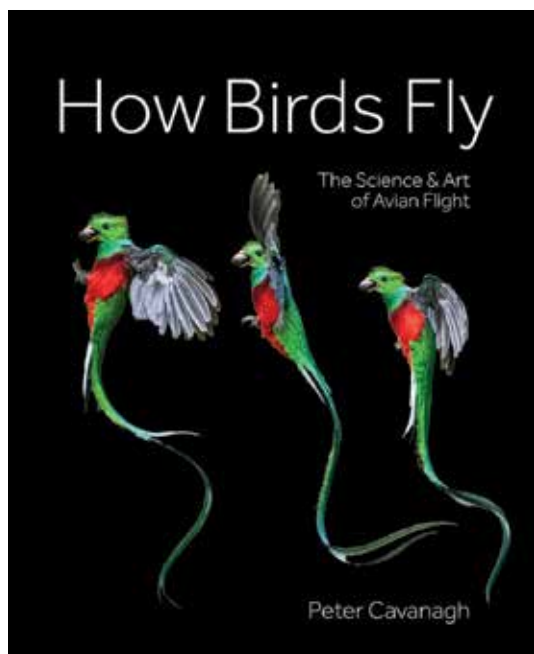
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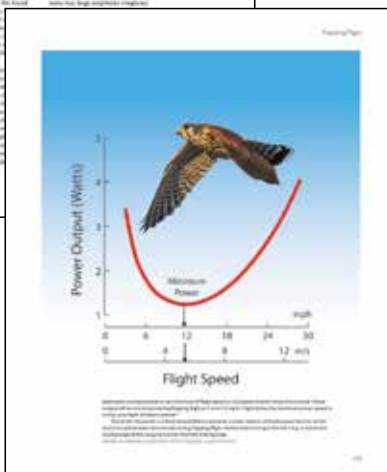
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HOW BIRDS FLY

The Science & Art of Avian Flight

Peter Cavanagh

Bird flight is a mesmerizing spectacle, yet its intricacies remain largely shrouded in mystery for most. Even after over a century of study, certain aspects of bird flight continue to baffle the public and ornithologists alike.

Peter Cavanagh, a dedicated bird photographer, pilot and expert in the fields of aerodynamics and anatomy, has dedicated a decade to crafting this remarkable book, ***How Birds Fly***. Through awe-inspiring photography and conversational prose, Peter unveils the complex evolutions and physics of bird flight, making it accessible to bird lovers of all levels.

Within these pages, you'll discover the elegant mechanics behind how birds fly. Explore the evolution of flight, the roles of bones, muscles and feathers, and the crucial functions of wings, wingtips and tails. From takeoff to landing, soaring to diving, and hunting to hovering, you'll gain unprecedented insight into avian movement.

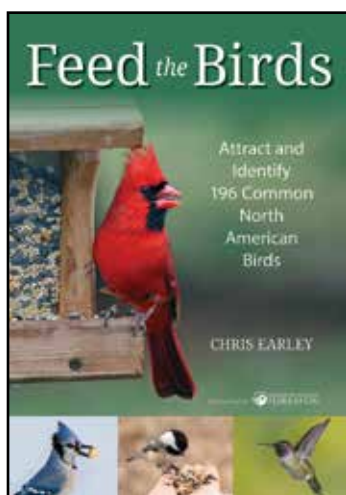
Chapters featured in this book include, but are not limited to:

- The evolution of bird flight
- The anatomy of birds for flight
- The aerodynamics of bird flight
- Takeoff and landing
- Gliding and soaring
- Flapping flight
- In-flight maneuvers
- Migration
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But ***How Birds Fly*** is more than a scientific exploration; it's a celebration of the artistry of bird flight. Uncover the stories of flight pioneers like Leonardo da Vinci and the Wright Brothers, and how engineers still draw inspiration from birds for cutting-edge aircraft design. With this book, you can savor each chapter independently, enjoying stunning photographs and enlightening illustrations. In "From the Lab" sections, you'll dive into real research studies, gaining a taste of how ornithologists work.

Flight is a dream embedded deep within our unconscious minds. Let Peter Cavanagh's expertise and passion for flight enhance your appreciation for the world of birds.

Peter Cavanagh is a wildlife photographer who has been taking pictures since he was a boy in England. Peter's migration to the photography and study of bird flight evolved from his study of flight aerodynamics for aircraft pilot qualifications; his professional training in anatomy, biomechanics, and high-speed photography; and his love of nature and the outdoors. Peter lives in the San Juan Islands of Washington State, USA with his wife, artist Ann Vandervelde.



FEED THE BIRDS

Attract and Identify 196 Common North American Birds

Chris Earley

“Informative and practical... This guide, filled with richly colorful photos, is enthusiastically recommended for birders, bird watchers, and anyone else who cares about birds’ role in our precariously fragile environment.”

— Booklist

Feed the Birds is designed as a resource for beginners and experienced birdwatchers alike. Covering 196 bird species that are attracted to backyard bird feeders, this book helps the reader not only attract and identify birds but also understand their behavior and adaptations to the environment. A wide variety of feeders and seed types are presented with helpful tips on how to attract the largest variety of birds.

Each profile for the 196 featured species includes a variety of photographs, an identification guide, a range map, information on bird seed and natural food preferences, and behavior.

The book also contains information on how to choose the right seeds; the importance of ensuring all windows are bird-safe (with links to organizations that work to reduce bird-window collision); cat-friendly deterrents; and citizen science activities like the annual Christmas Bird Count and Project Feederwatch. ***Feed the Birds*** is a complete guide that should be near every bird enthusiast’s window.

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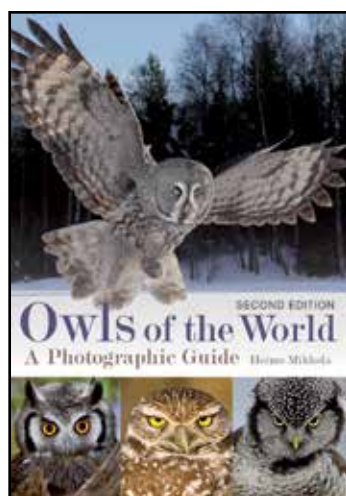
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OWLS OF THE WORLD

A Photographic Guide

Heimo Mikkola

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—Library Journal, Best Reference 2012

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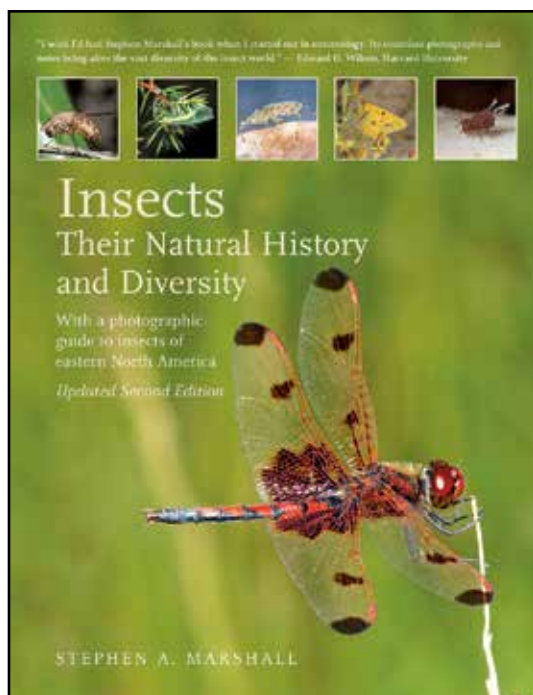
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—Library Journal

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—Arthur V Evans, Research Collaborator, Dept. of Entomology, Smithsonian Institution

Called "a milestone in insect photography" and "simply bigger, prettier and more comprehensive than any previous publication on insects," Professor Stephen Marshall's *Insects* is now in a new edition, with more than 500 changes to reflect the latest scientific findings since it was first published in 2006.

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This book has been widely and thoroughly praised. It is now ready for a new generation of new and lifetime students of entomology.

Stephen A. Marshall is a Professor Emeritus of entomology at the University of Guelph, Ontario, where he developed a major insect collection and carries out research on insect systematics and biodiversity. He has discovered hundreds of new species, several new genera, and two new subfamilies.

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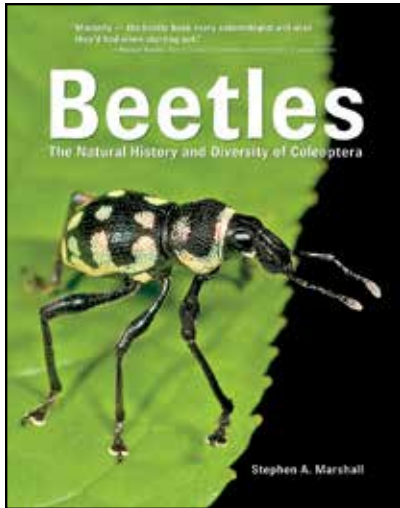
4,000 color photographs, illustrations, charts, bibliography, 28 picture keys, selected references, 3 indexes

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This 2025 reprint has an extensively updated caddisfly section, about 150 new images, plus newly added families and updates to reflect new classifications.





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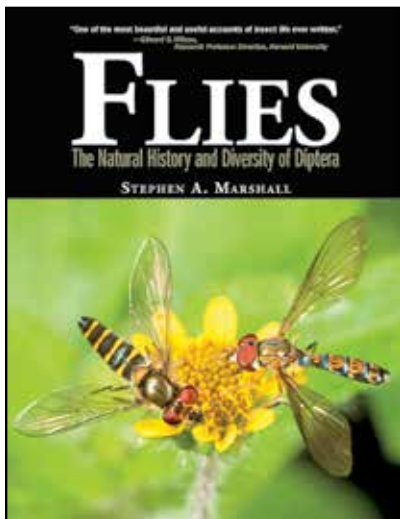
The Natural History and Diversity of Coleoptera

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**Dartmouth Medal
Honorable Mention**

In *Beetles: The Natural History and Diversity of Coleoptera*, Marshall has again applied his deep knowledge of the insect world. Comprehensive and packed with 27 pages of richly illustrated keys and 4,500 color illustrations, it provides the reader with a colorful and enjoyable introduction to the natural history of a huge group of organisms, along with an overview of the diversity of fascinating families included in the group. The subject of this book is an enormous one, since the beetles, or Coleoptera, include almost 400,000 named species.

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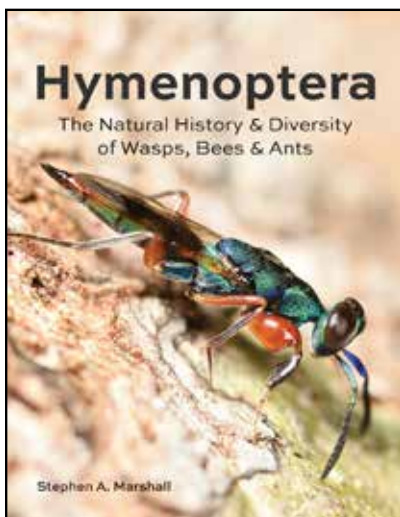
FLIES

The Natural History and Diversity of Diptera

Stephen A. Marshall

Meticulously researched and illustrated with more than 2,000 color photographs taken by the author, *Flies* is a landmark reference book that will be indispensable to any naturalist, biologist or entomologist. Most photographs in this encyclopedic reference were taken in the field and show the insects in their natural environment. All of the world's fly families are included, with photographic coverage spanning the range from common deer flies and fruit flies through to deadly tsetse flies and malaria mosquitoes, with thousands of spectacular species such as exotic stalk eyed flies, giant robber flies and hedgehog flies in between.

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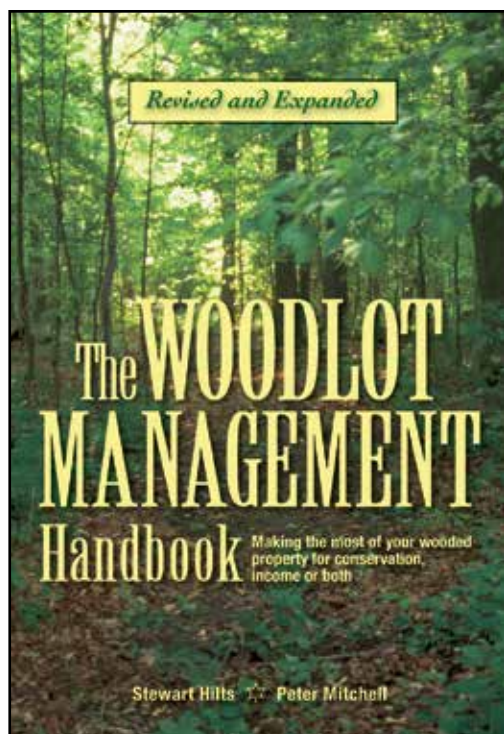
The Natural History and Diversity of Wasps, Bees and Ants

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In *Hymenoptera*, Marshall has applied his broad knowledge of insects to the world of wasps, bees and ants. The subject of this book is an enormous one, since Hymenoptera is arguably the largest order of living things. Comprehensive and packed with richly illustrated keys and thousands of color photographs identified with help from many of the world's best hymenopterists, this volume provides the reader with a colorful and enjoyable introduction to a huge group of organisms, along with an overview of the diversity of fascinating families included in the group.

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[Review of previous edition:] "A useful guide to basic woodlot or forest conservation practice, management and utilization ... This is a well-done, comprehensive explanation of woodland ecology in terms of property management and restoration. Over 50 diagrams and illustrations help the reader understand the text. As an owner of a woodlot, I found this book a good resource and of great interest." — Current Books on Gardening and Botany

How to get the most out of a parcel of land by growing trees for timber, selling firewood and preserving land for future generations.

A private woodlot may range from 5 to 500 acres, and they are extremely common. Hilts and Mitchell's book is a personal "get out and walk your woods" plan. The authors answer landowners' most common questions on:

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- Moving to ecological restoration
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- Watching for endangered species
- Dealing with invasive insects and plants.

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Stewart Hilts teaches in the Department of Land Resources Science at the Ontario Agricultural College at the University of Guelph.

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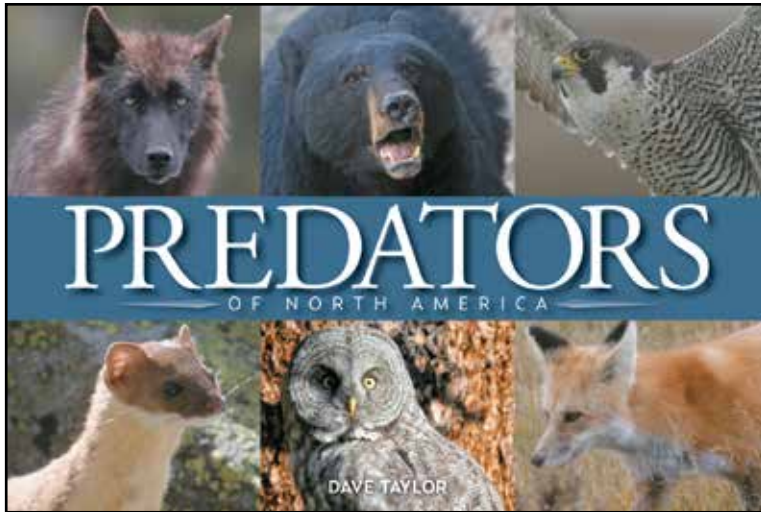
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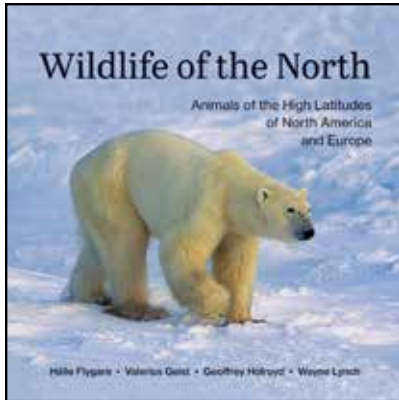
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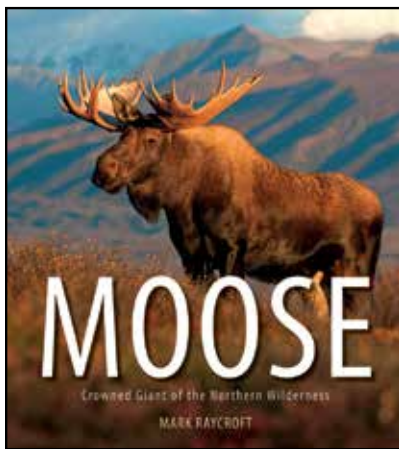
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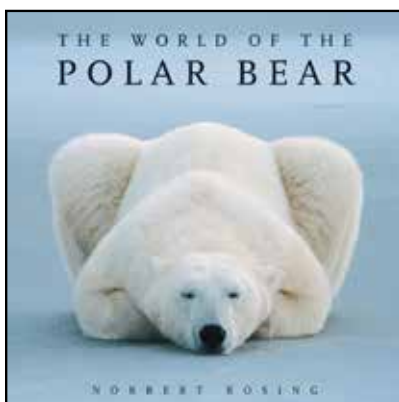
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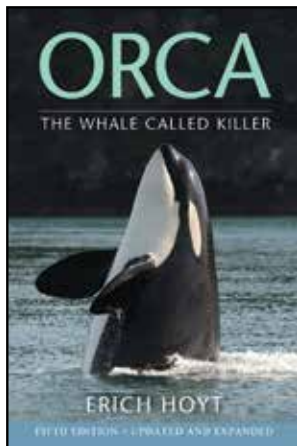
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Philippe Martin is an ecologist, photographer, including underwater subjects, and author of numerous books with a career spanning more than 40 years. He has also contributed to many books on nature, as author, co-author or illustrator. In 2012, Philippe Martin won Grand Prize for Digital Photography at the International Festival of Wildlife Photography in Montier-en-Der, France. His book *Hyper Nature Tropical* received the First Place "French Book Prize" 2014.



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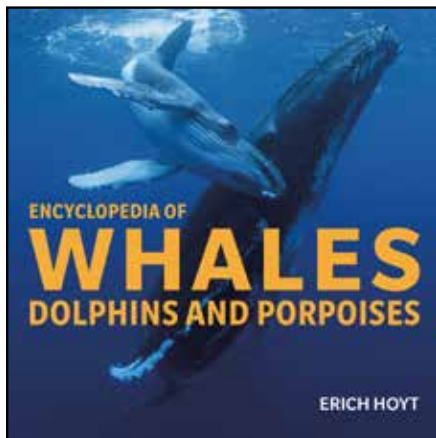
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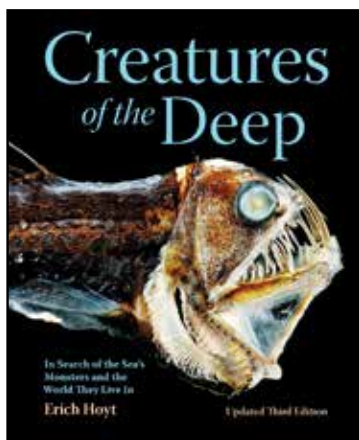
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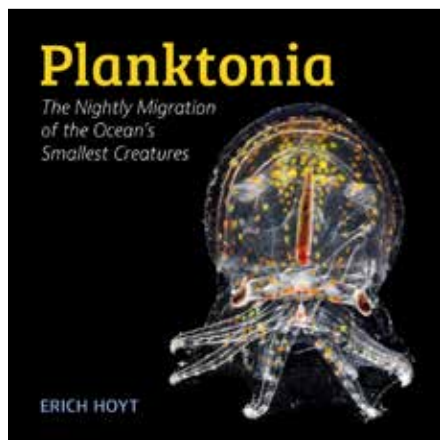
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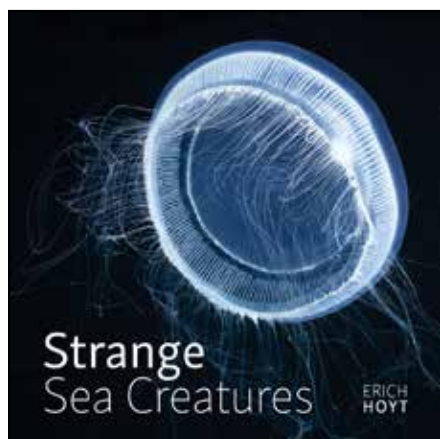
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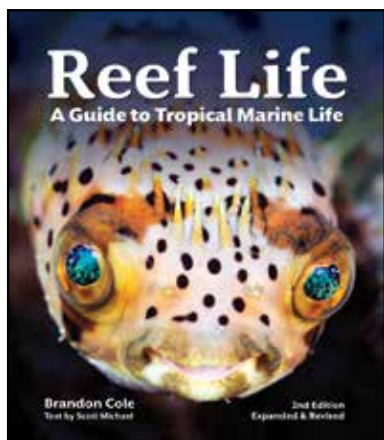
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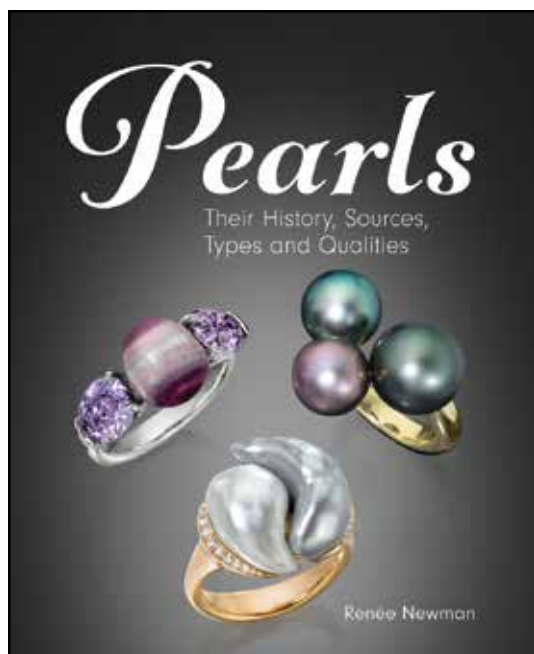
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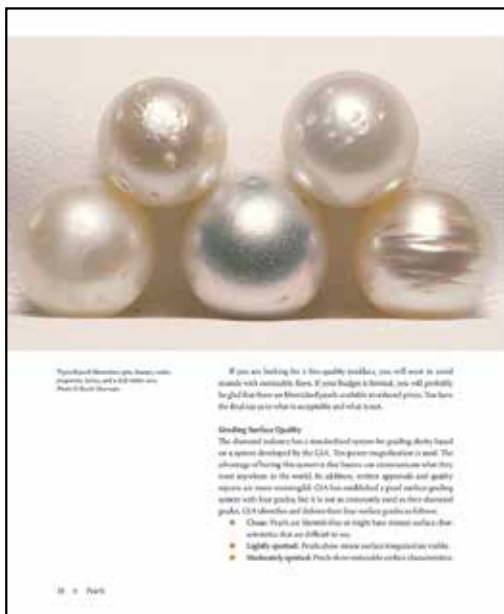
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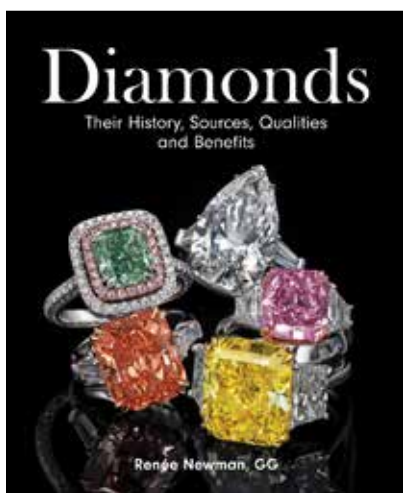
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Renée Newman is a highly respected gemologist and the author of gem and jewelry guides, including *Diamonds*, which charted the history, sources, cutting techniques and more of the world's strongest gemstone. Her books have been used worldwide as sales-training tools, buying guides, class texts and references for jewelry professionals. She earned her graduate gemologist diploma from the prestigious Gemological Institute of America (GIA).



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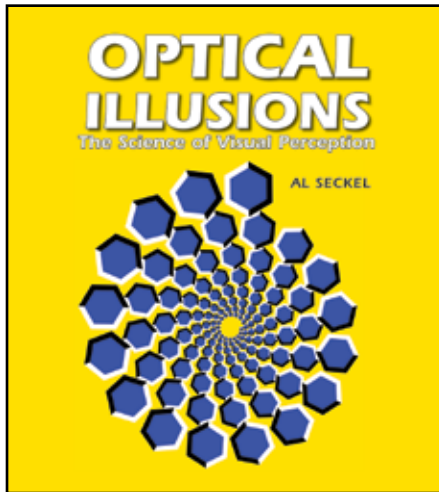
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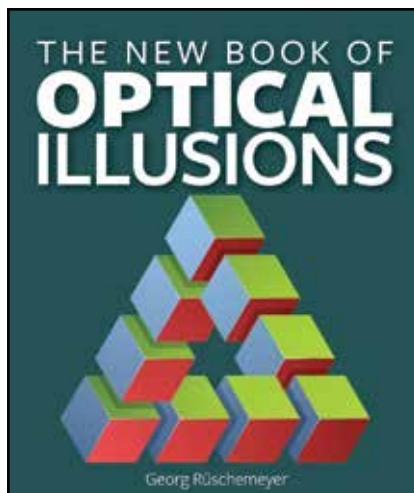
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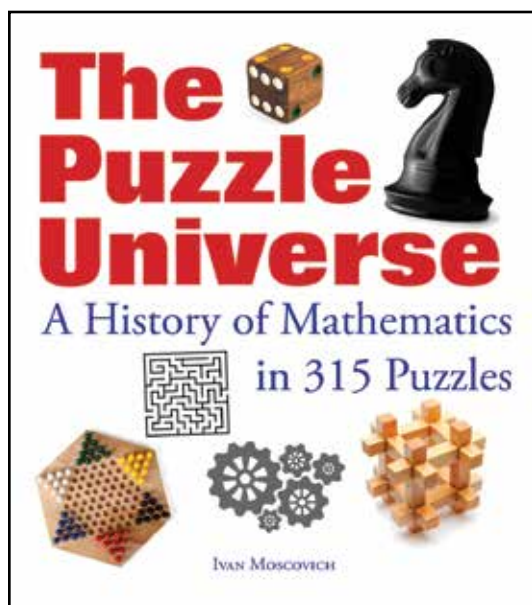
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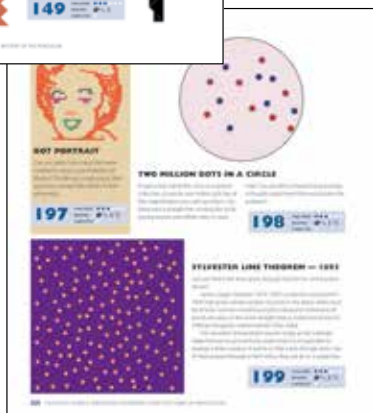
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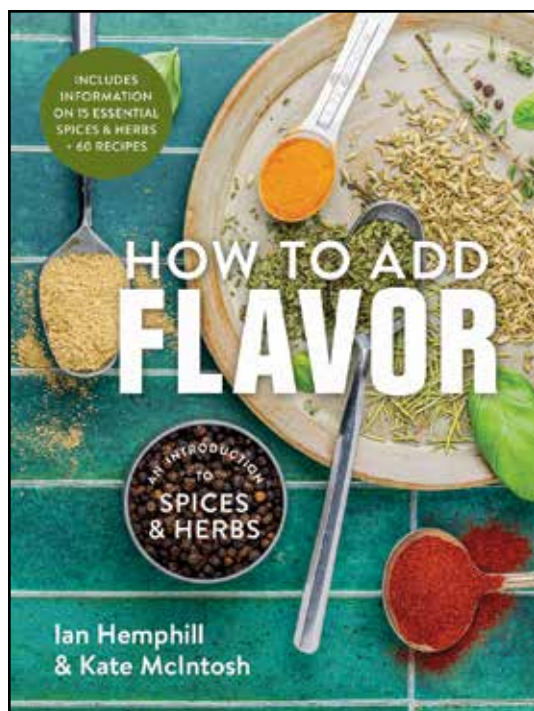
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Ivan Moscovich is celebrated worldwide as one of the leading inventors and presenters of visual games and puzzles. He has more than 40 illustrated books to his credit of which *The Big Book of Brain Games* has sold over one million copies and is translated into more than 20 languages. He is widely recognized as one of most innovative inventors in the toy industry. He lives in England.



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Ian Hemphill was raised in Sydney, Australia and is the founder of Herbie's Spices, the internationally respected business that sells quality herbs and spices online at www.herbies.com.au. He is the author, along with Kate McIntosh, of *The Spice & Herb Bible*, which is now in its 3rd edition.

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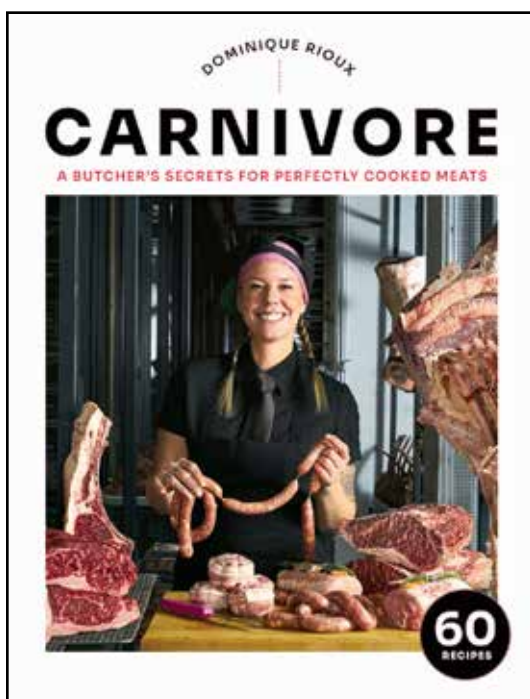
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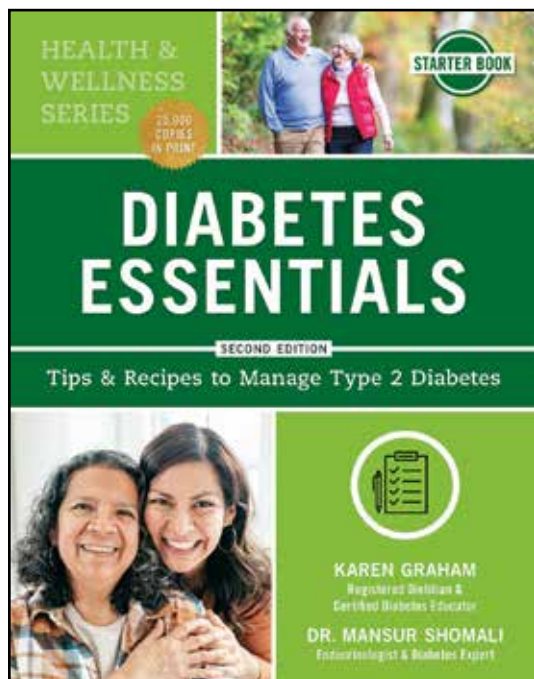
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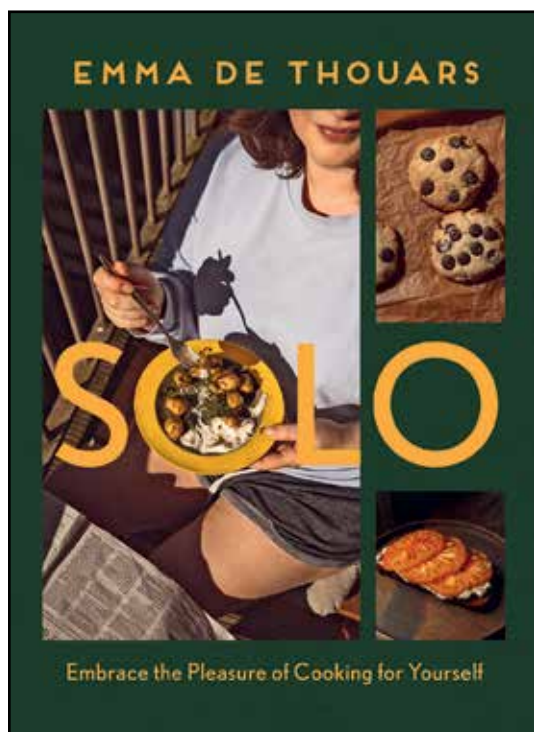
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Diabetes Essentials is part of the market-leading Robert Rose Diabetes Series, which has sold over 400,000 copies worldwide. This book is designed to offer a holistic approach to diabetes management that combines expert advice, easy-to-understand education, and practical tips for everyday life.

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SOLO

Embrace the Pleasure of Cooking for Yourself
Emma de Thouars

Cooking for one just got a lot more fun!

Calling all singles! Cooking for one doesn't have to mean repetitive meals or bland leftovers. In **Solo**, Emma de Thouars transforms the experience of cooking for yourself into something exciting, easy, and full of flavor. With years of experience cooking just for herself, Emma offers you the tools and inspiration to make each meal a creative adventure.

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Emma de Thouars is a food writer, columnist and podcast host. She is also the author of successful cookbooks on Asian food, vegan Asian food, tofu and noodles.

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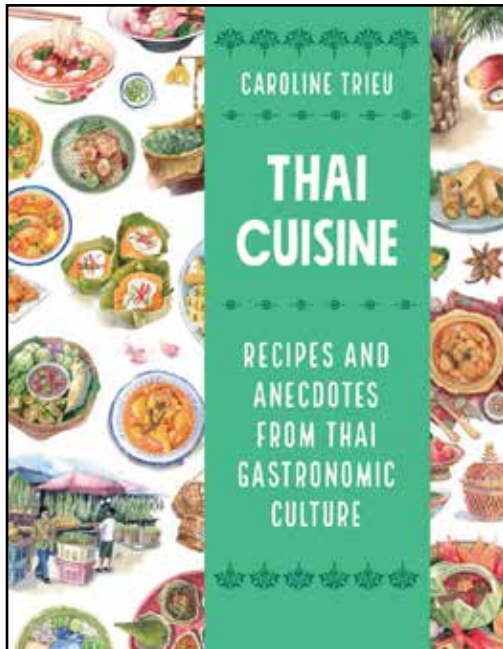
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THAI CUISINE

Recipes and Anecdotes from Thai Gastronomic Culture

Caroline Trieu

Illustrated by Kanchanok Inprung

Thai food has been popular in the west since its introduction in the 1970s. But it goes far beyond Pad Thai, a traditional noodle dish that is a favorite in restaurants and is also the national dish of Thailand. This book is a key to open the mysteries of flavor-rich Thai cuisine.

Like the other books in the series, this fully illustrated guide is about Thai food culture, beyond recipes.

- What is the agriculture of Thailand and how does this influence ingredients?
- What are the dominant flavors of spices and aromatic herbs?
- Vegetarian or not?
- Daily food: rice, noodles, vegetables, spices and condiments
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- Shopping for the freshest shrimp, coconut and other ingredients
- Thai table etiquette.

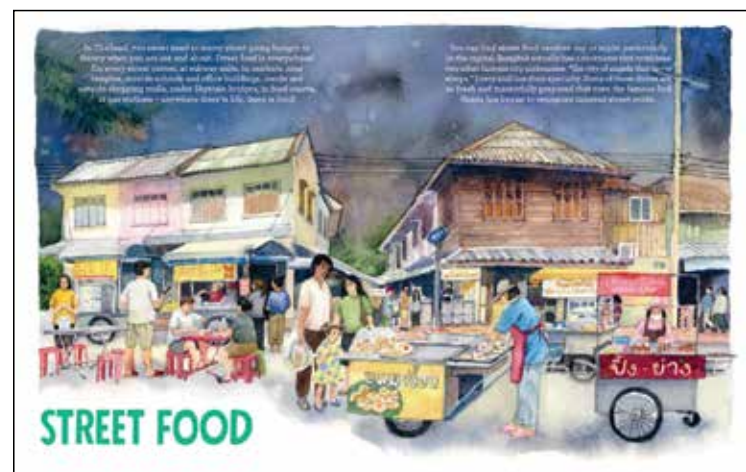
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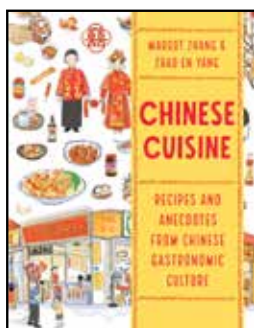
- The regional cuisines of Thailand
- Most popular dishes
- Street food of Thailand
- Holiday special meals
- Desserts and drinks.

This book is useful for a student of Asian food cultures, as well as the young cook of Thai descent who wants to make the dishes “Grandma and Grandpa” made. Inexpensive, attractive and simply written, it should be a companion for every cosmopolitan kitchen.

Caroline Trieu has lived in Thailand for 15 years. She shares her recipes and cooking secrets on her blog “Taste-of-mekong”.

Kanchanok Inprung is a Thai illustrator with a strong interest in sharing her cultural and gastronomic traditions.





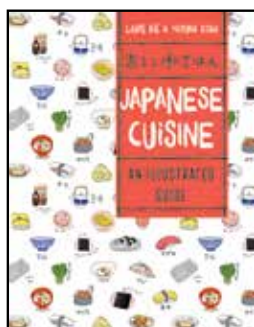
CHINESE CUISINE

Recipes and Anecdotes from Chinese Gastronomic Culture

Margot Zhang and Zhao En Yang

Charming full-color illustrations show every kind of ingredient and dish, from the familiar to the unusual, and depict people in authentic situations enjoying food in their homes, at restaurants and on the street. The color illustrations of vegetables, utensils and labels make this guide very easy to follow for the novice and a warm reminder for readers of Chinese heritage.

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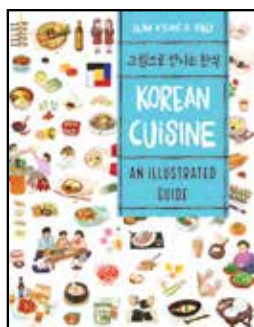
JAPANESE CUISINE

An Illustrated Guide

Laure Kié and Haruna Kishi

From how to use Japanese knives, chopsticks and cooking vessels, to familiar and unusual seafood (and seaweed!), Japanese vegetables, fruits and soy, the illustrations are clear, atmospheric and empowering. The text runs from ingredients and places to buy them, to simple dishes and whole meals.

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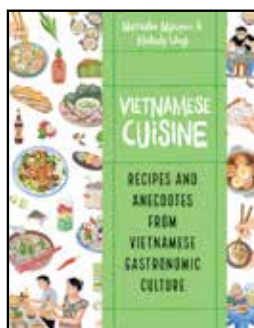
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An Illustrated Guide

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Recipes, anecdotes, histories and stories, maps, techniques, stylings, utensils, native ingredients — this is a colorful invitation to discover the look and aromas and flavors of Korea. What is the “five color philosophy”? What is Korean table etiquette? How do you make kimchi, region by region? What do you find in traditional markets, and in contemporary restaurants? How do you make Bibimbab? Are there North Korean specialties? (The answer is yes!). Do Koreans traditionally eat dessert? (The answer is no!).

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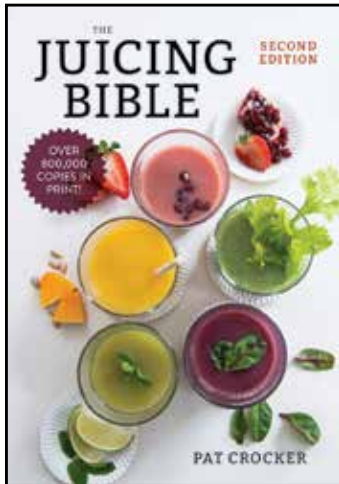
VIETNAMESE CUISINE

Recipes and Anecdotes from Vietnamese Gastronomic Culture

Nathalie Nguyen and Mélody Ung

With the huge emigration from Vietnam after its civil war, Vietnamese cuisine has become part of the mainstream of Asian food eaten by North Americans. But if you are new to it, it has delicious mysteries that this book can explain.

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THE JUICING BIBLE

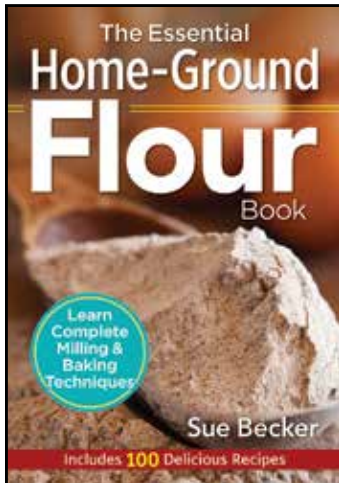
Pat Crocker

The first edition of *The Juicing Bible* won the 2000 International Cookbook Revue Award and has over 800,000 copies in print. It continues to be one of the bestselling juicing books in the marketplace. In response to consumer demand, we've decided to add more value to this comprehensive book with an additional 16 color photographs, which takes the total photographs up to 32. All the outstanding elements in this essential guide for anyone who wants to explore the wide-ranging nutritional and health benefits of juicing are still here: a market-leading 350 recipes; information on the seven body systems, including their importance to good health; 128 illustrations of fruits, vegetables and herbs, plus information on their uses and healing properties, and advice on purchasing and storage.

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THE ESSENTIAL HOME-GROUND FLOUR BOOK

Learn Complete Milling and Baking Techniques, Includes 100 Delicious Recipes

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The many benefits of home flour milling include taste and flavor and the appeal of making a healthy food that tastes good and is seriously nutritious. Home ground flour milling can also save countless dollars just in the cost of bread alone, especially for those with special dietary needs and restrictions, and improved health leads to reduced medical costs.

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SERIOUSLY GOOD FREEZER MEALS

150 Easy Recipes to Save Your Time, Money and Sanity

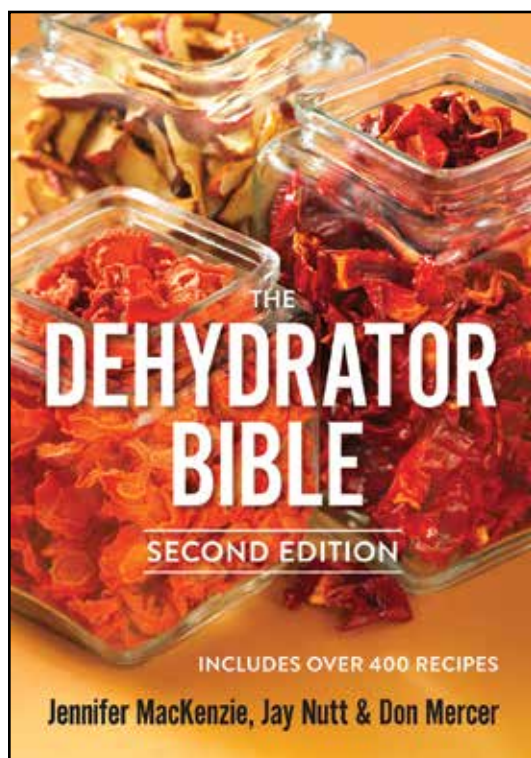
Karrie Truman

In *Seriously Good Freezer Meals*, Karrie shares 150 recipes that will change the way you think about freezer cooking. You won't find your mother or grandmother's freezer meals here (except lasagna, of course). Her recipes include Morning Energy Bars, Empanada Hand Pies, Coconut Cashew Basil Curry Soup, Smoky Grilled Louisiana Turkey Legs, and Layered Chocolate Mousse Cake with tons of vegetarian, gluten-free and vegan options, too. Plus, she adds a bulk-batch chart for ease in making large quantities of each freezer-meal recipe.

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UPDATED 2nd EDITION

THE DEHYDRATOR BIBLE

Jennifer MacKenzie, Jay Nutt and Don Mercer

Dehydrating foods is one of the oldest and safest forms of food preservation. With the rising popularity of at-home dehydrators, this ancient practice is now more popular than ever.

The Dehydrator Bible 2nd Edition has been skilfully updated to include the latest information on dehydrating foods and 40 new recipes for Snacks, Leathers, Jerkys and the ever-popular Pet Treats!

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- Easy-to-follow drying instructions and time guides for all types of dehydrators
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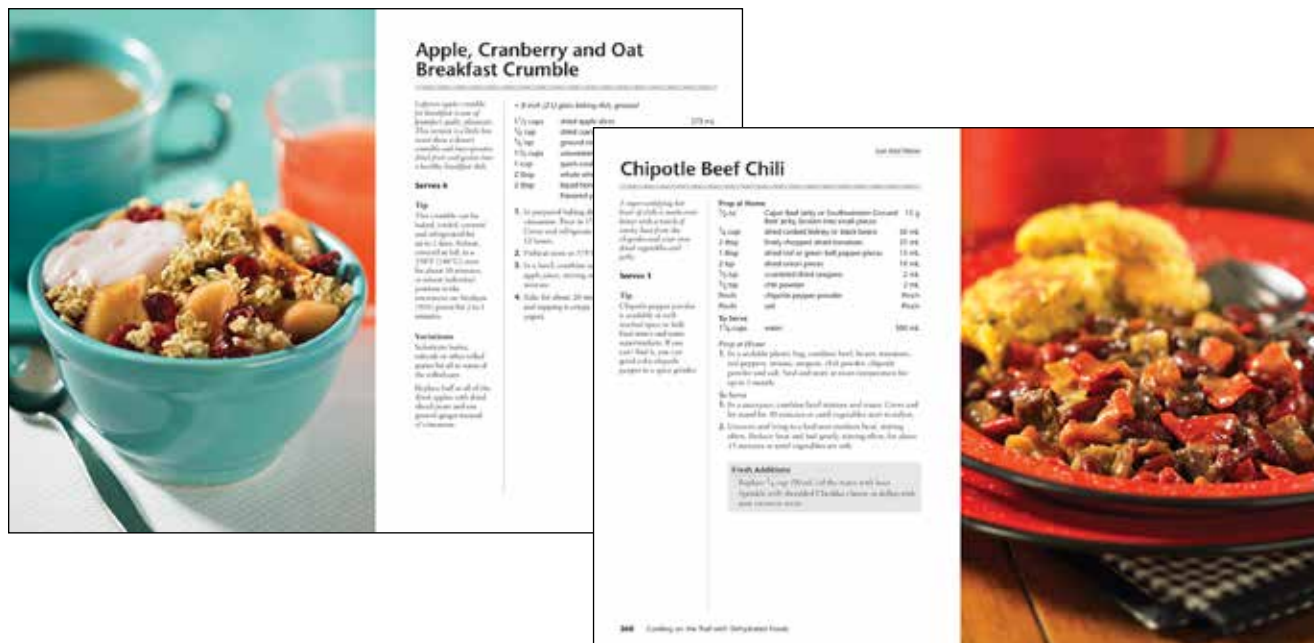
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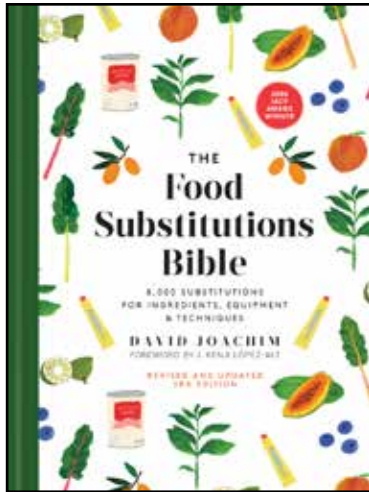


Jennifer MacKenzie is a professional home economist specializing in recipe development, testing and editing. She is the author of seven other cookbooks.

Jay Nutt is a former chef and restaurateur and co-author of *The Complete Trail Food Cookbook* and *Sous Vide Basics*.

Don Mercer Ph.D., P. Eng., is a professional engineer and an associate professor in the Food Science department at the University of Guelph.





THE FOOD SUBSTITUTIONS BIBLE

8,000 Substitutions for Ingredients, Equipment and Techniques

David Joachim, J. Kenji Lopez-Alt and Emily Isabella

This full-color, hardcover edition features a brand-new design with a foreword by J. Kenji López-Alt, 8,000 substitutions, custom hand-drawn illustrations by Emily Isabella, and 24 new recipes, increasing the total to 188 recipes.

More than 75,000 copies sold through 3 editions.

In one comprehensive, easy-to-use book that's organized from A to Z, bestselling author David Joachim has compiled creative and clear options to solve cooking conundrums. Now the book offers more than 8,000 alternative ingredients, equipment and techniques plus 188 simple recipes, covering emergency substitutions, time-saving substitutions, healthy substitutions, alternatives for hard-to-find ingredients, vegan and kosher alternatives, and ideas for varying the flavor of a dish in countless ways. You'll also find over 30 ingredients charts and measurements tables to help decipher things like selecting fresh chiles according to their Scoville Heat Unit, making flour substitutions based on taste or gluten/protein content, and choosing pan size equivalents.

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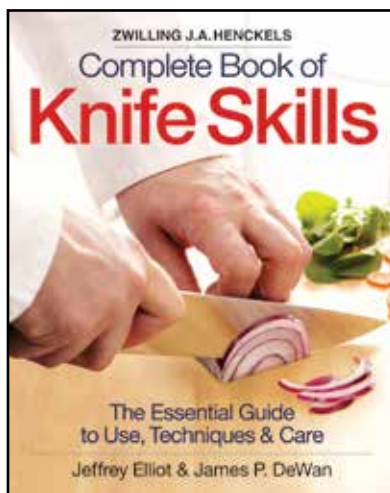
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COMPLETE BOOK OF KNIFE SKILLS

The Essential Guide to Use, Techniques and Care

Jeffrey Elliot and James P. DeWan

The definitive book on knife skills from the knife manufacturer recognized worldwide as the symbol of the best quality and function.

Every home chef needs a knife skills book. Cooks who know how to choose a knife, how to maintain it and how to use it properly work more safely, more quickly and more efficiently. Good knife skills also allow a cook to cut ingredients uniformly, allowing everything to cook at the same rate and creating the best presentation in the final dish.

The authors' unique approach in this book stems from their experience in the culinary classroom, where they observed how people learn. Elliot and DeWan refined their teaching process based on this vast experience.

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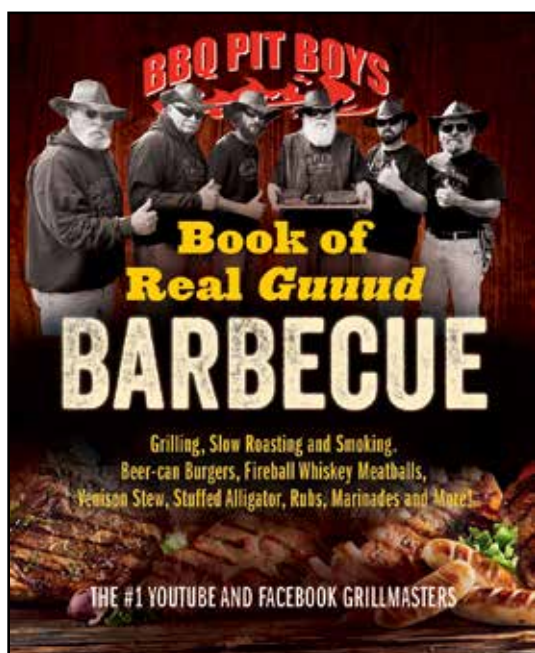
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Beer-Can Burgers, Cajun Rubs, Popcorn Chicken, Junkyard Steak, Fried Catfish, Redneck Beans, Stuffed Alligator and More!
BBQ Pit Boys

With over 2.2 million subscribers, and more than 1 billion views, the BBQ Pit Boys are by far the most-watched barbecue cooks on YouTube. And they are Facebook's #1 BBQ show.

They have millions of people in their online BBQ "community" — the largest in the world — and there are good reasons for that.

Dressed casually in black T-shirts, jeans and sunglasses, the BBQ Pit Boys are the antithesis of your typical cooking-show host with their usual fast patter and gleaming kitchen countertops. Instead they show backyard grillers how to make great BBQ with a few simple elements: charcoal, a grill, a sharp knife and marinades or rubs. And they do it in a low-key, Southern-inflected and confident way, with blues music in the background and an average-joe script.

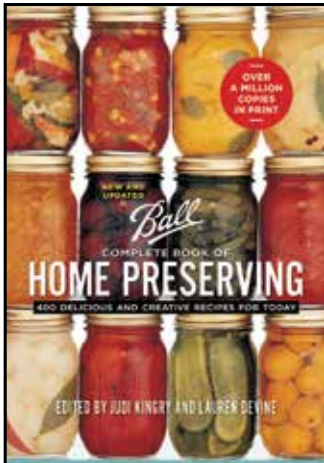
Their videos have taught millions of people how to grill and slow-barbecue steaks, fish, pork shoulder, lamb and sides like onion wedges and ears of corn — and make it fun. Those viewers go back to the BBQ Pit Boys content over and over.

The BBQ Pit Boys Book of Real Guuud Barbecue is their first book, derived from the thousands of recipes and live-action infotainments featured on their YouTube channel. It contains recipes and methods for almost every backyard griller's experience and desires, with full-color photos throughout and a design that will resonate with the BBQ Pit Boys' identity and appeal.

BBQ Pit Boys' media statistics:

- Five million+ followers on all platforms
- Number one for all things BBQ on Facebook and YouTube
- In the top 5 percent of all channels on YouTube
- Five million views per month
- Hosts the largest BBQ community in the world, with hundreds of thousands of views and posts each month
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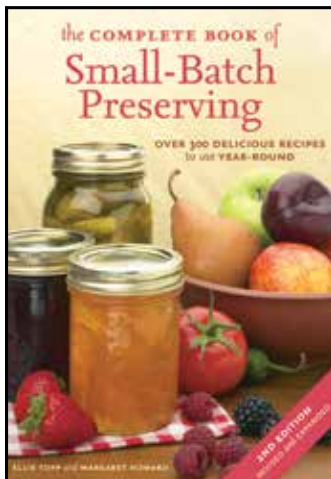
The Ball Complete Book of Home Preserving is the bestselling home preserving book in the world.

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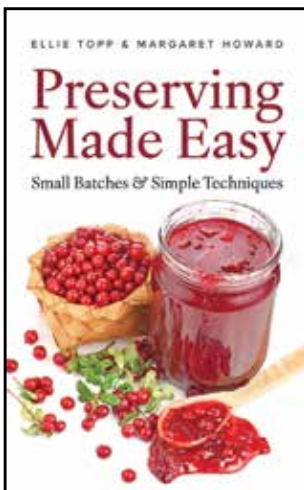
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The Complete Book of Small-Batch Preserving takes the guesswork out of home preserving. Both beginners and pros can make the most of fresh fruits and vegetables when these are readily available and inexpensive. Because these recipes require a minimum of time and fuss, home cooks will enjoy creating the preserves almost as much as everyone will enjoy tasting them.

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PRESERVING MADE EASY

Small Batches and Simple Techniques

Ellie Topp and Margaret Howard

Preserving Made Easy is the perfect book for today's busy cooks who still want to prepare and enjoy the homemade goodness of fresh fruits and vegetables. These recipes were selected for their delicious taste and because they are easy to prepare.

Thoroughly tested and perfected, each recipe offers something special — a new twist on an old favorite, a new way to mix and match flavors and tips to make the whole process easier and more fun.

The authors offer delectable recipes for jams, jellies, conserves, pickles, relishes, chutneys, salsas, mustards, marinades, flavored oils and more. Everything you need to delight family and friends is here. Using this book will ensure that your family has only the best and freshest ingredients carefully prepared for their needs.

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THE ART AND SCIENCE OF FOODPAIRING

10,000 Flavor Matches that Will Transform the Way You Eat

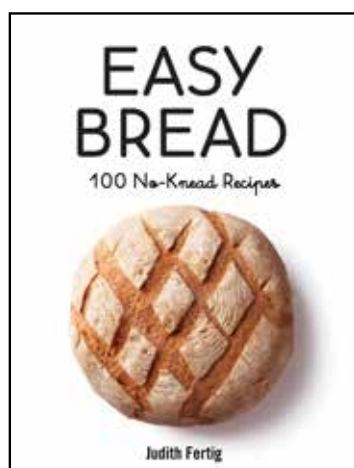
Peter Coucquyt, Bernard Lahousse and Johan Langenbick

The Art and Science of Foodpairing provides 10,000 flavor matches laid out in taste wheels and color keys. When cooks go to one ingredient, they will find 10 food pairings and a color wheel revealing the taste results. For example, boiled beets will taste less like the earth they grew in and more like cheese if they are paired with coffee, and cauliflower sprinkled with cocoa could turn the fussiest child into a veggie fiend.

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EASY BREAD

100 No-Knead Recipes

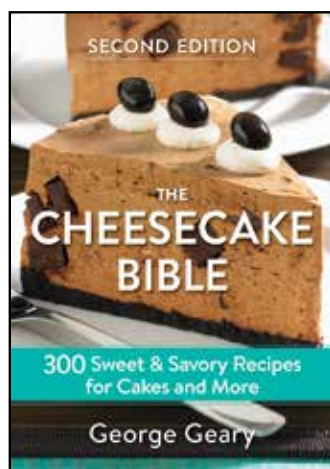
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Easy Bread will change the way you think about baking bread. Skip the traditional rounds of kneading and rising. With dough always ready to go, you'll be serving up glorious, fresh-baked breads in no time! Award-winning cookbook author Judith Fertig shares her expertise with a simplified, step-by-step technique and clear, detailed recipes easy enough for even beginning bread bakers. Start with a simple French loaf or pizza dough and quickly advance to filled breads, bagels and flaky buttery croissants. Prepare delicious bread toppings and fillings, like artisan butter, cinnamon sugar and caramelized onions, ready for whenever a craving for sweet or savory strikes.

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THE CHEESECAKE BIBLE

300 Sweet and Savory Recipes for Cakes and More

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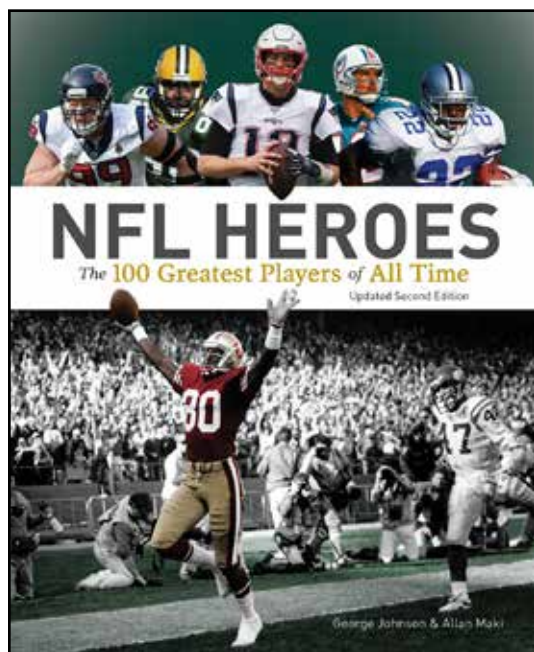
The highly-anticipated upgraded edition of the definitive book on luscious, decadent cheesecake by a master chef and baker.

Beloved for over a decade, this comprehensive cheesecake resource allows its many readers to indulge in recipes that range from traditional and chocolate to fruity and savory. Now, **The Cheesecake Bible** is back and better than ever with 90 new recipes to satisfy people who eat a gluten-free diet and to answer the recent cultural appetite for more savory cheesecakes.

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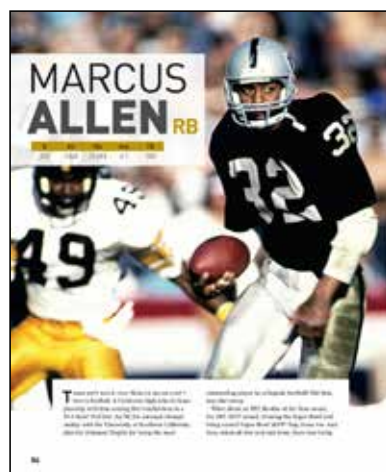
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There isn't much that Marcus Allen didn't win on football.

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NFL HEROES

The 100 Greatest Players of All Time

George Johnson and Allan Maki

The NFL's best players, all in one action-packed volume.

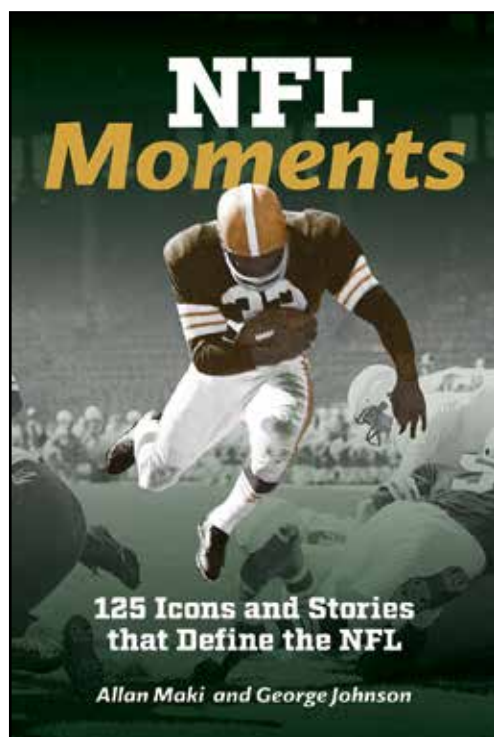
Over a century after the formation of the American Professional Football Conference, the precursor to the National Football League, pro football continues to excite and captivate millions of fans across the globe. At the core of the NFL is its legendary players — the incredible athletes who have thrown, caught, run, tackled and kicked their way into the annals of sports history. **NFL Heroes** presents the best of the best in pro football. From the pioneers, to the current stars, to the all-time legends that occupy the Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, they're all here, including:

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Featuring 100 riveting stories and over 120 photos of the game's best, this updated, second edition of **NFL Heroes** is a must-read for any fan of America's favorite sport.

George Johnson has spent over four decades based in Alberta and Manitoba writing about a variety of sports for newspapers, magazines and websites — covering the NHL, the CFL, seven Olympic Games, four World Cups and three Women's World Cups along the way.

Allan Maki is an award-winning sports writer who spent 22 years at Canada's national newspaper, the *Globe and Mail*. He has written for *Time*, *Maclean's*, *FHM*, *USA Today* and co-authored the book *Football's Greatest Stars* through three editions. He was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame's media section in 2006.



NFL MOMENTS

125 Icons and Stories that Define the NFL

Allan Maki and George Johnson

Over its 105-year history, the NFL has built franchise empires, created icons, integrated itself into the fabric of American culture and captivated fans around the globe. At the core of the NFL are the stories of the iconic players and leaders who drove the NFL from a modest association struggling to define itself against the college game to the most exciting and profitable sports league in the world. Through snappy prose and historic photographs, ***NFL Moments*** catalogs the league's larger-than-life characters and their defining stories. The book features these and many more moments:

- the founding of the NFL
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- Franco Harris and the Immaculate Reception
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From the foreword:

Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, the matriarch of a fabled political dynasty, once reflected, "Life isn't a matter of milestones, but of moments."

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Allan Maki is an award-winning sports writer who spent 22 years at Canada's national newspaper, the *Globe and Mail*. He has written for *Time*, *Maclean's*, *FHM*, *USA Today* and co-authored the book *Football's Greatest Stars* through three editions. He was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame's media section in 2006.

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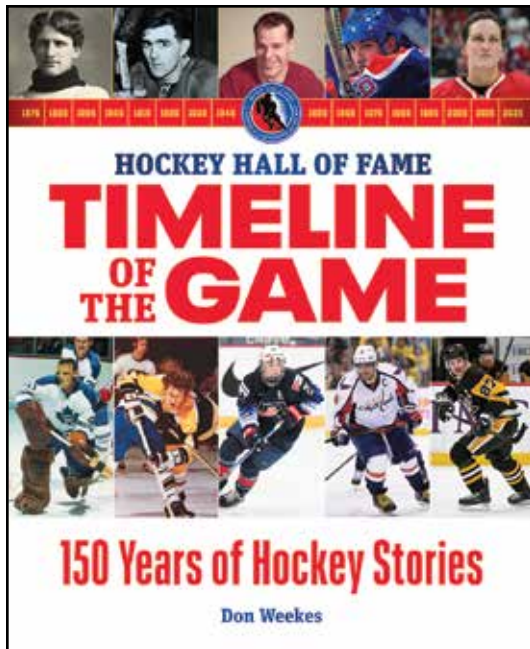
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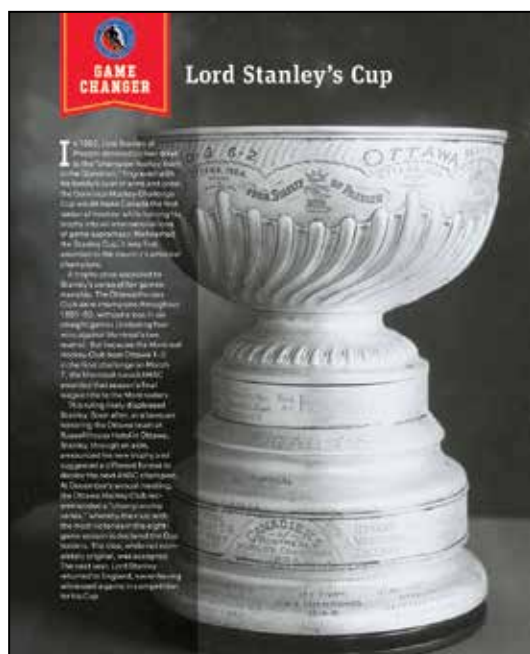
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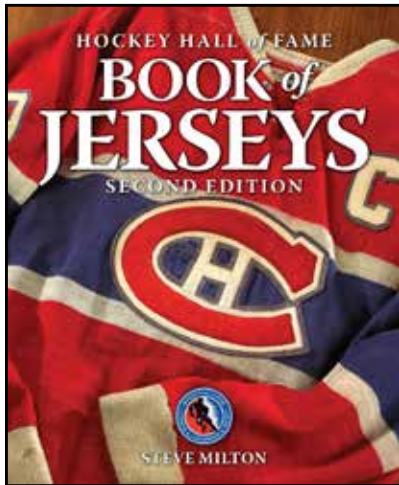
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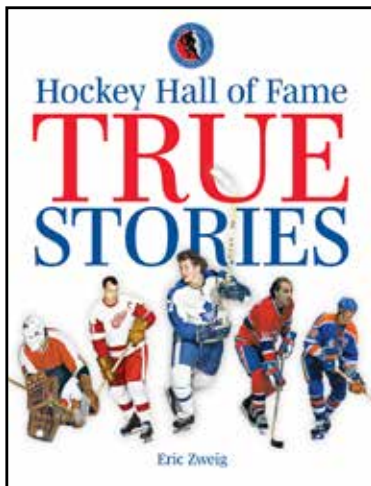


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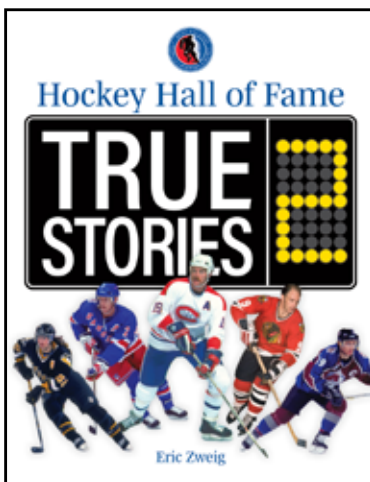


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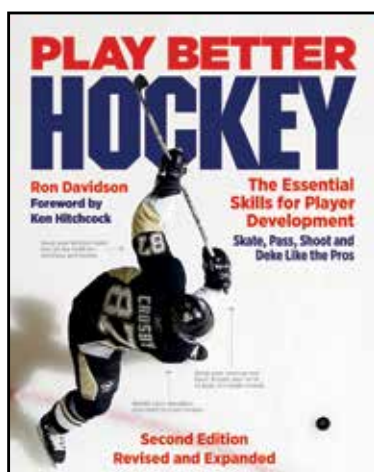


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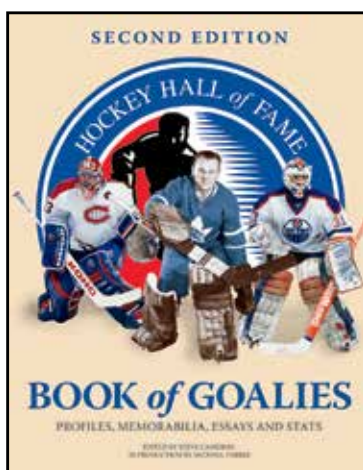
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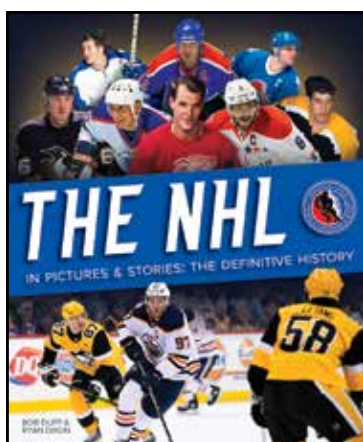
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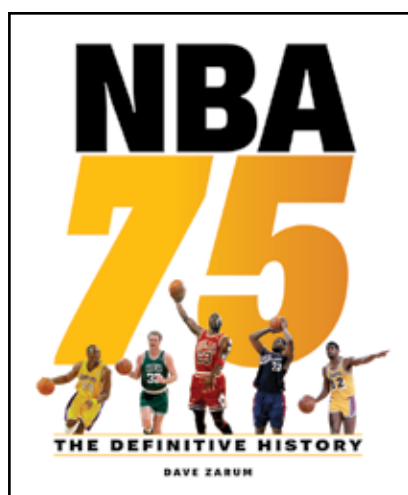
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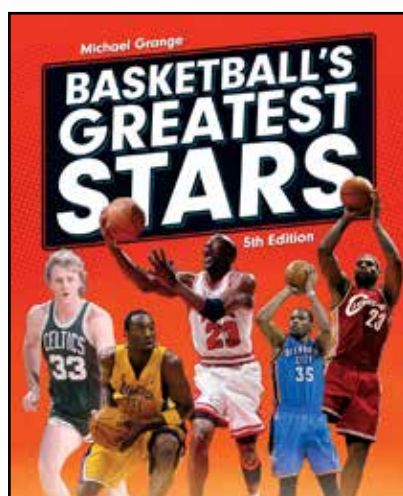
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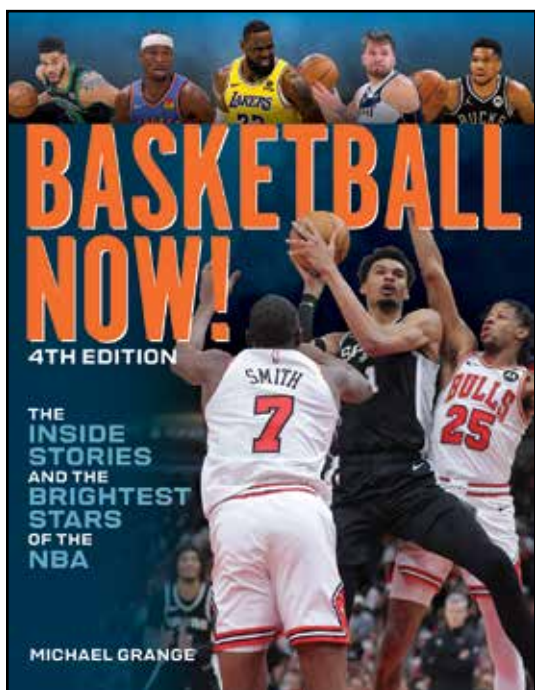
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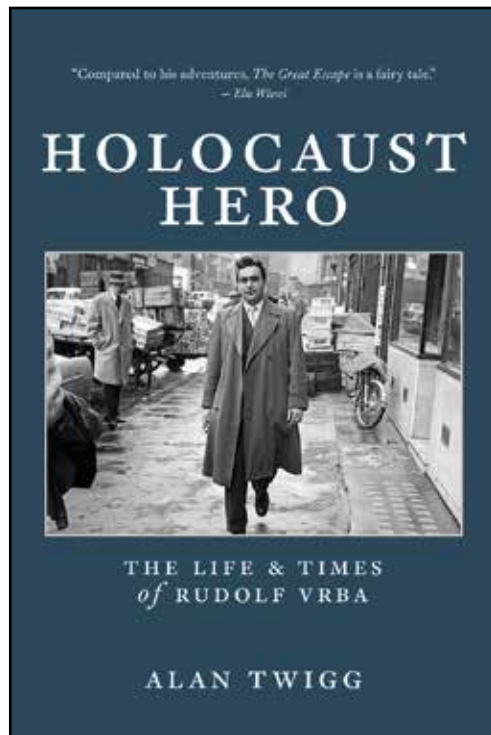
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"At long last a worthy biography of one of the most fascinating and important figures in Holocaust History — Rudi Vrba. Alan Twigg not only pulls together many new sources to illuminate Vrba's life before and after his escape from Auschwitz-Birkenau. He also guides the reader through the thicket of fictional and semi-fictional accounts of Vrba's remarkable escape that have obscured the historical truth until now."

— Christopher Brown, Holocaust historian, author of *Ordinary Men*

Holocaust scholar Raul Hilberg declared there were only two great Holocaust heroes — the leader of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising (Mordechai Anielewicz) and Rudolf Vrba. After he escaped from Auschwitz-Birkenau in April of 1944, Vrba and his co-escapee Alfréd Wetzler co-authored the Vrba-Wetzler Report, credited with saving 200,000 Hungarian Jews. "No other single act in the Second World War," according to World War II historian Sir Martin Gilbert, "saved so many Jews from the fate that Hitler and the SS had determined for them."

As one of the 20th century's most important whistleblowers, Vrba also stands out in Claude Lanzmann's *Shoah* as a handsome, charismatic and cheerful iconoclast. But the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Israel has limited public awareness of Vrba because he consistently criticized Jewish leaders for failing to adequately forewarn Jews of their fate.

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Alan Twigg is a veteran journalist and author of 20 previous books. He also has his country's highest civilian honor, the Order of Canada, and recently received an honorary doctorate from Simon Fraser University. He became the first writer to gain the trust of Robin Vrba (Vrba's wife) after building a website about Rudolf Vrba (rudolfvrba.com). A previous biography he wrote, *Moon Madness*, profiles a courageous Norwegian-born physician, Louise Jilek-Aall, an epilepsy researcher who was the last living doctor to have worked alongside Albert Schweitzer.

"Rudi was gorgeous and totally charismatic. And he was funny. I remember we were in Auschwitz for a documentary. We were doing the film inside the camp. Then it was about 5:30 and it was time to leave. We were trying to get out. The gate had been locked. It was really muddy. Everybody started to really fret. How are we going to get out? And Rudi said, loudly, so everyone could hear, 'Never mind. I know another way out!'"

— Robin Vrba



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The Nuremberg Race Laws were not applied in Slovakia until 1939. There were two main components with regards to the initial persecution of civil liberties for Jews.

The Law for the Protection of German Blood and German Honor banned marriage and sexual relations between Germans and Jews. The Reich Citizenship Law made it impossible for Jews to continue with his German citizenship. It was also illegal for a Jewish family to hire a tutor or to encourage Jewish children to pursue studies at home.

After the Slovak Republic was transformed into an independent country on March 14, 1939 (after the Slovak Assembly in Bratislava had unanimously adopted Law 1939), the Jews of Slovakia were forced to wear the yellow Star of David in public. Forced to work as a laborer in Trencin, Vrbu were the Star of David on his jacket, but he discolored the Slovak People's Party decal and taught himself chemistry, as well as foreign languages, much to the consternation of his mother, Helen Rosenberg, who wanted her son to learn a trade.

Slovakia joined the Axis coalition in November of 1940 when Slovakian leaders signed the Tripartite Pact. According to a census taken in December of 1940 there were 80,000 Jews in Slovakia at the time. The following year Slovakian soldiers under German command participated in the invasion of the Soviet Union in June. In September of 1941, the Slovak government passed a Jewish Code to further restrict Jewish activities.

Slovakia officially declared war on Britain and the United States in December of 1941, having already declared on the Soviet Union in June.

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But if Vrbu would have described Majdanek as his "preparatory school for the anatomy of Auschwitz."

Even though it was to become the first major concentration camp to be liberated, Majdanek would not become well-known in the West partially because it was not liberating by British or American troops. It would be captured instead, nearly intact, by the rapidly advancing Soviet Red Army on July 10, 1944.

MAJANEN



Majdanek was liberated by Red Army troops in 1944, three months after Vrbu's escape from Auschwitz.



These Majdanek barracks, preserved for public display, attract few visitors' names eight years after their use.

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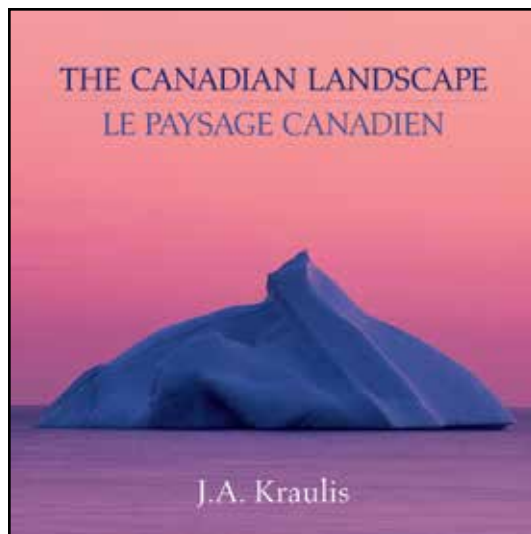
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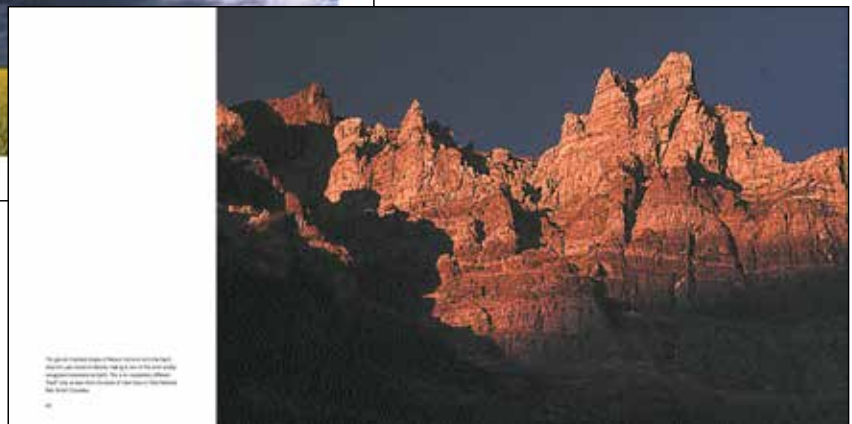
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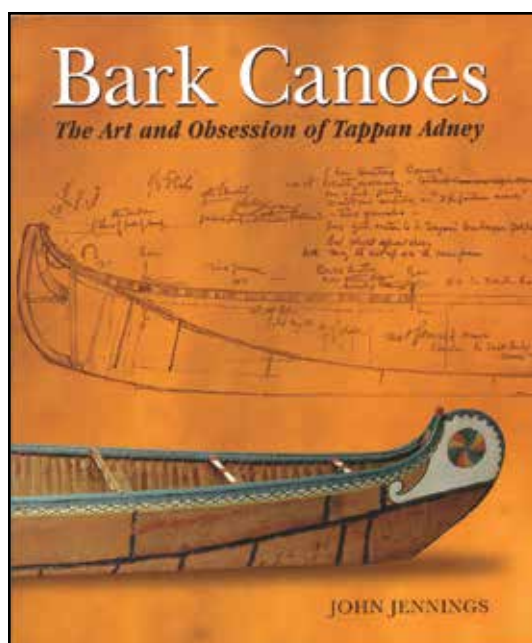
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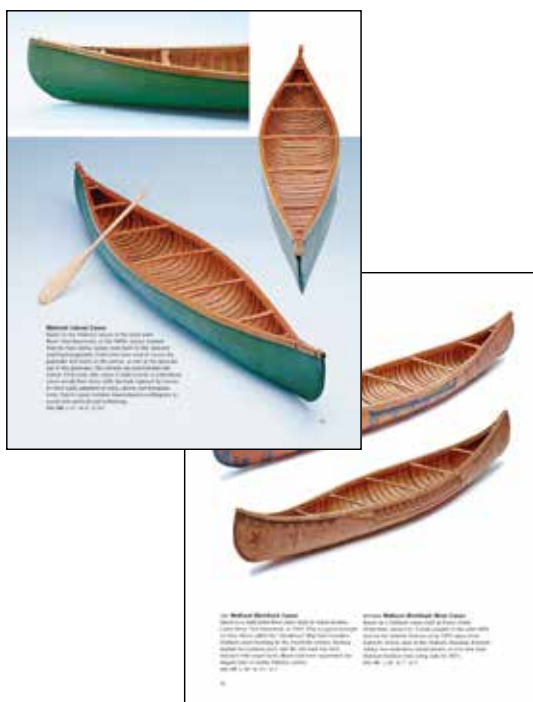
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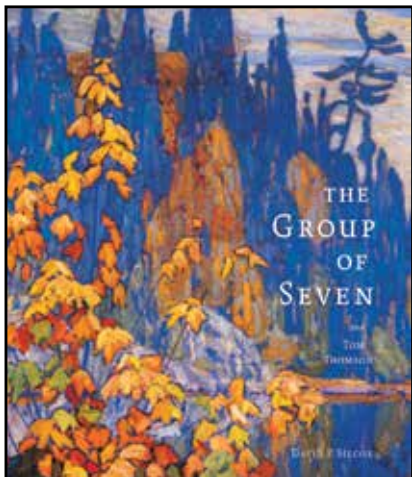
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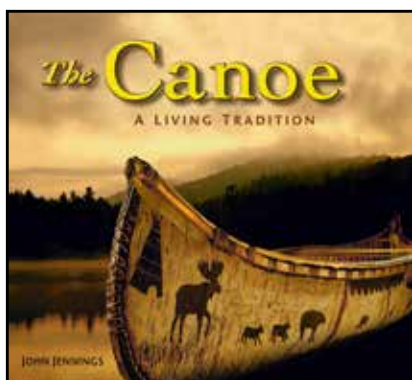
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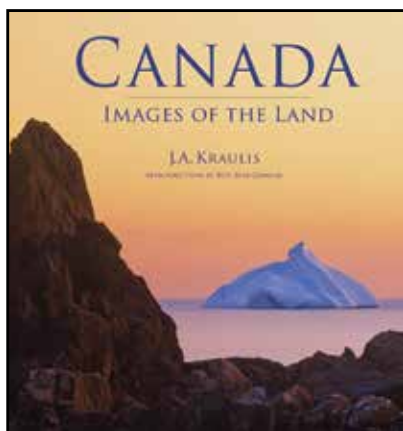
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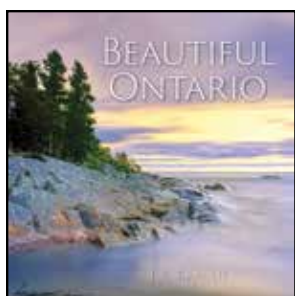
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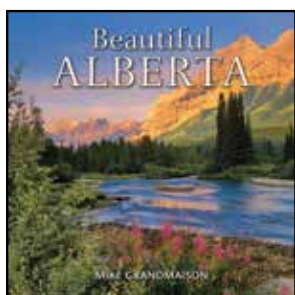


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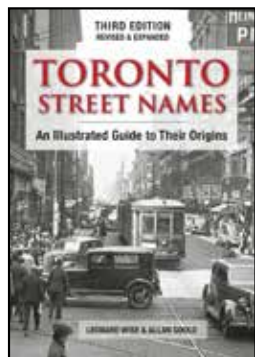


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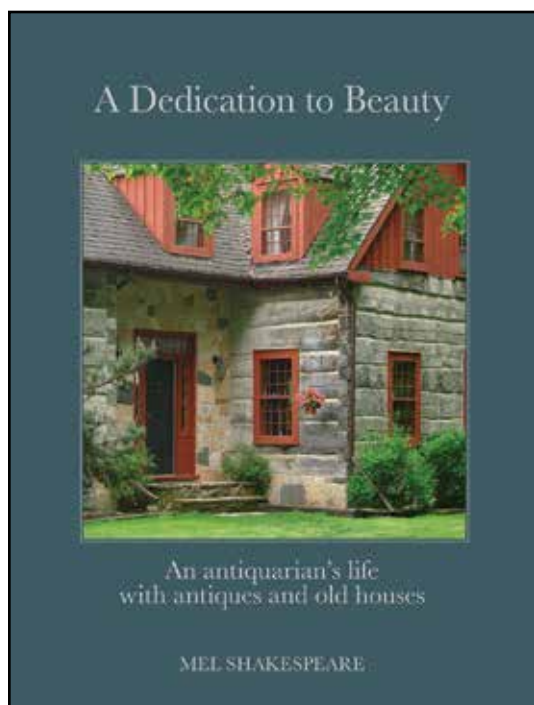
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A DEDICATION TO BEAUTY

An Antiquarian's Life with Antiques and Old Houses

Mel Shakespeare

"I suppose that I am a man of the past. I think I miss the 18th century, among others. I certainly resonate with the philosophy of those times when good taste was an achievement pridefully kept in mind, and shown in the craftsmanship of homes and their interior furnishings."

In this splendid book, Mel Shakespeare traces his 60-year history of saving old barns, log houses and antiques "from the burn pile" and restoring them in harmony with each other.

Beginning with a log house made of 24" x 24" squared timbers that he bought from a farmer who was about to destroy it, Shakespeare and his wife and various accomplices began a massive restoration job on a property near Uxbridge, Ontario. Teaching himself about Ontario and Quebec furniture from past centuries, he bought sturdy pioneer furniture that was still widely available then, and built a pond and stone-and-log house that was his home for many years.

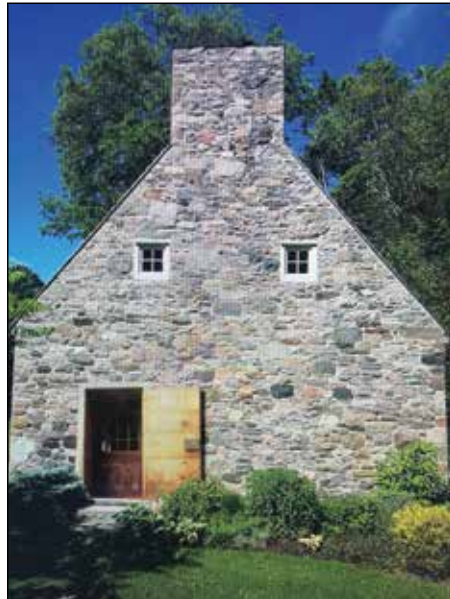
But learning how to restore his own home gave him a new business: scouring upstate New York and New England and eastern Canada for finely created old houses to be moved and restored, and barn foundations from the 19th century that could be used for the beautifully cut and split granite that would be re-used for restored stone foundations and chimneys.

A Dedication to Beauty relates the stories of 26 beautiful reconstructions and restorations, from the first square-timber house to reconstructions of log, post-and-beam, and stone houses that were first built as far east as Nova Scotia, and from the gigantic pines of northern Ontario. Each provided challenges, from discovery to carefully bringing logs out of the regrown bush — sometimes over frozen lakes in winter.

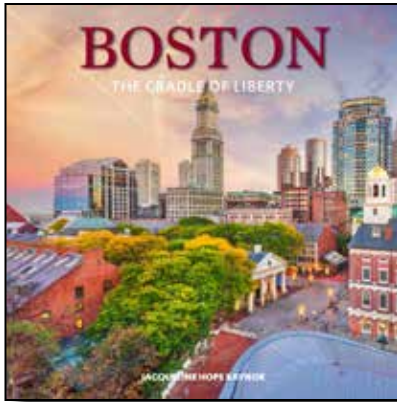
Numbering logs and stones for re-assembly, and finding craftsmen adept at the old arts was a part of the process. Next was finding the right authentic furniture and finishes to bring the houses to their maximum beauty.

All 26 are described and shown here (along with the people who owned them) with more than 320 full color pictures of 18th and 19th century antiques, the elements of the structures as they were being rebuilt, and the final results. And it was more than a business for Mel Shakespeare — the relationships with the people, the structures and the antiques resonate throughout the thoughtful and often humorous text.

This is a book for everyone interested in the old structures and furniture of Eastern North America. Previously published in an edition limited to 350 copies, it is now available at a popular price.



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BOSTON

The Cradle of Liberty

Jacqueline Hope Raynor

Boston is one of the most historic and important cities in the United States. Famous for the Boston Tea Party, it is known as the birthplace of the American Revolution. The city was founded in 1630 by Puritan colonists and was already 150 years old by the time the 13 colonies formed a new nation.

Packed with photographs that capture the history and the modern character of the city, ***Boston: The Cradle of Liberty*** provides a splendid sampling of all the city has to offer, including:

- Historic Beacon Hill, home to the Massachusetts State House and Suffolk University and known for its Federal-style townhouses, gas street lanterns and brick sidewalks.
- Faneuil Hall, a marketplace and meeting hall opened in 1742, the site of speeches by Samuel Adams and James Otis calling for independence from Great Britain.
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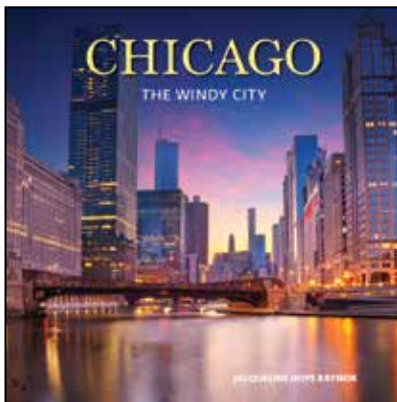
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The Windy City

Jacqueline Hope Raynor

Chicago is one of the most important cities in the United States. A major metropolis and key transportation center of the American heartland, Chicago boasts a population of nearly 3 million people, making it the third most populous city in the country. It is a city of architectural gems, vibrant neighborhoods, beloved sports teams, prestigious cultural institutions, major industries and outstanding attractions.

Chicago's most famous attractions include:

- The renowned Art Institute of Chicago, founded in 1879, is one of the oldest and largest art museums in the United States and has a permanent collection of nearly 300,000 artworks.
- Navy Pier, a 3,300-foot-long pier in Streeterville, covers 50 acres and offers outstanding shops, restaurants, theaters, parks and gardens, that attracts over 9 million visitors each year.
- Millennium Park offers music and the famous Cloud Gate sculpture — nicknamed the Bean because of its shape — which lets visitors see their own reflection mirrored against the city's breathtaking skyline.
- Magnificent Mile, a section of Michigan Avenue that is home to many of the city's tallest buildings including John Hancock, Wrigley Building, Tribune Tower, Chicago Water Tower and the Drake Hotel.
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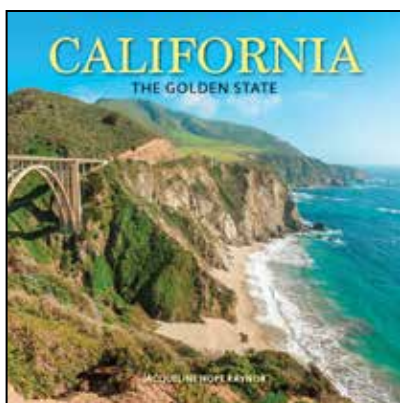
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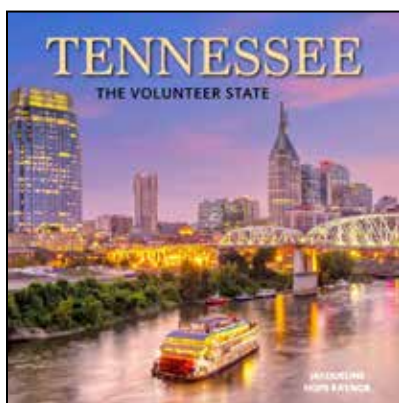
The Golden State

Jacqueline Hope Raynor

California is a state of great contrasts. Its highest point, Mount Whitney, is nearly 15,000 feet above sea level, and its lowest, Death Valley, is 282 feet below sea level. Its population of almost 40 million is greater than any other state in the country. Nearly 10 million people live in Los Angeles County alone, yet there are enormous stretches of desert and forest that are barely populated.

California's wealth of attractions include:

- The pristine beauty and grandeur of Yosemite National Park and Joshua Tree National Park
- The unique and ancient sequoias, which draw visitors from around the world
- The golden sand dunes of Death Valley and the Mojave Desert
- San Francisco, one of the most beautiful and cosmopolitan cities in the world
- Los Angeles, the commercial center of the state with the glamour and mystique of Hollywood
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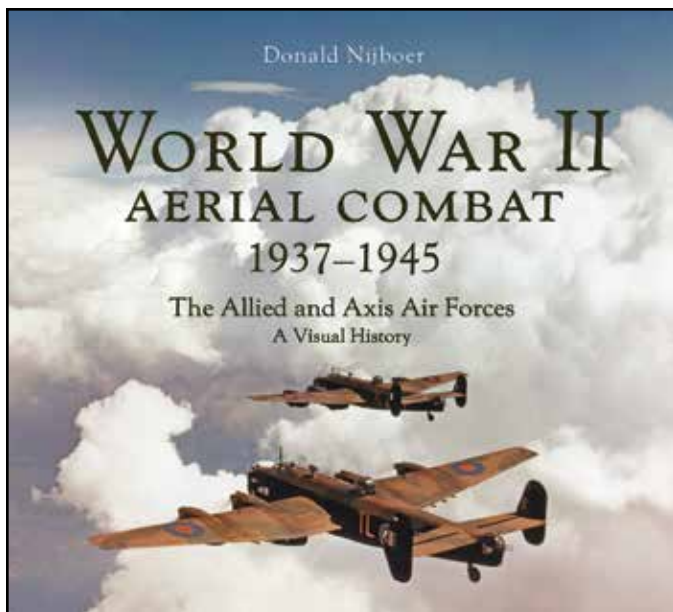
The Volunteer State

Jacqueline Hope Raynor

Tennessee may be small in size with a population of just over 7 million, but it is a heavy-hitter when it comes to its influence on popular music and American culture in the 20th century. The capital, Nashville, is the heart of country music performance and production, with its long-running Grand Ole Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame and the legendary stretch of honky-tonks and dance halls known as the District.

Tennessee's many historical and contemporary attractions include:

- Great Smoky Mountains National Park, containing some of the highest mountains in eastern North America, is the most-visited national park in the United States.
- The Appalachian Trail, this world-famous hiking trail, spanning almost 2,200 miles, passes through Tennessee and attracts more than 3 million hikers each year.
- The Hermitage, President Andrew Jackson's 1,120-acre plantation, is now a museum that features exhibits covering all aspects of plantation life.
- Shiloh National Military Park, commemorating the battlefield of Shiloh, the Shiloh National Cemetery and other historical landmarks.
- The Titanic Museum, a two-story museum shaped like the Titanic, located in Pigeon Forge.



WORLD WAR II AERIAL COMBAT 1937-1945

The Allied and Axis Air Forces

A Visual History

Donald Nijboer

Here, for the first time, is the story of the victorious, the vanquished and the forgotten air forces that fought in the Second World War in more than 300 period photographs.

World War II would see the full potential of air power over the battlefield and oceans. From mere appendages of the army and navy, air forces became essential tools of destruction and critical for future battlefield and naval success.

The histories of air warfare during World War II have focused exclusively on the air forces of the major powers: the United States, Britain, Germany, the Soviet Union and Japan. What has been completely ignored is the forgotten

men and machines that fought alongside the Allies and Axis air forces, and there were many. Some of these air forces even found themselves fighting for both sides at the same time.

Along with coverage of the major air powers, ***World War II Aerial Combat 1937-1945*** includes information, rare photos and illustrations from the numerous small Allied and Axis air forces that left their mark. This is the story of the forgotten air forces of Poland, Belgium, Norway, Netherlands, France, Greece, India, China, Yugoslavia, Italy, Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovakia and Finland — all of which fought with determination and some with great skill against overwhelming odds.

World War II Aerial Combat 1937-1945 fills an important gap in our knowledge of the Second World War and the history of aviation in the mid-20th century.

Donald Nijboer is a best-selling aviation author, historian and documentary writer-producer. He is the author of many books, including *Graphic War Navy*, *Fighting Cockpits*, *Air Combat 1945*, *Graphic War: The Secret Aviation Drawings and Illustrations of World War II*, *Cockpit: An Illustrated History of World War II Aircraft Interiors* and *B-29 Combat Missions*. Currently he is writing and producing full-length aviation documentaries for the on-line broadcaster Aerocinema.com. Nijboer has also written articles for *Flight Journal*, *Aviation History*, *The Aviation Historian* and *Aeroplane Monthly*. He lives in Toronto, Canada.

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127 Curtiss P-40s of the 10th Fighter Squadron being refueled in the Aleutians, 1943. P-40s served on almost every front during World War II and saw service with the RAF, RCAF, RNZAF, USAAF, Soviet Air Force, Chinese Air Force, Dutch Air Force and Brazilian Air Force. (NASM)

UNITED STATES

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Preparation for War

As Europe prepared for war, military aircraft production in the United States remained stagnant. Apart from an increase in foreign orders from the British, French, Chinese, Dutch, Finnish air forces, the American aircraft industry, which employed 16,000 workers, delivered just 920 aircraft to the USAAC and US Navy in 1938. In those days an order for 30 aircraft was considered enormous.

As the aircraft industry received foreign orders the production picked up appreciably in 1939. Delivery rates were slow, however, and even with foreign orders, only 2,280 military aircraft were produced in the United States in 1939. As France was falling in May 1940, President Roosevelt called for the United States to increase its annual production of aircraft to 10,000 and to maintain a baseline strength of the same number of aircraft with the USAAC deploying 16,000 aircraft and the US Navy 13,500.

Although production rates were slow, America was producing modern fighters and bombers. The Lockheed P-38 Lightning, Curtiss P-36 and P-40 fighters were in production along with heavy bombers like the Boeing B-17 and Consolidated B-24. The US Navy had the Grumman F4F Wildcat fighter along with the Douglas DB-1 dive bomber and the first prototype of the Chance Vought XF4U-1 fighter that made its first flight in May 1940.

Roosevelt's plan was ambitious and faced many hurdles. But aircraft production began to rise with 6,000 aircraft produced in 1940. When the United States entered World War II on 11 December 1941 the USAAC was one of the smallest air forces in the world with approximately 1,330 aircraft, which included 320 bombers of all types. The US Navy's aircraft carriers and Marine Corps squadrons counted, 308 Brewster F2A-1 Buffaloes, 131 Grumman F4F Wildcat fighters, 192 Douglas DB-1 dive bombers, approximately 50 Vought SB2U-3 Vindicators and 99 Douglas TB-1 Devastator torpedo bombers.

USAAC

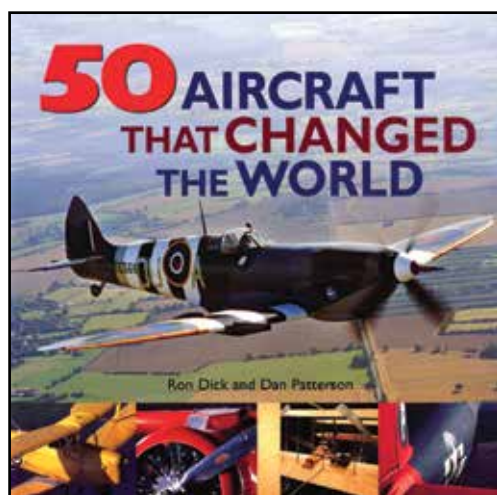
Fighters: 400
Bombers: 700

US Navy/Marine Corps

Fighters: 239
Dive bombers: 242
Torpedo bombers: 99
Maritime Patrol: 100 Pacific Theater

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BACK IN PRINT

50 AIRCRAFT THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

Ron Dick and Dan Patterson

"The team's selections are defensible, and the illustrations, sidebars, pilot and aircraft profiles, and human-interest stories are all fresh, appealing, and insightful. Recommended for all aeronautical collections."

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In December of 2019, Vancouver-based airline Harbour Air took to the sky in a 1956 Havilland Beaver retrofitted to fly on battery power. Eschewing gasoline and easily able to fly commuter distances, this old new plane took the first steps of 21st-century flight. **50 Aircraft That Changed the World** is about exactly this type of flight revolution. Written by the authors of the widely acclaimed *Aviation Century* series, it profiles 50 of history's most influential aircraft and their pilots and designers.

Now an aviation classic, the book has been reformatted to a smaller size but otherwise remains the same. It begins with the 1905 Wright Flyer III, and moves on to the birth of aerial warfare in World War I, the trailblazers of the interwar years, classic World War II aircraft, the jets of the Korean and Vietnam wars, modern commercial carriers, private jets, experimental designs and new combat fighters featuring stealth technology.

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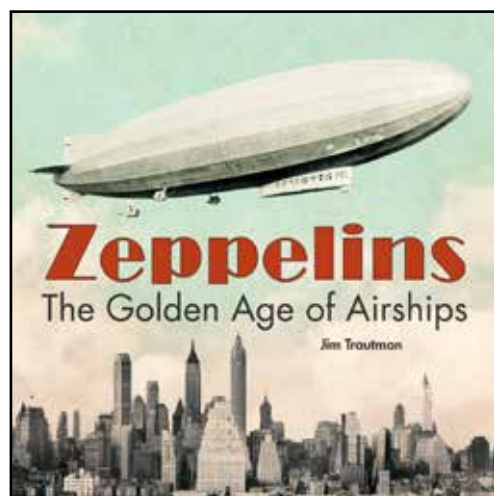
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The Golden Age of Airships

Jim Trautman

Every day there are tens of thousands of transoceanic flights. In the 1930s, the invention of planes able to traverse the Atlantic changed the world. However, there were already aircraft crossing vast oceans over a decade earlier. Lighter than air, these vehicles were called dirigibles, or, as the Germans named them, Graf Zeppelins. Illustrated with period photographs, vintage travel posters, blueprints, advertisements and colorful brochures, **Zeppelins: The Golden Age of Airships** covers every aspect of these fascinating and oft overlooked airships, from their initial designs through to the height of their popularity during the Golden Age of Aviation.

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Jim Trautman grew up in the shadow of New Jersey's Liberty (Newark) Airport and has maintained a lifelong love of aviation history. He is the author of *Pan American Clippers: The Golden Age of Flying Boats* and is a regular contributor to North American magazines, newspapers and television.

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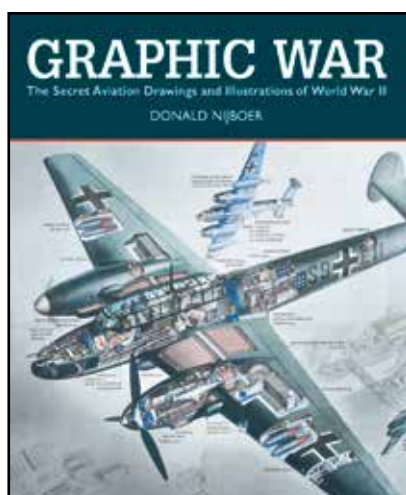
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The Secret Aviation Drawings and Illustrations of World War II

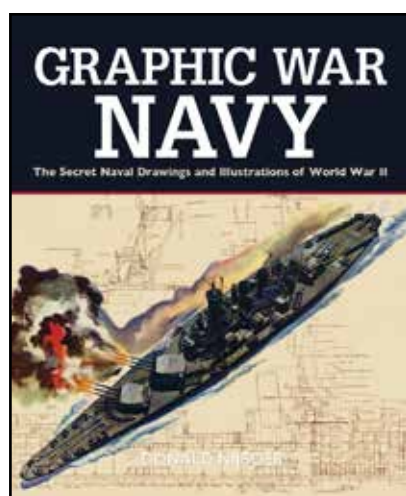
Donald Nijboer

"This fascinating book is a gold mine for aviation trivia junkies."
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Graphic War is a superb collection of top-secret drawings, including training manuals and colorful wartime posters, from World War II. They were brilliantly created from a few downed aircraft, but mainly from pilots' views of the enemy in the air, during missions.

Almost all of the material was originally listed as "restricted — official use only" and previously unpublished in any form. The cutaway drawings of the aircraft and airborne weaponry were critical to the war efforts of Allied and Axis forces alike. As there was little intelligence available to pilots about the design, power and armament on opposing aircraft, these "graphic transcriptions" were essential.

Aviation enthusiasts, modelers, illustrators, artists and anyone with an interest in World War II history will find **Graphic War** a compelling inside look at the war fought in the sky.



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GRAPHIC WAR NAVY

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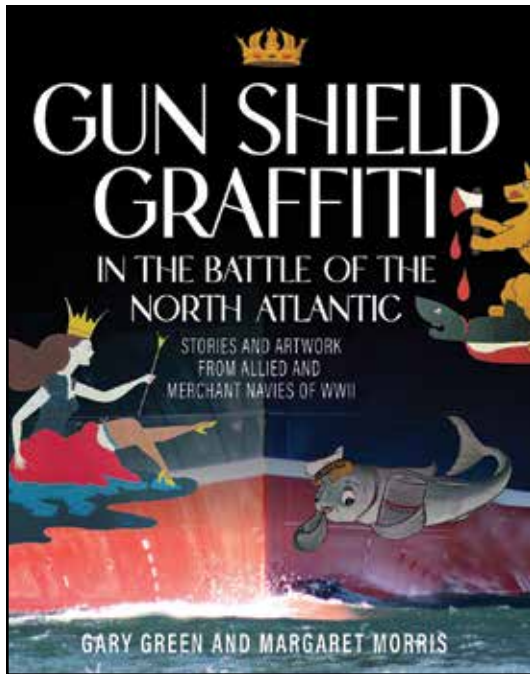
Donald Nijboer

This meticulously curated collection showcases a wealth of training manuals, vibrant wartime posters, and captivating illustrations. Scouring archives around the world, Nijboer has included naval material from Great Britain, The United States, Germany, and Canada.

One of the highlights of **Graphic War Navy** is the stunning cutaway drawings of naval vessels and their armaments. These visuals played a pivotal role in the strategies of both Allied and Axis forces. In an era where there was limited intelligence about enemy craft, these illustrations were indispensable.

Delve into the world of anonymous graphic artists and technical illustrators who, though unrecognized in their time, left an indelible mark on history. Their work, revived within these pages, offers a rare glimpse into war room tactics and the training of personnel.

Donald Nijboer is a best-selling aviation author/historian/documentary writer-producer and Smithsonian Speaker who lives in Toronto, Canada.



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GUN SHIELD GRAFFITI IN THE BATTLE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC

Stories and Artwork from Allied and Merchant Navies of WWII

Gary Green and Margaret Morris

A feast of colorful artwork adorns the walls of a Second World War-era officers club in the North Atlantic city of St. John's — cartoons painted onto ship gun shields that convey stories of courage and cowardice, resolve and resilience, triumph and tragedy.

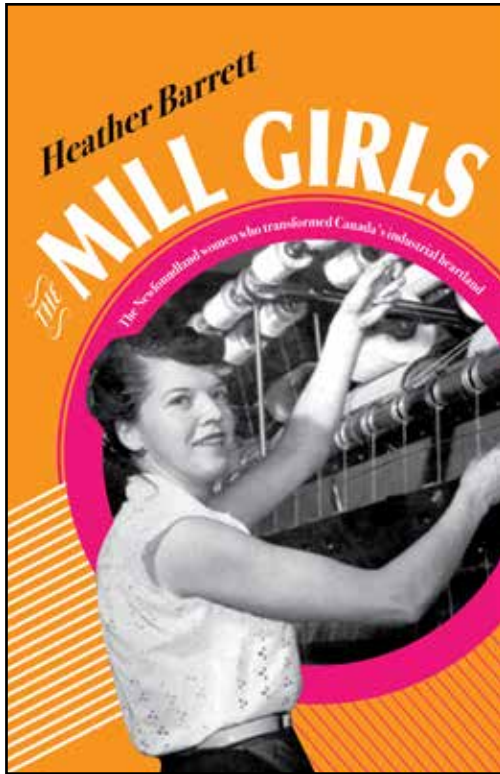
The Sea-Going Officers' Club (now known as the Crow's Nest Officers' Club) opened its doors in 1942. It served as a war-time retreat where allied naval and merchant officers from the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States could unwind, share stories of victory and loss, and have a home-cooked meal.

The Crow's Nest has survived as both a cozy meeting place and a vibrant time capsule of the war years. Gun shield art, or gun shield graffiti, are informal badges designed by those aboard warships and merchant navy vessels and painted on a ship's forward gun shield. The often-irreverent artwork includes references to an event, an attribute of the ship, or its namesake community. Most gun shields were destroyed as ships were scrapped or sold at war's end. In some cases, however, smaller versions were painted and presented by ship's crews, during the war, to the Crow's Nest.

The stories behind gun shield graffiti, collected for the first time in this book, are as varied and intriguing as the images themselves.

The collection at the Crow's Nest is specifically included in the designation of the club as a National Historic Site by the Government of Canada.

Gary Green and **Margaret Morris** regularly deliver presentations about the history the Crow's Nest Officer's Club and write for the Club's newsletter. Gary is a retired student counsellor with the Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland. Margaret is a former fisheries observer and retired naval officer. Both are past presidents of the Club.



THE MILL GIRLS

The Newfoundland Women Who Transformed Canada's Industrial Heartland

Heather Barrett

Join Heather Barrett on an extraordinary journey as she uncovers the mystery of the Mill Girls. Using humor, drama, and heartwarming tales, their story illuminates the 1940's exodus of young single women from the then country of Newfoundland to Cambridge, an industrial city in Ontario.

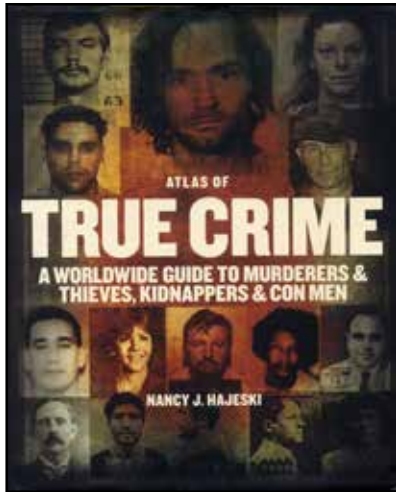
The Mill Girls invaded Canada like a tidal wave, transforming the demographics, culture and economics of an entire region, and launching a feminist offensive before the word itself existed. Who were they? Why did they leave Newfoundland? And why did their stories vanish? This new book reads like a whodunnit, with heaping doses of comedy and inspiration.

Heather Barrett is a journalist and storyteller, and an international award winning radio documentary producer. She is also a long-time producer and host with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, based in St. John's. In 2023 she co-authored a previous book, *Black Harbour: Slavery and the Forgotten Histories of Black People in Newfoundland and Labrador*.

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A Worldwide Guide to Murderers and Thieves, Kidnappers and Con Men

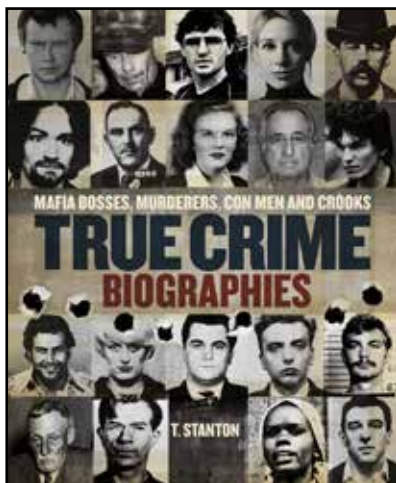
Nancy J. Hajeski

Atlas of True Crime offers a wide-ranging survey of the criminal underworld from the 1850s to the present, providing illustrated histories of dozens of infamous individuals who have left their mark on society — in the darkest ways possible.

Profiled are the apex serial killers: John Wayne Gacy, Ted Bundy and David Berkowitz; the cannibals: Jeffrey Dahmer, Ed Gein and Albert Fish; and the spree killers like Richard Speck, Charles Whitman and Charles Manson; plus murderers and cannibals from around the world.

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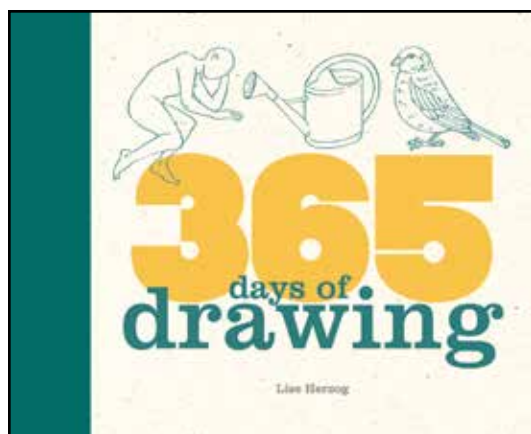
T. Stanton

The world can be an arbitrary or tough place to live in. These people make it worse, from taking advantage of naïve and trusting people (see Bernie Madoff) to religious cult leaders (see David Koresh) to violent madmen (see Charles Whitman) and vicious exploiters (see Whitey Bulger, Al Capone, Pablo Escobar and a host of unsavory others).

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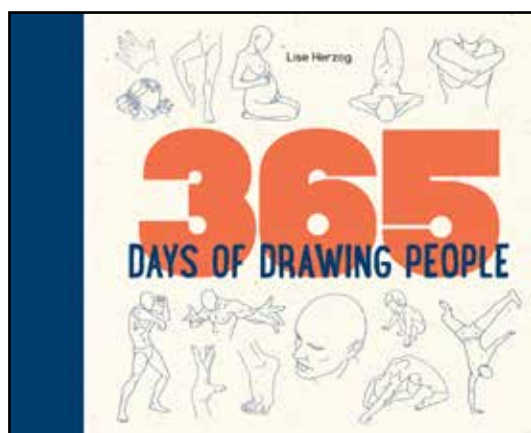
365 DAYS OF DRAWING

Lise Herzog

You want to learn to draw. You know you have to practice. Every day. But it is that blank sheet of paper that sets off the “what do I draw?” and “I don’t know how to draw it!” panic. That is where **365 Days of Drawing** comes in.

There is a step-by-step drawing exercise for every day of the year. Each shows the steps from the first line to the last and a brief text explains the steps. You can move through the book front to back or pick and choose. All 365 drawings start with one shape or line — a circle, an oval, a square, a rectangle, a curved line, a straight line — upon which the object or person is built. By mixing these basic strokes anything is achievable.

The reader can add perspective to go from two- to three-dimensions: create volume turning a square into a box, add depth turning a circle into a cylinder, create distance making railway tracks disappear. A one-quarter view of a box is different than from the front, and an open box even more different.



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365 DAYS OF DRAWING PEOPLE

Lise Herzog

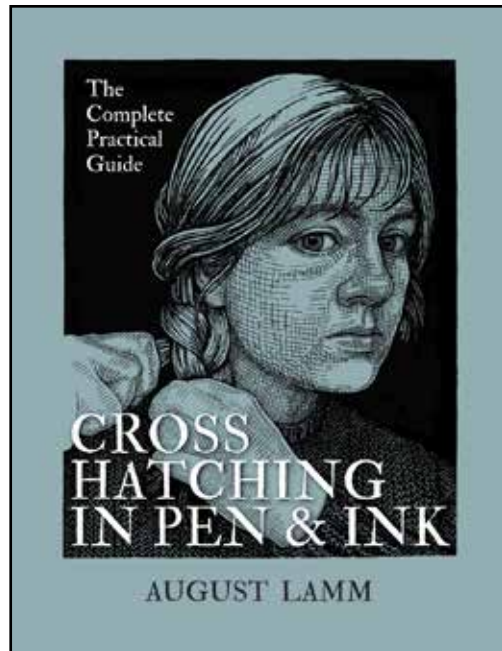
Lise Herzog is an accomplished teacher of pen and pencil skills. Her first work with Firefly is notable for the thoroughness of its easy lessons, progressing from a few simple lines to shading and texture... over 365 days.

When it comes to drawing, “practice makes perfect.” In **365 Days of Drawing People**, Herzog shows how, with a few strokes of the pencil, you can make a simple likeness of infant, toddler, young adult and older people — people with work and age lines in their faces.

And progressively, through the year, make more complex drawings of hands and limbs, faces and hair, and have multiple perspectives of the same person, or drawings of bodies in motion.

Each drawing is shown in black on the page, but the days of the year and title of the drawing are in 4-color, so that the book is a lively and inspiring presentation.

Better still, like the original **365 Days of Drawing**, this new book is very thick, and quarter-bound in real cloth, looking like a real traditional artist’s notebook or sketchpad. This feature has been a notable factor in the success of the original book — despite its modest retail price, it looks like a million!



CROSSHATCHING IN PEN AND INK

The Complete Practical Guide

August Lamm

Crosshatching is a drawing technique that emerged in Medieval Europe and was perfected by Old Masters such as Dürer and Rembrandt. It later fell out of favor and into obscurity with the advent of the offset printing press.

Recently, ink drawing has enjoyed a huge resurgence in popularity, and the art community on Instagram has embraced crosshatching anew. With its impressive historical roots and realistic results, it is seen as the sophisticated, fine-art alternative to more stylized techniques in graphic novels and commercial illustrations.

This practical book takes readers from the very basics of crosshatching through to drawing concepts such as light, shape and shadow. For each topic — still life, portraiture, figure drawing and landscapes — August Lamm uses a combination of fine-art examples, illustrations and step-by-step tutorials to take the reader through the fascinating and accessible process of crosshatching, from perception to execution. This is a comprehensive guide, suitable for beginners and artists of every level.

August Lamm has built a full-time career teaching workshops and online classes in crosshatching. She has a degree in art history and has worked as an art handler, art writer and podcaster. August shares her work online with her enthusiastic 172,000-strong audience on Instagram at @augustlamm.

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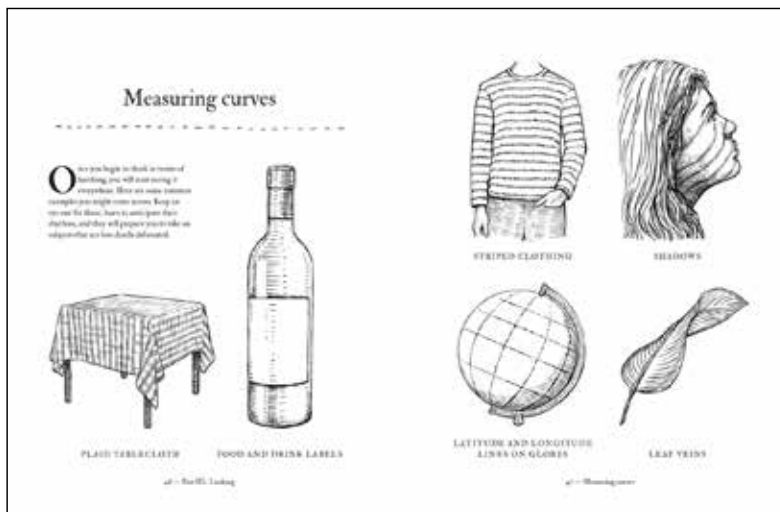
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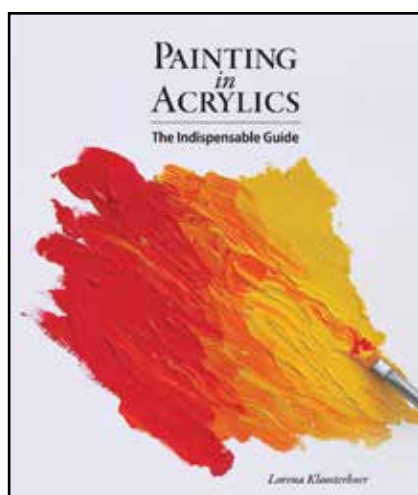
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Painting in Acrylics: The Indispensable Guide provides comprehensive guidance for painters of all experience. Realist painter Lorena Kloosterboer, known for her exceptional technical skill, starts with the basics and progresses to advanced techniques and professional practice.

Beyond its outstanding content, this book's size makes it an exceptional value. Other titles on this topic rarely exceed 200 pages, even the so-called "big" books. An affordable volume by a world-renowned, widely exhibited artist, ***Painting in Acrylics: The Indispensable Guide*** is a superb value that will provide years of expert guidance and inspiration. It is an essential choice for retailers and libraries.

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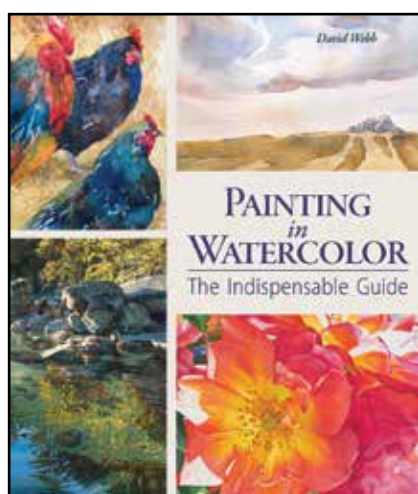
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Lorena Kloosterboer is an internationally acclaimed Dutch-Argentine artist with a career of more than 25 years. Her award-winning artwork, mostly in the photorealist style, has been exhibited in galleries and museums in 10 countries, including the United States, and published in leading international art magazines, museum catalogs, and art books. Her paintings, drawings and sculptures reside in numerous collections around the world. She lives in Antwerp, Belgium.



PAINTING IN WATERCOLOR

The Indispensable Guide

David Webb

The essential techniques and detailed explanations and demonstrations in this beautifully produced book will educate and encourage beginner to experienced artists so that they too can obtain results and have fun in the process.

Readers will also discover the widest range of possible watercolor effects thanks to a team of 20 internationally recognized guest artists who reveal some of their painting secrets in a series of 'life lessons'. David Webb's instruction, 'Help!' panels that focus on what can go wrong, and advice on how to avoid typical mistakes will put new watercolor artists on the road to progress quickly.

David Webb has been an artist and illustrator, specializing in watercolor, for over 35 years. He writes for leading art magazines and is the author of two watercolor books. David also tutors painting courses and demonstrates to art societies. He is based in Devon in the UK. www.davidwebbart.co.uk

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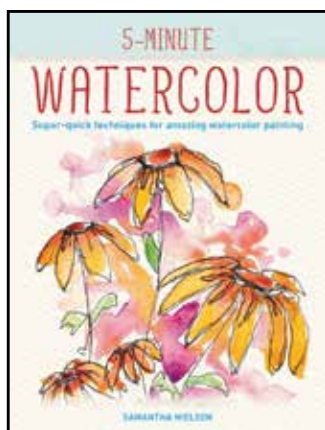
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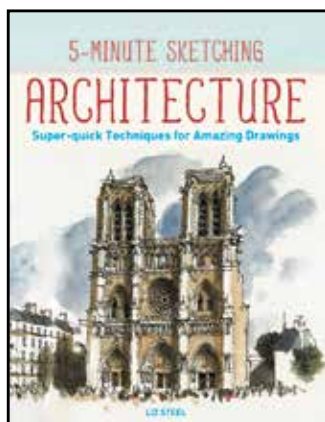


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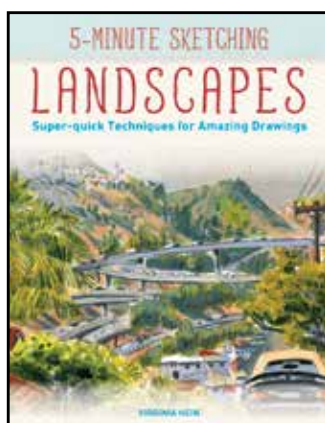


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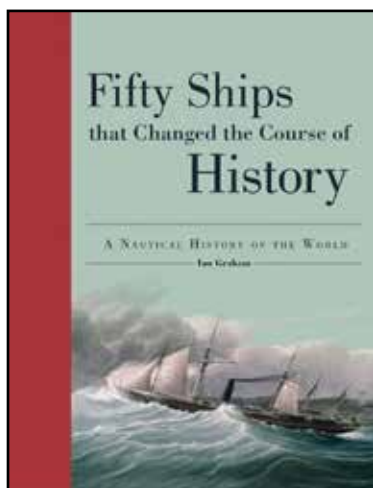


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5-Minute Sketching — Landscapes is about drawing what you see, mostly in settings away from the “modern world.” It’s especially appropriate for travelers. There are abundant tips for new and aspiring artists which can be done in any number of locations and as often as desired. All will help to hone skills, increase speed, and help to promote a daily drawing routine.

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A Nautical History of the World

Ian Graham

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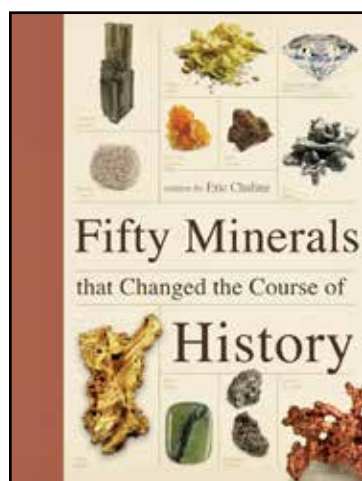
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Fifty Minerals that Changed the Course of History is a beautifully presented guide to the minerals that have had the greatest impact on human civilization. These are the materials used from the Stone Age to the First and Second Industrial Revolutions to the Nuclear Age and include metals, ores, alloys, salts, rocks, sodium, mercury, steel and uranium. The book includes minerals used as currency, as jewelry and as lay and religious ornamentation when combined with gem minerals like diamonds, amber, coral, and jade.

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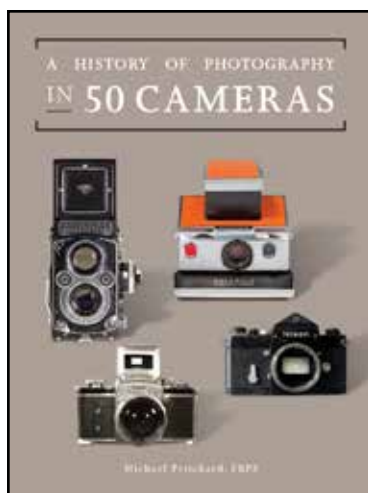
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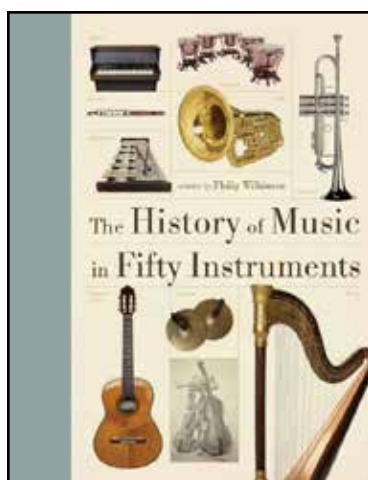
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Philip Wilkinson



The History of Music in Fifty Instruments outlines musical history in well-written nuggets of information. Profiling one instrument at a time, it describes the history of music since the 1700s, when orchestras first took the formal shape familiar to us. The concise text explains the role of each instrument in the orchestra and its importance in the development of music in general.

The book lists the 50 instruments chronologically in the woodwind, brass, percussion and string sections of an orchestra. The classic instruments are included — violin, cello, flute, oboe, clarinet, harp and more. Some instruments reflect the musical period or context in which they were most popular, such as the harpsichord in the Baroque period, and the snare drum in military parades. Among the unusual instruments is the otherworldly theremin.

Philip Wilkinson is a freelance writer and an author in a range of subject areas, particularly history, architecture and music. His achievements include the award-winning book *Amazing Buildings*, *What the Romans Did for Us*, and several TV tie-ins, including three for the BBC's major series *Restoration*.

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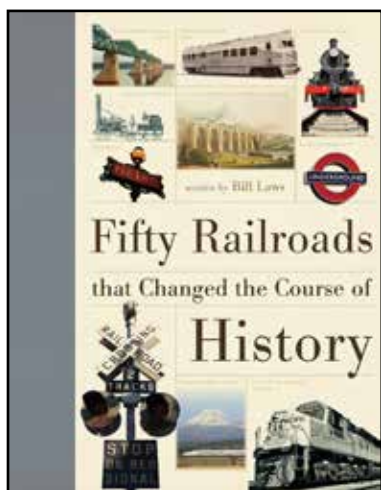
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Bill Laws

Fifty Railroads that Changed the Course of History is a handsome, illustrated survey of the most important historical and contemporary railway lines around the world. Filled with unusual and unexpected stories and facts, it will captivate a wide audience, from the curious browser to researching students.

The book organizes the railroads chronologically, considering each according to its greatest impact on Social, Commercial, Political, Engineering and Military history. Maps plus more than 200 elegant drawings, photographs and paintings as well as dozens of sidebars highlight the concise, engaging text.

The 50 railroads span history, from the first in public passenger travel (Wales, 1807), to Japan's speed-record breaking "Bullet." Railroads in some locales reflect the map of colonialism (Guyana to transport sugar, India to carry cotton and arms). They moved troops (the Crimea, the American Civil War, the Boer War) and united vast lands (Canadian Pacific Railway, Trans-Siberian). They transported people to horrible places (Auschwitz Ker), saved the Railway Children, and went underground to cross the English Channel.

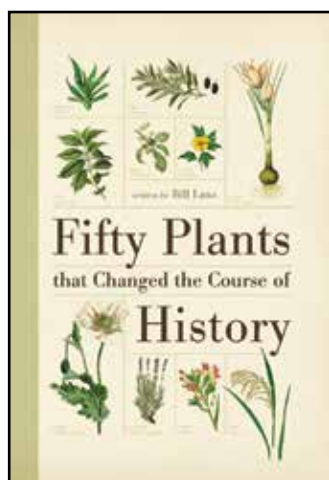
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Bill Laws

"This book will mesmerize plant-lovers and non-gardeners alike."
— American Gardener

"This marvelous collection of tales deserves to be read and enjoyed."
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Fifty Plants that Changed the Course of History is a beautifully presented guide to the plants that have had the greatest impact on human civilization. Entries feature a description of the plant, its botanical name, its native range and its primary functions — edible, medicinal, commercial or practical. Concise text is highlighted by elegant botanical drawings, paintings and photographs as well as insightful quotes.

Bill Laws is a social historian and the author of 10 books. He has contributed to such publications as the *Guardian*, the *Daily Telegraph* and *BBC History* magazine. He lives in England.

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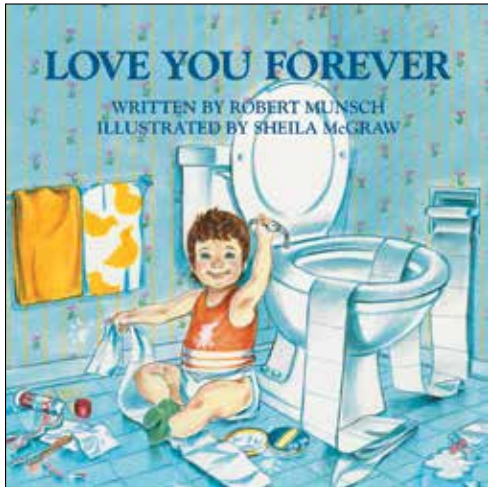
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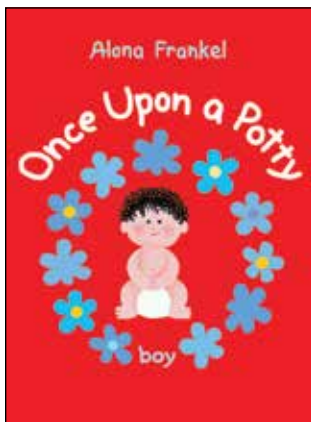
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There are 3 million new children in America and Canada each year — and every family is touched by this book.

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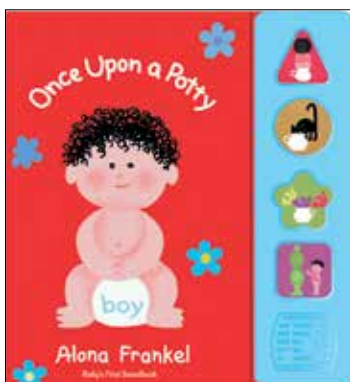
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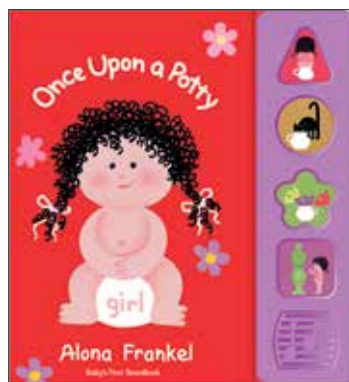
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THE LITTLE BOOK OF BACKYARD BIRD SONGS

Andrea Pinnington and Caz Buckingham

Being able to identify a bird's song is a skill that brings joy and fosters an appreciation of nature. Learning how to differentiate between the songs of a house finch and a goldfinch, however, is not easy. That is where this enchanting book comes into its own. It features recordings of twelve bird songs from some of the best-known garden bird species seen and heard across North America.

This is an interactive board book designed for any age with features for young readers. The board pages are easy to turn. The twelve song buttons are easy to activate and each bears a portrait of the singing bird. The high-quality sound module is encased in durable plastic, and the one-inch (3 cm) speaker makes it easy to hear and differentiate the elements of a bird's song, like pitch, tempo, whistles, trills and buzzes.

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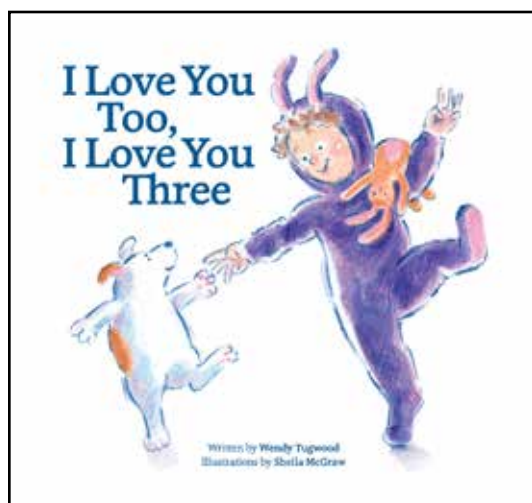
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I LOVE YOU TOO, I LOVE YOU THREE

Wendy Tugwood

illustrated by Sheila McGraw

As every parent knows, there is nothing more stressful than being away from a child, even if it's only for a few days. In this heartwarming book, Wendy Tugwood captures perfectly how the love between a mother and child copes with separation.

*When we're apart I miss you so
I wish I didn't have to go
I miss your face, your touch, your smell,
Your silliness I know so well.*

*I think of how you sing to me,
"I love you too... I love you three!"
On goes our love and counting game
A game that always ends the same.*

Needing to express how much they love each other, parent and child play the old familiar counting game. The child says "I love you," the parent replies "I love you too," and the child, gleefully, replies "I love you three!" From there they continue counting until they reach "I love you ten."

I Love You Too, I Love You Three will delight parents and children alike and children will not only learn their numbers, they will gain assurance that, no matter what happens, the parent's love, like the counting game, will never end.

Wendy Tugwood is a Chartered Professional Accountant who lives in Edmonton, Alberta, with her husband and three teenage children. She has been writing poems and songs since she was a young girl. This is her first book.

Sheila McGraw has illustrated seven children's books, including the best-selling *Love You Forever* and has written children's and adult craft books *Papier Mâché for Kids* and *Painting and Decorating Furniture*.

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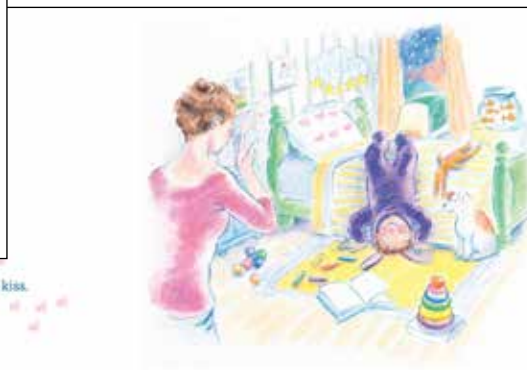
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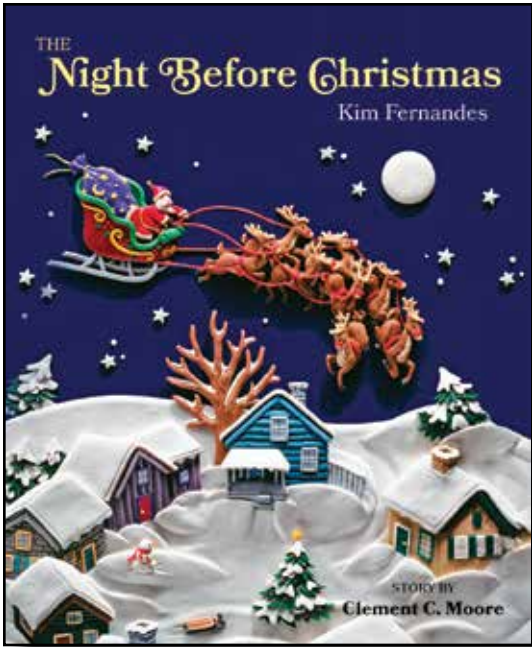


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I turn and blow a gentle kiss.





Your Christmas bestseller!

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Kim Fernandes

From the poem by Clement C. Moore

One of the most familiar popular poems and stories for children is Clement C. Moore's 1823 work *A Visit From St. Nicholas*, which begins:

*'Twas the night before Christmas
When all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, Not even a mouse.*

... and it is so familiar that phrases from it — like “visions of sugar plums danced in their heads” have become part of our shared memories of warm holidays of the past.

Kim Fernandes has illustrated Moore's poem with amazingly evocative sculptural work in FIMO modelling clay, depicting all the events of the poem — from Santa calling to Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Vixen, to his belly that shakes like a bowlful of jelly, to his departure, wishing “all a good night” — vividly, warmly and merrily. It is a marvelously attractive and affordable permanent Christmas gift for new generations of children.

The board construction will last (appealing to parents), and the color is bright and full of details kids will love. Bigger than a standard board book, it is attractively priced to be affordable for all budgets.

Kim Fernandes is the author of a number of children's books, has been a librarian as well as an artist, and lives just northeast of Toronto.

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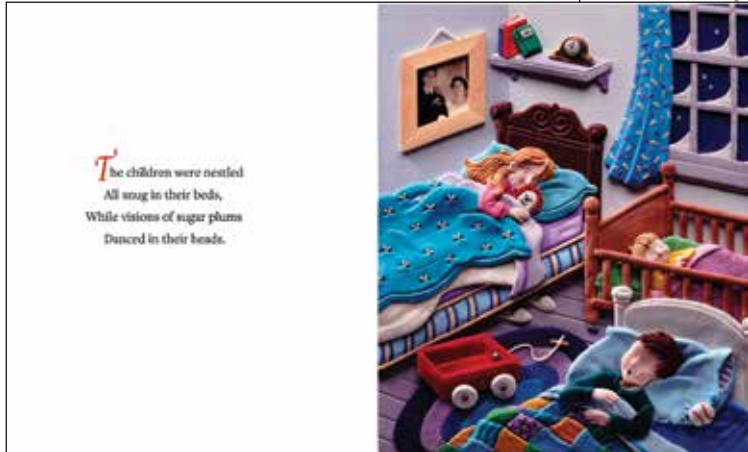
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THE GUMBOOT KIDS SERIES

THE CASE OF THE BURIED TREASURE

Eric Hogan and Tara Hungerford

Scout had buried some treasured bulbs in his garden in the fall, but the following spring, he notices his “treasure” has been replaced by some beautiful tulips. Where could his treasure have gone? Join Scout and Daisy as they learn about the life cycle of plant bulbs and solve the **Case of the Buried Treasure**.

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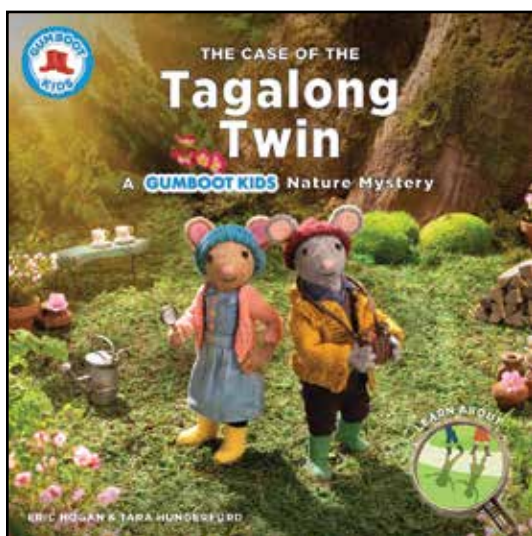
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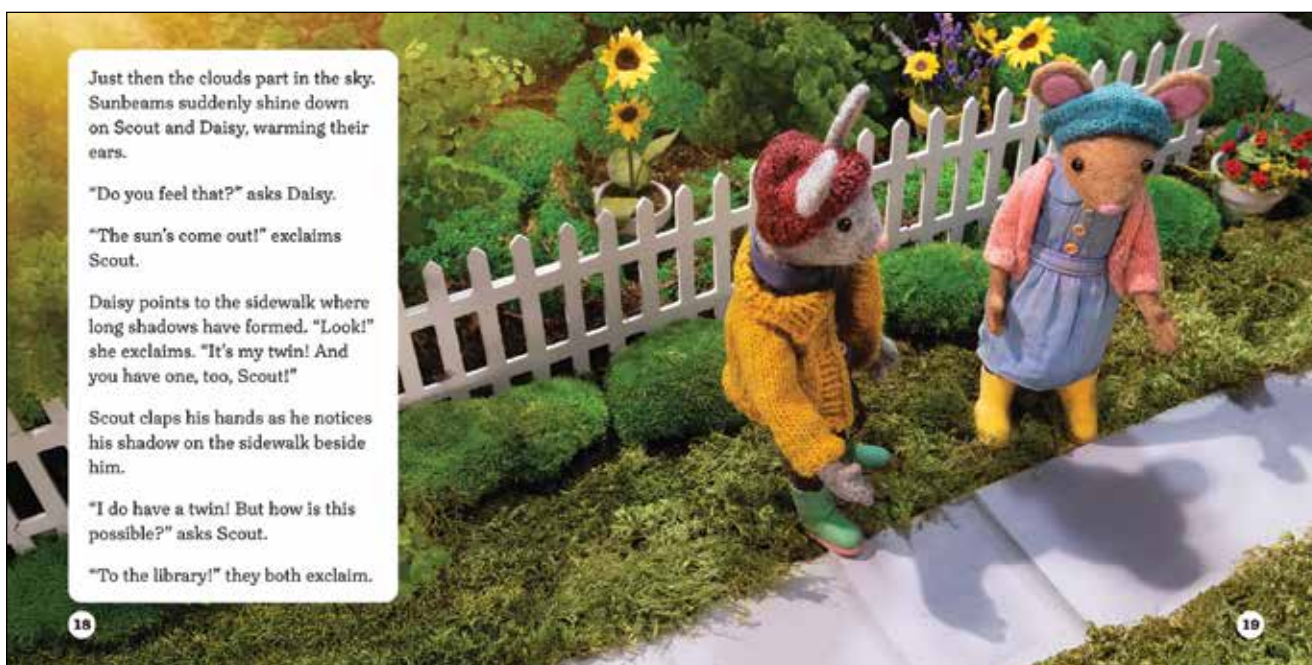


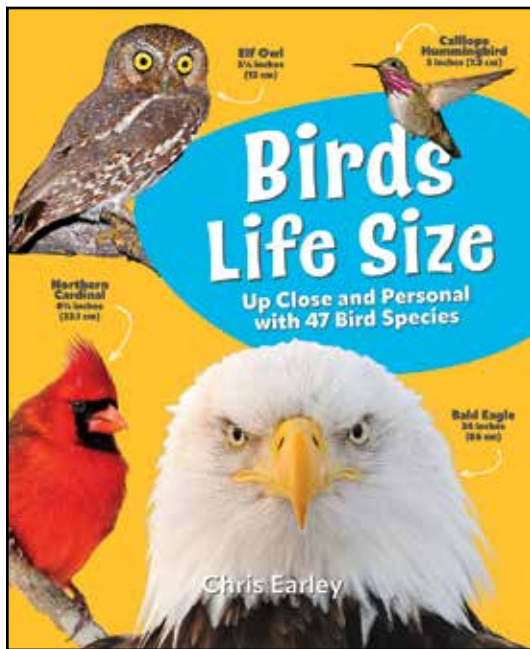
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Baltimore Oriole

New World Blackbirds

From Species to Subspecies and Back Again

Life Size
8.5 inches (21.6 cm)

Nature Note
The Baltimore Oriole is very similar to its two closest relatives: the Bullock's Oriole of western North America (left) and the Black-backed Oriole of central Mexico (right).

The Baltimore Oriole's clear-voiced song and brilliant orange and black feathers make it a favorite backyard bird. Having its name associated with a Major League Baseball team probably helps its popularity, too! But in 1973 scientists decided that the Baltimore Oriole was not actually a full species, but a subspecies. In general, a species is an organism that only mates with others of its own kind. In some areas of North America, the eastern Baltimore Orioles often interbreed with the more western Bullock's Orioles. The two birds look different, but scientists determined they were not different enough to be considered separate species. They were merged together into a single species called the Eastern Oriole, and the different-looking populations were considered subspecies. Then in 1995 new scientists found more information about the relationships between the two Eastern Oriole populations, and it was decided that they were distinctive enough to be considered separate species after all. So we now have the Baltimore Oriole back as its own species. This amazing life-saving two-to-one species together!

A Baltimore Oriole builds its bag-like nest.

Scientific name: *Icterus galbula*
Habitat: Woodlands
Black-throated Blue Grosbeak
West placement: The East American
Migratory: Great Northern Migration
Location: 100-150 mi



Blue Jay

Crows, Ravens and Jays

True Blue ... but How?

Life Size
11 inches (27.9 cm)

Scientific name: *Cyanocitta cristata*
Habitat: Forests
Blue jays are found in the eastern United States and southern Canada.
West placement: The East American
Migratory: Resident and short distance
Location: 100-150 mi

Why are the amazing variety of colors in birds' feathers, and the Blue Jay's blue plumage is a favorite. But where does that blue come from? Interestingly, birds get their colors in two different ways. One is through pigments that birds get from their food. For example, some plants produce pigments called carotenoids. Birds that eat these plants or eat insects that eat these plants can produce feathers that could be red like a cardinal, yellow like a goldfinch or orange like an oriole. But other brilliant feathers, like those that appear blue, are not colored using pigments. With these types of feathers, our eyes see certain colors because of how the feather is structured. The microscopic shape of a feather's surface and how it holds air pockets can cause the feather to scatter some blue light to your eye, and this is why Blue Jays appear so brilliantly blue. However, if these feathers don't get enough light or are too far from behind, the structure don't scatter light well and so the blue disappears, whereas a red-pigmented feather will come out from all angles. The next time you find a colorful feather, hold it up so that the light is coming from behind. It does the feather still show its full color?

Two Blue jays squabble near a backyard bird feeder.

The Blue Jay's western cousin, the Steller's Jay, also sports some lovely blue feathers.

Nature Note

The red in this above Northern Cardinal's feathers is from pigments. Pigments are used to color paint, for example. The blue in this Blue Jay feather (below) is caused by how light hits the structure of the feather. Many other blue things in nature are similar. For example, the blue on the surface of a blueberry is also caused by how light hits the structure of the berry's surface.

Wood Duck

Ducks, Geese and Swans

Colorful, Compact and Crafty

Life Size
18.5 inches (47 cm)

Scientific name: *Anas platyrhynchos*
Habitat: Wetlands and forests
Ole: Seeds, fruits, insects and other invertebrates
Nest placement: In tree cavities
Migratory: Resident and short distance
Location: 100-150 mi

The male Wood Duck is one of the most colorful ducks in the world. This waterfowl species is also one of the planet's smallest ducks. Weighing just over a pound (453 g), female Wood Ducks are small enough to fit into small tree cavities and old woodpecker holes such as those made by the Pileated Woodpecker (see page 70). She uses these types of cavities as a nesting site, lining it with her own down feathers to help keep her eggs warm. But not all the eggs in her nest are necessarily her own. Wood Ducks and a few other duck species are known as "egg dumpers." This means that some female ducks will lay their eggs in the nests of other females, sometimes even laying them in the nest of another duck species. They then leave those eggs to be raised by the female who incubates them. This egg dumping breeding strategy is comparable to the old saying "don't put all of your eggs in one basket." If, for example, all your eggs are in one nest and a raccoon finds it, none of your eggs will survive. But if you spread your eggs out, at least some might escape predation and hatch. Birds have evolved many different strategies to make sure that at least some of their young have a chance to become adults and have young of their own.

Once they hatch, Wood Duck ducklings may have to jump from a height of over 50 feet (15.2 m) to join their mother on the ground before they waddle off to the closest pond. That's more than a four-story drop!

In this Wood Duck nest, two Wood Duck eggs and one Hooded Merganser egg have hatched. This shows that a female Hooded Merganser laid at least one egg in this nest and the female Wood Duck incubated it along with her own eggs.

Nature Note
You may be surprised to learn that one of the Wood Duck's favorite foods is acorns! These ducks can sometimes be seen walking along a forest floor looking under oak trees for a snack.

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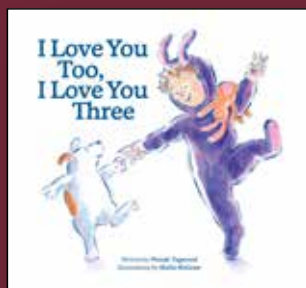
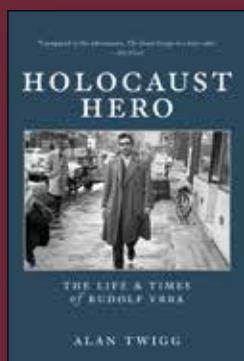
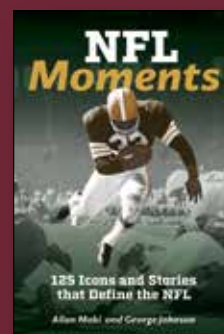
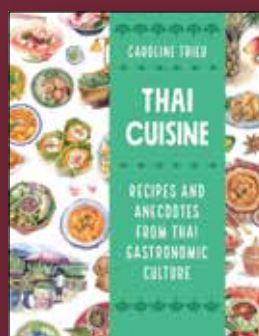
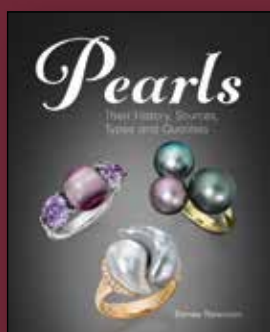
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