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### **Beyond Happiness**

The virtually universal popularity of  
caffeine, together with concerns about its  
potential pathogenic effects, have made it  
one of the most extensively studied drugs in  
history. However, despite the massive

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scientific literature on this important substance, most reviews have either focused on limited areas of study or been produced in popular form

## **A Beautiful Mess**

In this book the author describes the way her garden evolved and how, without meaning to do so, she let it take over her life. She suggests moving away from planning, regimentation and gardening with the mentality of a stamp-collector. Frequently funny and always stimulating, she writes of the alchemy of gardens, of the 19th-century plant-collectors and plant illustrators and of the gardening philosophers, all fertilizing great thoughts along with their hollyhocks. She won the 1988 Sinclair Consumer Press Garden Writer of the Year Award.

## **Let 's Be Real**

In this groundbreaking analysis of personality type, bestselling author of *Better Than Before* and *The Happiness Project* Gretchen Rubin reveals the one simple question that will transform what you do at home, at work, and in life. During her multibook investigation into understanding human nature, Gretchen Rubin realized that by asking the seemingly dry question "How do I

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respond to expectations?" we gain explosive self-knowledge. She discovered that based on their answer, people fit into Four Tendencies: Upholders, Questioners, Obligers, and Rebels. Our Tendency shapes every aspect of our behavior, so using this framework allows us to make better decisions, meet deadlines, suffer less stress, and engage more effectively. More than 600,000 people have taken her online quiz, and managers, doctors, teachers, spouses, and parents already use the framework to help people make significant, lasting change. The Four Tendencies hold practical answers if you've ever thought . People can rely on me, but I can't rely on myself. . How can I help someone to follow good advice? . People say I ask too many questions. . How do I work with someone who refuses to do what I ask—or who keeps telling me what to do? With sharp insight, compelling research, and hilarious examples, The Four Tendencies will help you get happier, healthier, more productive, and more creative. It's far easier to succeed when you know what works for you.

### **The Self-Discipline Handbook**

The self-help genre is replete with books telling people how to be happier and more fulfilled. And books with a spiritual or mindfulness perspective suggest that being present is the solution. But no book provides

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the precise and constructive guidance needed to discover that happiness is truly possible in any moment. Until now. Using clear language and useful examples, "The End of Self-Help: Discovering Peace and Happiness Right at the Heart of Your Messy, Scary, Brilliant Life" describes how personal suffering is a case of mistaken identity. The book starts with common, entrenched psychological experiences such as unresolved problems from the past, worries about the future, feelings of inadequacy, compulsive behaviors, and confusing emotions. In skillful detail, it illuminates the shift of attention required for true happiness. Explorations in each chapter bring the material alive in the reader's own experience, essential to challenge decades of conditioning. The book walks alongside readers as they become experts in how their thoughts and feelings bring about suffering and realize the simple fact of peaceful, aware presence that is always here and available. It describes that this infinite, spacious presence is the truth of who we are, that we're not limited to our thoughts and feelings. The book illustrates how to live this insight in the moments of everyday life.

### **Be Happy**

Journalist Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were their

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curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary and their four children lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family. When the money ran out, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town Rex had tried to escape. As the dysfunction escalated, the children had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they found the resources and will to leave home. Yet Walls describes her parents with deep affection in this tale of unconditional love in a family that, despite its profound flaws, gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life. -- From publisher description.

### **Choose Wonder Over Worry**

On those days when French fries litter the floor of your minivan, when you think bad words about other drivers, when your smile hides an anxious heart—in those moments when you fall short of all you'd hoped to be—what does God see when He looks at you? In your less-than-lovely moments, God sees a precious daughter in need of His perfect love. In this liberating look at how God adores and

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transforms imperfect people, Bible teacher Lisa Harper weaves poignant stories of her own personal foibles with a fresh take on selected Psalms to reveal a loving Father who remains your greatest champion even when you don't feel anywhere close to holy. Join Lisa in discovering what happens when we stop trying to hide our inadequacies and doubts and instead trust God with our anger, frustrations, flaws, and regrets. As you accept God's loving invitation to exchange your junk for His joy, you'll find the imperfect pieces of your life shaped into a glorious pattern of divine grace.

### **We Should Get Together**

Groundbreaking Tool "Blueprints" Your Book in 15 Minutes or Less The Transformation Quadrant was written for leaders, business owners, visionaries, coaches, healers, practitioners and messengers around the world who want to write their book and make a difference in the lives of others. Every aspiring author dreams of the day their book will be written, published and impacting peoples' lives. Yet sadly, most authors who dream of that day never get there. Things like confusion, doubt, lack of clarity, and feeling overwhelmed stop them in their tracks. Transformational author coach, award-winning book publisher, and multiple best-selling author Christine Kloser has guided

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thousands of authors to write books that have had a positive impact on millions of lives. She's been featured in the Los Angeles Times, Entrepreneur Magazine, Forbes.com and Huffington Post. The Transformation Quadrant is for you if you are planning to write a transformational book in one of these popular genres: Self-help, personal growth, grief recovery Business, leadership, entrepreneurship, finance, sales & marketing Retirement planning, career development Spirituality Memoir or biography Relationships, parenting Education Health, weight loss wellness, pet care How-to do anything Humor, Sports, and many more non-fiction topics Authors who use the tool you're about to learn in The Transformation Quadrant sail through writing their books. This simple, powerful, life-changing tool is essential in building a solid foundation that gives you the clarity, direction, energy and motivation to write until the very last word of your book is written. Inside you'll discover: Tools to overcome writer's block, self-doubt, excuses and time constraints A simple 15-minute "blueprint" that beats nearly every writing system, method and strategy out there and gives you hyper-clarity about how to write your book effortlessly, profitably and with soul How to turn your book into a "viral platform" that launches or grows your business to six figures or more, whether you're a coach, consultant, expert, visionary, messenger or

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### **The End of Self-Help**

“Leah Darrow uses her experience in the beauty industry to help the women of our culture see what true beauty looks like.”  
—Jennifer Fulwiler, host of The Jennifer Fulwiler Show and author of *Something Other than God* Do you feel like you're never good enough? Like you should be living a more Instagram-worthy life? Are you exhausted by the impossible quest for physical beauty but still yearn for the validation of being chosen, valued, and deemed beautiful? Drawing on her experience on America's Next Top Model and her work as a fashion model, Leah Darrow exposes the lies we are told about our worth being tied to our appearance and instead invites us to look again at the real meaning of beauty. She shows how we can reclaim true and lasting beauty—the kind that doesn't depend on self-doubt, exploitation, or comparison—when we reflect God's glory and

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embrace our value as he made us to be: strong, brave, and free. Only when we learn to see ourselves as God does can we leave behind our culture's definitions and demands and find joy in *The Other Side of Beauty*.

## **Caffeine and Activation Theory**

*Fire Child, Water Child* is a revolutionary guide to parenting a child with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) that does not rely on medication or pathologizing your child's challenges. This method, created by pediatrician and ADHD specialist Stephen Scott Cowan, helps you identify your child's unique focusing style—wood, fire, earth, metal, or water—and calm the stress that can contribute to your child's ADHD symptoms. This personalized approach will help your child reduce impulsive behavior, regulate attention, and handle school and home routines with confidence. What is your child's ADHD style?

- **The Wood Child** An adventurous explorer, the Wood child is always on the move and gets frustrated easily.
- **The Fire Child** The Fire child is outgoing, funny, and can be prone to mood swings and impulsive actions.
- **The Earth Child** The cooperative, peacemaking Earth child can feel worried or indecisive when stressed.
- **The Metal Child** The Metal child is comforted by routine and finds it difficult to shift attention from task to

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task. • The Water Child An imaginative dreamer, the Water child struggles to keep track of time.

## **The Transformation Quadrant**

Women long for deep and lasting friendships but often find them challenging to make. The private angst they feel regarding friendship often translates into their own insecurity and isolation. Christine Hoover offers women a fresh, biblical vision for friendship that allows for the messiness of our lives and the realities of our schedules. She shows women - what's holding them back from developing satisfying friendships - how to make and deepen friendships - how to overcome insecurity, self-imposed isolation, and past hurts - how to embrace the people God has already placed in their lives as potential friends - and how to revel in the beauty and joy of everyday friendship With stories of real friendships and guidance drawn from Scripture, Hoover encourages women to intentionally and purposefully invest in one of the most rewarding relationships God has given us.

## **Healthy is the New Skinny**

What if you knew all the moments of my past that I am not proud of? What if you really knew me, the messy parts that I've hoped to

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forget and worked hard to conceal? For so long, my greatest fear was what you might think of me if you only knew the whole story. It's exhausting, this guarding of our stories and struggles. Fear of being found out had caused me to hide—but I wasn't just covering my flaws, I was unintentionally blocking the beauty of God's grace. My journey to real freedom began when I quit running from my mess and started trusting Jesus to make something beautiful of it. This book is that story. It's stepping out of shame and insecurity into gospel freedom. It's letting God turn our failures and frailties into testimonies of His faithfulness. I've discovered that when we quit hiding, God gets the glory and we are able to fully embrace not only our relationship with Him, but also with one another. Transparency brings freedom, and in every moment, we'll find that God can absolutely be trusted.

### **The Four Tendencies**

“Amber Rae's very personal journey of moving from self limiting beliefs to her true self offers inspiring insights and lessons for anyone wanting to unfold their infinite potential.” —Deepak Chopra “The one advice book you should read—even if you don't like self-help.” —Bustle “Amber Rae's book is a revelation. She's the Elizabeth Gilbert of her generation.” —Stacy London Let's be real.

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Life is filled with twists and turns, fears and doubts, messy and magical moments. Without a “rule book” for how to thrive in today’s world, it leaves many of us feeling all the feels without having a clear sense of direction. Research even shows that the average adult spends 80% of their time with regret about the past or anxiety about the future. That’s where choosing wonder comes in. Whether you hate your work and are wondering WTF to do with your life, are building the dream but feel stifled by fear and doubt, or know there’s more to life but don’t know where to start, Choose Wonder Over Worry will guide you to face your fears and unlock your gifts—no matter what’s standing in the way. Inside, you’ll learn: – How to overcome the habit we spend the majority of our time on: worrying – How to navigate fear, self-doubt, impostor syndrome, perfectionism, and all the feels – A simple tool for turning envy into inspiration – Practices for bouncing back from rejection and critics – What to do if you have too many ideas, but don’t know how to choose – The difference between “getting ahead” and “coming alive” (and how to create success on your terms) – A fail-proof way to tame your inner critic and access your inner wisdom No one is perfect. This journey is messy, and wherever you are—you are not alone. That’s why Choose Wonder Over Worry is jam-packed with personal stories and vulnerable moments. It’s like sitting down and sharing a glass of wine with

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your wise bestie, swapping I-can't-believe-I'm-about-to-share-this stories. Like how Amber went from raging in a bottomless hole of comparison, insecurity and doubt—to using that envy as inspiration to find her path. Choose Wonder Over Worry shares the most important lesson of all: Don't die with your gifts still inside. There's a gift inside of you that deserves to see the light of day, and “choosing wonder over worry” is a mindset, practice, and compass to unlock the gift that only you can give. Worry or Wonder: which will you choose?

### **Ikigai**

Clever little ways to improve your daily life!

### **National Geographic Answer Book**

Bestselling author Stasi Eldredge shows us how to choose a joy that stands against the tides of life's real and often overwhelming pain. Defiant Joy will help you... get off the emotional roller coaster and experience daily joy; learn how to have a posture of holy defiance when circumstances threaten to weigh down your soul; and find new perspectives on painful circumstances and see how God sometimes interferes with your life to heal and transform you. We are called to live. And, miraculously, to live with joy. We all

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spend a lot of energy reaching for happiness, but we are never quite able to hang on to it. Real life happens, and our circumstances take us on an emotional rollercoaster ride. So the Bible's call to "be joyful always" sounds almost crazy—and out of reach. But it doesn't have to be. Joy is meant to be ours, a joy that is defiant in the face of this broken world. This joy is not simply happiness on steroids; it's the unyielding belief that sorrow and loss do not have the final say. It's the stubborn determination to be present to whatever may come and to interpret both goodness and grief by the light of heaven. In *Defiant Joy*, Stasi Eldredge invites us with courage, candor, and tender vulnerability to a place beyond sadness or happiness. She shows us how to maintain a posture of holy defiance that neither denies nor diminishes our pain but dares to live with expectant, unwavering hope.

### **One Hundred Daffodils**

Learn to make dozens of unique gifts packaged perfectly in glass jars of various shapes and sizes. Do you have an aspiring gardener on your list? Make a "plant bomb" jar with your favorite flower seeds or an adorable terrarium featuring easy-to-grow air plants. Headed to a bridal shower? Pamper your friend with a manicure kit or mint mojito lip scrub. Who wouldn't love some homemade sugar cookie

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mix or healthy and delicious granola in an attractive and reusable jar? Glass jars are easy to come by, cute, and incredibly versatile. Fill them with customized treasures to delight anyone on your list. Projects include: Light-Up Fairy Jar Barbecue Rub Hot Fudge Topping Snowglobe Scenes Vanilla Citrus Sugar Hand Scrub Citronella Oil Lamp Bird Feeder And more! Complete with tips for decorating jars, suggestions for gift tags, and inspiring full-color photographs, Gifts in Jars is here to make your holiday gift list a whole lot more fun.

### **Forever Chic**

Many books have been published in recent years on happiness. Ezra Bayda, a remarkably down-to-earth Zen teacher, believes that the happiness "boom" has been largely a bust for readers. Why? Because it's precisely the pursuit of happiness that keeps us trapped in cycles of dissatisfaction and suffering. Bayda offers alternatives to achieve the deepest, most lasting form of happiness through Zen insights and simple mindfulness practices. Most of us continually seek happiness in things that are external to us. We imagine that getting more money, a better relationship, or going on a nice vacation will finally make us happy. But Zen teacher Ezra Bayda shows us that it is only by dropping our pursuit of happiness and

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learning to surrender to what actually is--surrendering to the truth of our lived experience--that we can find the deepest and most lasting form of happiness.

## **Set-Apart Motherhood**

You've heard it all before: Just think positive! Just believe! But there's no quick fix for a happy life. *Be Happy* is a practical guide for forming 35 daily habits that will lead to a life of thriving rather than just surviving. Let Dr. Rebecca Ray guide you through the four central tenets of Choosing, Cultivating, Practicing, and Making Space for the good things in your world: Choosing to focus on life's joys instead of its hardships. Cultivating a positive inner voice instead of always criticizing yourself. Practicing mindful productivity instead of multitasking overload. Making Space for crises instead of shutting down when things get tough. *Be Happy's* techniques are based on the science of Positive Psychology and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, the very movements responsible for millions of people improving their well-being. Become a happier version of yourself by adjusting your daily routine with these powerful tools! There is no set of habits more important than those that help you thrive--and because *Be Happy's* tools are quick, simple, and enjoyable to use--integrating this book into your daily

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life is easy. Happiness is an emotional state that can be hard to find and hard to hold onto. By using these tools in your daily life, you can gain control over this fickle state and take your ability to thrive into your own hands. The Live Well series from Rock Point invites you to create a life you love through multiple acts of self-discovery and reinvention. These encouraging gift books touch on fun yet hardworking self-improvement strategies, whether it's learning to value progress over perfection, taking time to meditate and slow down to literally smell the roses, or finding time to show gratitude and develop a personal mantra. From learning how to obtain more restful sleep and creating a healthy work/life balance to developing personal style and your own happy place, the Live Well series encourages you to live your best life. Other titles in the series include: Progress Over Perfection; Find Your Flow; Seeking Slow; Finding Gratitude; Eff This! Meditation; The Joy of Forest Bathing; Find Your Mantra; It Had to be You; Men's Society; Genius Jokes; The Calm and Cozy Book of Sleep; Beating Burnout; Ayurveda for Life; Choose Happy; and You Got This.

### **How Not to Be a Hot Mess**

In a society obsessed with perfection, it is not surprising that so many women especially Christian women are breaking beneath the

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burden of expectation. With airbrushed cover models and reality TV blaring in stereo sound, it is no wonder women are abusing themselves, literally, to maintain the perception of perfection. If you are exhausted from trying to keep it all together or feel anxious at the thought of someone finding you out and calling you a fraud; if you are at the breaking point from meeting the demands of everyone else and always putting yourself last or simply beating yourself up because of your imperfections this book was written for you. In her debut book, Kristin Ritzau shares her very personal journey to overcome crippling perfectionism. As she navigated a new marriage, endured a quarter-life health crisis, and was forced to redefine the God of her childhood, Ritzau discovered freedom in accepting she was a beautiful mess. She didn't need to clean up her perfect life any longer. It was only through examining the emotional, mental, physical, sexual and spiritual facets of herself, that she experienced the Holy Spirit's healing: acceptance, contentment and rest. A Beautiful Mess will help readers do the same by introducing practices such as contemplative prayer, art journaling, and playing in your body while demystifying the self-care journey. The best part of Ritzau's story is that she is sharing it to help other women heal and discover their own beautiful mess.

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## **Gifts in Jars**

“This book made me happy in the first five pages.” –AJ Jacobs, author of *The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible*

Award-winning author Gretchen Rubin is back with a bang, with *The Happiness Project*. The author of the bestselling *40 Ways to Look at Winston Churchill* has produced a work that is “a cross between the Dalai Lama’s *The Art of Happiness* and Elizabeth Gilbert’s *Eat, Pray, Love*.” (Sonya Lyubomirsky, author of *The How of Happiness: A Scientific Approach to Getting the Life You Want*)

In the vein of *Julie and Julia*, *The Happiness Project* describes one person’s year-long attempt to discover what leads to true contentment. Drawing at once on cutting-edge science, classical philosophy, and real-world applicability, Rubin has written an engaging, eminently relatable chronicle of transformation.

## **The Natural Cleaning Handbook**

Learn why boundaries are not bad, why humility is hard, how to milk your momentum, how passion powers progress, why persistence is a virtue and patience is not optional. Learn how to be your own cheerleader, know your own creative cycle, and say so long to the Sunday night blues. Most importantly,

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learn how curiosity is the new vulnerability, and why, without it, self-discipline will never last. Do you struggle with finishing projects? Need to lose weight? Can't get to bed at a reasonable hour? We all know we need more self-discipline, yet most of us are a bit foggy on what it actually is. Is it being on time to everything? Or early? Waking up at 5am? Doing everything everyone asks us to, on time, all the time? Or is it something more meaningful, more nourishing? This handbook will teach you how to take joy in cultivating self-discipline. Learn what it is, how to get it, why we need it, how to keep it, and why we want it. It also covers the major stumbling blocks in our way, both internally and externally. If you could use a boost of self-discipline along with a healthy dose of self-confidence, pick up this handbook today. You can't afford not to.

### **A Gentle Plea for Chaos**

Love Your Lady Landscape is a healing journey through the terrain of what it is to be a woman. When a woman isn't in alignment with her feminine essence, she may experience exhaustion and overwhelm, lack sexual desire or passion for life, and generally feel "out of sync". In this book, Lisa Lister uses a myriad of tools and practices such as Earth based spirituality, shamanic teachings, movement and dance, and breath and sound work

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to teach women how to reconnect to their feminine wisdom in order to start rebalancing all aspects of their lives. Based on Lisa's own 11-year journey of healing and reconnecting with her body, this book will help you:

- release guilt and shame from the past
- explore self-pleasure and sensuality
- understand, read, and connect with your body's signs and signals
- learn about your menstrual cycle and its connection with the rhythms of nature and the universe
- discover the sacred art of receiving
- express your creativity
- find your voice to communicate your needs, wants, and desires

Love Your Lady Landscape will move women into a fiercely loving and healing relationship with their body and will teach them how to use its cycles and signs to create a life of vitality, fulfillment, and creation.

### **A Perfect Mess**

"With clarity and humor, bestselling author of *The Four Tendencies* and *The Happiness Project* Gretchen Rubin illuminates one of her key realizations about happiness: For most of us, outer order contributes to inner calm. And for most of us, a rigid, one-size-fits-all solution doesn't work. In this easy-to-read but hard-to-put-down book, Gretchen Rubin suggests more than 150 short, concrete clutter-clearing ideas so each reader can choose the ones that resonate most. The fact

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is, when we tailor our approach to suit our own particular challenges and habits, we're far more likely to be able to create the order that will make our lives happier, healthier, more productive, and more creative. In the context of a happy life, a messy desk or crowded coat closet is a trivial problem--yet Gretchen Rubin has found that getting control of our stuff makes us feel more in control of our lives. By getting rid of things we don't use, don't need, or don't love, as well as things that don't work, don't fit, or don't suit, we free our mind (and our shelves) for what we truly value. In this trim book filled with insights, strategies, and sometimes surprising tips, Gretchen tackles the key challenges of creating outer order, by explaining how to "Make Choices," "Create Order," "Know Yourself--and Others," "Cultivate Helpful Habits," and, of course, "Add Beauty." At home, at work, and in life, when we get our possessions under control we feel both calmer and more energetic. With a sense of fun, and also a clear idea of what's realistic for most people, Gretchen Rubin suggests dozens of manageable steps for creating a more serene, orderly environment--one that helps us to create the lives we yearn for"--

### Happy Pretty Messy

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For any woman who last saw forty on her speedometer comes a sparkling new primer for aging—the French way—with grace and style. Frenchwomen of a certain age (over forty) are captivating and complex. They appear younger than their years and remain stylish throughout their lives. They look at birthdays as a celebration of a life well-lived and perhaps a good reason to go shopping before they dress to perfection for a celebration of another anniversaire. American-born journalist and blogger Tish Jett has lived among the French for years and has studied them and stalked them to learn their secrets. Exploring how their wardrobe, beauty, diet, and hair rituals evolve with time and how some aspects of their signature styles never change, Jett shows how Frenchwomen know their strengths, hide their weaknesses, and never talk about their fears, failures, or flaws. After all, in France, beauty, style, and charm have no expiration dates!

### **The Happiness Project (Revised Edition)**

We Should Get Together is the handbook for anyone who's ready for better friendships, now. Have you recently moved to a new city and are struggling to make friends? Do you find yourself constantly making plans with friends that fall through? Are you more likely to see your friends' social media

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posts than their faces? You aren't alone. Millions of adults struggle with an uncomfortable and persistent ache: platonic longing, which is the unfulfilled wish for authentic, resilient, close friendships. But it doesn't have to be this way. Making and maintaining friendships during adulthood can be hard--or, with a bit of intention and creativity, joyful. Author Kat Velloso, experience designer and founder of Better Than Small Talk, tackles the four most common challenges of adult friendship: constant relocation, full schedules, the demands of partnership and family, and our culture's declining capacity for compassion and intimacy in the age of social media. Combining expert research and personal stories pulled from conversations with hundreds of adults, *We Should Get Together* is the modern handbook for making and maintaining stronger friendships. With this book you will learn to: Make and maintain friendships when you (or your friends) keep moving Have deeper and more meaningful conversations Triumph over awkwardness in social situations Become less dependent on your phone Identify and prioritize quality connections Find time for friendship despite your busy calendar Create closer, more durable friendships Full of relatable stories, practical tips, 60 charming illustrations, 55 suggested activities, a book club discussion guide, and 300+ conversation starters, *We Should Get Together*

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is the perfect book for anyone who wants to have dedicated, life-enriching friends, and who wants to be that kind of friend, too.

### **The Book of Hygge**

**\*\*Now on Netflix as The Call to Courage\*\***  
Every time we are introduced to someone new, try to be creative, or start a difficult conversation, we take a risk. We feel uncertain and exposed. We feel vulnerable. Most of us try to fight those feelings - we strive to appear perfect. In a powerful new vision Dr Brené Brown challenges everything we think we know about vulnerability, and dispels the widely accepted myth that it's a weakness. She argues that, in truth, vulnerability is strength and when we shut ourselves off from vulnerability - from revealing our true selves - we distance ourselves from the experiences that bring purpose and meaning to our lives. Daring Greatly is the culmination of 12 years of groundbreaking social research, across every area of our lives including home, relationships, work, and parenting. It is an invitation to be courageous; to show up and let ourselves be seen, even when there are no guarantees. This is vulnerability. This is daring greatly.

### **The Free-Time Formula**

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\*Los Angeles Times bestseller\* “If hygge is the art of doing nothing, ikigai is the art of doing something—and doing it with supreme focus and joy.” —New York Post Bring meaning and joy to all your days with this internationally bestselling guide to the Japanese concept of ikigai (pronounced ee-key-guy)—the happiness of always being busy—as revealed by the daily habits of the world’s longest-living people. What’s your ikigai? “Only staying active will make you want to live a hundred years.” —Japanese proverb According to the Japanese, everyone has an ikigai—a reason for living. And according to the residents of the Japanese village with the world’s longest-living people, finding it is the key to a happier and longer life. Having a strong sense of ikigai—the place where passion, mission, vocation, and profession intersect—means that each day is infused with meaning. It’s the reason we get up in the morning. It’s also the reason many Japanese never really retire (in fact there’s no word in Japanese that means retire in the sense it does in English): They remain active and work at what they enjoy, because they’ve found a real purpose in life—the happiness of always being busy. In researching this book, the authors interviewed the residents of the Japanese village with the highest percentage of 100-year-olds—one of the world’s Blue Zones. Ikigai reveals the secrets to their longevity and happiness: how they eat, how they move, how they work, how they foster

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collaboration and community, and—their best-kept secret—how they find the ikigai that brings satisfaction to their lives. And it provides practical tools to help you discover your own ikigai. Because who doesn't want to find happiness in every day?

### **The Glass Castle**

A young woman exposes the depths of honest grief, and the harrowing struggle toward a more authentic faith, after the devastating loss of her father. At only twenty-two, Emily Katherine Dalton lost her father—her beloved anchor—to a sudden heart attack. Just a moment ago there had been happiness as she held his hand while the family sang “Happy Birthday” to him—and now, she had lost every sense of home she'd ever known and the secure faith she'd formed felt shattered. In this memoir, she shares her honest, gritty journey of fighting to hold on to her belief after her world turned upside down—fighting to name the depths of new emotions and questions she had never before held; wrestling to somehow let the people around her into the chaos, and cope with the pressure to be “positive;” and relentlessly trying to run toward a God she had to learn to relate to all over again after facing the greatest trauma she had ever known. Let's Be Real offers insight into processing emotional trauma and what authentic friendship really looks like as

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Emily Katherine relates and reframes stories that taught her the greatest lessons about the faith that follows trauma, grief, and loss—a faith that has to be real.

### **If You Only Knew**

The secrets behind the world's most beautiful skin! In Korea, healthy, glowing skin is the ideal form of beauty. It's considered achievable by all, men and women, young and old—and it begins with adopting a skin-first mentality. Now, this Korean beauty philosophy has taken the world by storm! As the founder of Soko Glam, a leading Korean beauty and lifestyle website, esthetician and beauty expert Charlotte Cho guides you through the world-renowned Korean ten-step skin-care routine—and far beyond—to help you achieve the clearest and most radiant skin of your life. With Charlotte's step-by-step tutorials, skin-care tips, and advice on what to look for in products at all price levels, you'll learn how to pamper and care for your skin at home with Korean-approved techniques and pull off the "no makeup" makeup look we've seen and admired on women in the streets of Seoul. And you'll get access to beauty secrets from Charlotte's favorite beauty gurus from around the world, including supermodels, YouTube sensations, top makeup artists, magazine editors, actresses, and leading Korean skincare researchers. With the knowledge of

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an expert and voice of a trusted friend, Charlotte's personal tour through Korean beauty culture will help you find joy in the everyday beauty routines that will transform your skin.

### **The Little Book of Life Hacks**

Katie H. Willcox is an international model, body-image activist, and founder and CEO of the modeling agency Natural Model Management, Inc., (for healthy models between "straight" and "plus" sizes). She is also founder of Healthy Is the New Skinny, a company dedicated to promoting healthy body image through positive social-media outreach as well as workshops and presentations focusing on girls and young women. Katie offers Re-Model Me workshops at high schools and colleges to teach girls how to see through media manipulation and rebuild their self-esteem and sense of worth.

### **Daring Greatly**

"The centuries-old Danish tradition of Hygge (pronounced "hue-gah") comes from a country voted to be the happiest on earth, and its special custom of emotional warmth, slowness, and appreciation, is becoming increasingly familiar to an international audience. To hygge means to enjoy the good things in life with good people"--

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## **Outer Order, Inner Calm**

Find the time, clarity, and mental space to achieve your goals The Free-Time Formula helps you slow down time and get the important things done. We're all overworked, stressed, and always being asked to do more, and do it better; the days aren't getting any longer, so something has to give—don't let it be your sanity. This book provides a real-world framework for more effective time management that helps you prioritize, focus, clarify, and go. You'll begin with a time audit to assess your current stress, strategies, and output—and the results may shock you. From there, you'll work step-by-step toward a new daily routine that will help you become the focused, efficient achiever you've been trying to be for so long. It's not about cramming more into your precious 24 hours, it's about figuring out what really matters to you, and getting the most important things done first. Every day. Never miss another big deadline, never flake on an important meeting, never be late to an appointment again. It is possible with great planning, and this book is your personal guide. Focused on action, not filler, this book is an excellent resource for those who want to achieve more, but do less. With a few simple changes, you'll find the time you've been missing and put it to more productive use. Define and prioritize your personal and

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professional goals and responsibilities Cut the distractions and clarify your daily objectives Adapt your workplace tools and environment to facilitate actual work Periodically self-assess, course-correct when needed, and plan for the future Rather than rush through another day leaving things undone and roses un-sniffed, take a beat and a breath, and take back your day with The Free-Time Formula.

### **Defiant Joy**

Being a mother is tough, and sometimes life can be hectic and disorganized. The truth is, moms don't have to accept the chaos or resign themselves to the attitude of "this is just the way it is." By God's grace, every mother can purpose not to settle for anything less than His pattern for motherhood, and His pattern is victorious, triumphant, and glorious. Now, women who first met Leslie Ludy in *When God Writes Your Love Story* and *Authentic Beauty* can continue journeying with her through the realities of motherhood. Leslie will encourage, inspire, and equip moms to be successful in raising their kids, managing their homes, and keeping Christ at the center of their mothering. Written from the perspective of a mom who is currently "in the trenches" with several young children at home, Leslie will help guide readers to become mothers who are set apart for God's

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purposes.

## **Adventuring Together**

Make sanitizers, soaps, and all your personal hygiene needs to kill germs and keep you virus-free! These days, dangerous viruses can suddenly become rampant, and bacteria can adapt to become antibiotic-resistant, so we must be extra-vigilant about our health. The Natural Cleaning Handbook keeps you clean, naturally, with homemade products that are healthy for you and your family. Start with the basics and work your way into every corner of your home . . . from tile grout to shower mold, how to clean lampshades to how to clean water bottles. Germ-killing recipes for cleaning nearly every surface in your home from the carpet to stuffed animals include: Hand sanitizing spray, gel, and foam Antibacterial hand and surface wipes Air purifying spray Liquid hand soap And so much more! You'll also learn storage and organization secrets to keep your home clutter-free, how to manage your time and budget, and why some old-fashioned remedies are still the modern organic ways to keep home. Now is the time to get started.

## **Placemaker**

This far-reaching reference is designed with many entry points and a visually engaging

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format to satisfy the curious browser, the student researcher, and the earnest knowledge seeker alike.

## **Fire Child, Water Child**

The dumpster fire of life rages on, but you got this. Practice six rules to keep you grounded, weather the storm, and actually be a decent person. It may seem like the world is going to hell in a hand basket right now. Whether it's big stuff like politics and climate change, or just the daily spin of paying your bills, getting to work on time, and fending off social media trolls, we can all admit, modern life ain't easy. Here are six really good guiding principles, inspired from the ancient wisdom of Buddhism and mindfulness practice, to keep you anchored and steady amidst the chaos.

## **Messy Beautiful Friendship**

“Shannan’s story feels at once familiar and spectacular, ordinary and exceptional. You will discover that at the same time her words make you squirm, you will wish you lived next door to her. You will want her wisdom and you will want her pickles.” –Jen Hatmaker (from the foreword) Shannan Martin had the perfect life: a cute farmhouse on six rambling acres, a loving husband, three adorable kids, money, friends, a close-knit church—a safe, happy

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existence. But when the bottom dropped out through a series of shocking changes and ordinary inconveniences, the Martins followed God's call to something radically different: a small house on the other side of the urban tracks, a shoestring income, a challenged public school, and the harshness of a county jail (where her husband is now chaplain). And yet the family's plunge from "safety" was the best thing that could have happened to them. *Falling Free* charts their pilgrimage from the self-focused wisdom of the world to the topsy-turvy life of God's more being found in less. Martin's practical, sweetly subversive book invites us to rethink assumptions about faith and the good life, push past insecurity and fear, and look beyond comfortable, middle-class Christianity toward a deeper, richer, and ultimately more fulfilling life.

### **Love Your Lady Landscape**

Ever felt like you needed a refresher course on how to be happy in life? *Happy Pretty Messy* is a modern-day inspirational guidebook for women of all ages seeking to live with beauty and bravery. As a modern lifestyle philosopher, Natalie Wise brings her trademark poetic prose to finding and cultivating balance, joy, and depth of self in daily life. Filled with wit and fresh insights for the heart and home, you'll learn how to: Thrive through tragedy Turn off your

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inner monologue Get “back to brave” You'll also learn Wise's secrets to enjoying the “everyday arts”—such as keeping home, keeping in touch, and creating memories. Wise writes, “Sometimes we don't even realize our hearts are broken. We are fragile creatures, really. A heart has to search to set itself aright just about every moment. That is, unless there is an equilibrium we choose. A balancing point, a weight transfer where things even out and we decide to call life in all of its guts and glory: Enough. What I have is enough. Life is tenuous and precious. I say that with certainty. And I say with even more certainty: that is why I celebrate the every day.” From cultivating your inner self to creating community and the perfect homemade latte, Happy Pretty Messy inspires a life that flourishes with charm, color, caffeine and, most importantly, courage. Finding value in these things might be the most important thing you do, so grab this book and dig in today.

### **The Other Side of Beauty**

"When women share the truth about life and loss . . . hope is restored" in this enlightening and comforting memoir about purpose, personal growth, and nature's ability to heal (Sarah Ban Breathnach).

"There is so much life in the garden. That is why I come. Life that is gentle, self-

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supporting, and beautiful. Continuous in its cycles, grounded, pure." When her husband asked for a divorce after twenty-five years of marriage, Rebecca Winn felt untethered physically, spiritually, and emotionally. The security she'd had in her marriage was suddenly replaced by an overwhelming sense of fear, hopelessness, and dread. She felt invisible and alone and was horrified to consider that her deepest longing -- to know and be known by another person -- might never be realized. But from this fear emerged a powerful desire to answer one of life's most profound questions: How can we ever know another person if we do not truly know ourselves? Facilitated in measures by a love affair with a younger man, dedicated study of Jungian psychology, and a deep dive into global spiritual practices, Winn transformed heartbreak into wholeness through communion with the divine in nature. By turning to her garden for guidance, sanctuary, and inspiration, and dialing closely into the flora and fauna around her, she ultimately discovered what is possible when we are willing look at our unvarnished selves with an open mind -- and see others with an open heart.

### **Falling Free**

Placemaker is a call to tend our souls, our land, and our homes--to cultivate comfort,

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beauty, and peace in the places God has us. Images of comfortable kitchens and flower-filled gardens stir something deep within us--we instinctively long for home. In a world of chaos and conflict, we want a place of comfort and peace. In *Placemaker*, Christie Purifoy invites us to notice our soul's desire for beauty, our need to create and to be created again and again. As she reflects on the joys and sorrows of two decades as a placemaker and her recent years living in and restoring a Pennsylvania farmhouse, Christie shows us that we are all gardeners. No matter our vocation, we spend much of our lives tending, keeping, and caring. In each act of creation, we reflect the image of God. In each moment of making beauty, we realize that beauty is a mystery to receive. Weaving together her family's journey with stories of botanical marvels and the histories of the flawed yet inspiring placemakers who shaped the land generations ago, Christie calls us to cultivate orchards and communities, to clap our hands along with the trees of the fields, to step into our calling to create, to make a place in the place God made for us. *Placemaker* is a timely yet timeless reminder that the cultivation of good and beautiful places is not a retreat from the real world but a holy pursuit of a world that is more real than we know.

### **The Little Book of Skin Care**

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A modern, practical, and inspiring guide to creating deep heart connections with kids by regularly creating new experiences and intentional adventures together. Parents today complain of fragmented relationships with their kids. What parents yearn for--and their kids too--is deep, heart-to-heart connections. But how can parents compete with all the other noise fighting for their kids' attention? The answer, says Greta Eskridge, is to break free from regular routines and familiar comforts of home to experience new places and adventures--even if those adventures go awry. From simply reading a book together to going on an overnight backpacking trip, activities together provide unique and crucial bonding opportunities. *Adventuring Together* highlights Greta's stories of doing just that, including an array of ideas for outdoor and indoor ventures, what to do when your finances are limited, and how to adventure if your family can't hit the hiking trail or spend the night at a campground. Giving readers the tools to make adventures happen, *Adventuring Together* is a step-by-step guide for parents--whether in the city or the country--to start building connections today that will last a lifetime.

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