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Lake Wobegon Summer 1956
May 24 2022 Meet fourteen-year-old Gary. A self-described "tree-toad," a sly and endearing geek, Gary has many unwieldy passions, chief among them his cousin Kate, his Underwood typewriter and the soft-porn masterpiece, *High School Orgies*. The folks of Lake Wobegon don't have much patience for a kid's ungodly obsessions, and so Gary manages to filter the hormonal earthquake that is puberty and his hopeless devotion to glamorous, rebellious Kate through his fantastic yarns. With every marvellous story he moves a few steps closer to becoming a writer. And when Kate gets herself into trouble with the local baseball star, Gary also experiences the first pangs of a broken heart. With his trademark gift for treading "a line delicate as a cobweb between satire and sentiment" (Cleveland Plain Dealer), Garrison Keillor brilliantly captures a newly minted post-war America and delivers an unforgettable comedy about a writer coming of age in the rural Midwest. **Me** Nov 29 2022 In a political satire inspired by--but not based on--recent events, the new governor of Minnesota recounts to a ghostwriter his boyhood as an adoptee, his military experiences as a Navy Walrus in Vietnam, and his life in professional wrestling

Wobegon Boy Dec 31 2022 John Tollefson, a son of Lake Wobegon, has moved East to manage a radio station at a college for academically challenged children of financially gifted parents in upstate New York. Having achieved this pleasant perch, John has a brilliant idea for a restaurant specializing in fresh sweet corn. And he falls in love with an historian named Alida Freeman, hard at work on a book about a nineteenth-century Norwegian naturopath, an acquaintance of Lincoln, Thoreau, Whitman, and Susan B. Anthony. Pontoon Feb 18 2022 In Lake Wobegon lives a good Lutheran lady who wishes for her ashes placed inside a bowling ball and dropped into the lake. Meanwhile, a wedding between a veterinary aromatherapist and her boyfriend Brent is set to take place aboard a pontoon boat. A delegation of renegade Lutheran pastors from Denmark has come to town, and there's Raoul of the cigars and tinted shades, come to visit his elderly lover. All is in readiness for the wedding - the French champagne, the flying Elvis, the giant duck decoys - and then something quite unexpected happens . . . **We Are Still Married** Aug 15 2021 "Garrison Keillor made it possible, after twenty years of black humor...to be both funny and nice, hip and winsome,

scathing and loving, all in the flick of a single many-barbed quip—The Washington Post Book World "Keillor's literary style is as flexible and assured as his vocal delivery. It can slip from mood to mood so subtly and quickly you're never quite sure where you are.... [His] writing has the silvery slip of running water, so graceful and easy it's hard to believe it can carry so much that is jagged and unresolved. His integrity lies in his not smoothing away those rough edges in the swift current of his prose; they're bruisingly, sometimes cuttlingly there." —The Village Voice *Lake Wobegon Summer 1956* Nov 05 2020 At the age of fourteen, never having kissed a girl except his own cousin but very eager to try, Gary gets an Underwood typewriter and starts producing fantastic tales about talking dogs, fatal blood diseases, tornadoes, and the lady with the torch. **Liberty** Mar 29 2020 Having transformed the annual Fourth of July parade into a Lake Wobegon extravaganza, steadfast mechanic Clint Bunsen attracts the attention of the governor and the media before announcing his intention to run for Congress, an endeavor that is compromised by his drinking and rumors about an affair with a young woman. 200,000 first printing. *A Boy of Good Breeding* Feb 27 2020 Winner of the McNally

Robinson Book of the Year Award "Tonic for the spirit: a charming, deeply moving, unerringly human story, perfectly shaped and beautifully told." —The Globe and Mail *Life in Winnipeg* didn't go as planned for Knute and her daughter. But living back in Algren with her parents and working for the longtime mayor, Hosea Funk, has its own challenges: Knute finds herself mixed up with Hosea's attempts to achieve his dream of meeting the Prime Minister—even if that means keeping the town's population at an even 1,500. Bringing to life small-town Canada and all its larger-than-life characters, *A Boy of Good Breeding* is a big-hearted, hilarious novel about finding out where you belong.

[Leaving Home](#) Jan 20 2022 In the first collection of *Lake Wobegon* monologues, Keillor tells readers more about some of the people from *Lake Wobegon Days* and introduces some new faces.

The Book of Guys Aug 27 2022 "Guys are in trouble these days," says Garrison Keillor. "Years ago, manhood was an opportunity for achievement and now it's just a problem to be overcome. Guys who once might have painted the Sistine Chapel ceiling are now just trying to be Mr. O.K. All-Rite, the man who can bake a cherry pie, be passionate in a skillful way, and yet also lift them bales and tote that barge." This brilliant collection confirms Keillor's reputation as an ingenious storyteller and a very funny guy.

[The Keillor Reader](#) Oct 17 2021

Stories, essays, poems, and personal reminiscences from the sage of Lake Wobegon When, at thirteen, he caught on as a sportswriter for the Anoka Herald, Garrison Keillor set out to become a professional writer, and so he has done—a storyteller, sometime comedian, essayist, newspaper columnist, screenwriter, poet. Now a single volume brings together the full range of his work: monologues from *A Prairie Home Companion*, stories from *The New Yorker* and *The Atlantic*, excerpts from novels, newspaper columns. With an extensive introduction and headnotes, photographs, and memorabilia, *The Keillor Reader* also presents pieces never before published, including the essays "Cheerfulness" and "What We Have Learned So Far." Keillor is the founder and host of *A Prairie Home Companion*, celebrating its fortieth anniversary in 2014. He is the author of nineteen books of fiction and humor, the editor of the *Good Poems* collections, and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. [Lake Wobegon Days](#) Mar 22 2022 "Lake Wobegon Days is about the way our beliefs, desires and fears tail off into abstractions--and get renewed from time to time. . . this book, unfolding Mr. Keillor's full design, is a genuine work of American history." —The New York Times "A comic anatomy of what is small and ordinary and therefore potentially profound and universal in American life...Keillor's strength as a writer is to make the ordinary extraordinary."

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The Book of Guys Jun 12 2021

A Christmas Blizzard Jul 02 2020 The inimitable Garrison Keillor spins "a Christmas tale that makes Dickens seem unimaginative by comparison" (Charlotte Creative Loafing) Snow is falling all across the Midwest as James Sparrow, a country- bumpkin-turned-energy-drink-tycoon, and his wife awaken in their sky-rise apartment overlooking

Chicago. Even down with the stomach bug, Mrs. Sparrow yearns to see *The Nutcracker* while James yearns only to escape-the faux-cheer, the bitter cold, the whole Christmas season. An urgent phone call from his hometown of Looseleaf, North Dakota, sends James into the midst of his lunatic relatives and a historic blizzard. As he hunkers weather the storm, the electricity goes out and James is visited by a parade of figures who deliver him an epiphany worthy of the season, just in time to receive Mrs. Sparrow's wonderful Christmas gift. Garrison Keillor's holiday farce is the perfect gift for the millions of fans who tune into *A Prairie Home Companion* every week.

Guy Noir and the Straight Skinny Oct 29 2022 Famous radio private eye Guy Noir leaps from *A Prairie Home Companion* to the page On the 12th floor of the Acme Building, on a cold February day in St. Paul, Guy Noir looks down the barrel of a loaded revolver in the hands of geezer gangster Joey Roast Beef who is demanding to hear what lucrative scheme Guy is cooking up with stripper-turned-women's-studies-professor Naomi Fallopian. Everyone wants to know-Joey, Lieutenant McCafferty, reporter Gene Williker, Guy's ex-girlfriend Sugar O'Toole, the despicable Larry B. Larry, the dreamboat Scarlett Anderson, Mr. Kress of the FDA-and Guy faces them one by one, as he and Naomi pursue a dream of earning gazillions by selling a surefire method of dramatic

weight loss. In this whirlwind caper Guy faces danger, falls in love, and faces off with the capo del capo del grande primo capo Johnny Banana.

Cat, You Better Come Home

Aug 22 2019 Dissatisfied with her life, Puff the cat leaves home and becomes a rich and glamorous model, but eventually returns having found out that it's better to be who you are.

Guy Noir and the Straight Skinny May 31 2020 Private eye Guy Noir faces off against gangsters Joey Roast Beef and Johnny Banana, all with the help of stripper-turned-women's-studies-professor Naomi Fallopian.

Truckstop and Other Lake Wobegon Stories Apr 30 2020

Barokke og meget menneskelige historier om dagligdagens sorger og glæder blandt tyske og skandinaviske indvandrere i en lille by i Minnesota på kanten af den store prærie

Garrison Keillor Jan 26 2020 *Happy to Be Here* Jul 14 2021 "Keillor's best stuff is clean (in the sense that lines are clean), down to earth, exquisitely good-hearted, highly ludicrous, and as labored as nitrous oxide.... This book will either leave you dumbfounded or happy—almost deservedly happy—to be anywhere" —The New York Times Book Review "His humor is cerebral and complex, a blend of romance and nostalgia; it sparkingly parodies the American (and human) condition.... His stories and satires glow with a sense of time and place." —The Washington Post *Serenity at 70, Gaiety At 80*

Apr 10 2021 RULE 12 Don't fight with younger people, even if you're right, which you probably are. When they tell you outrageous things, say, "That's very interesting, I'll have to think about it." These people will be writing your obituary, and why give them a reason to put "contentious" or "embittered" in the second paragraph or accusations of cultural appropriation or insufficient anger at power imbalance. If you enjoy dispute, go after your elders if you still have any who are of sound mind. Poke them in the stomach. This will amaze them, seeing as everyone else pities them to death, and they will relish combat and rise to the challenge and it will improve their respiration. And a day later they'll forget the whole thing.

Love Me Oct 24 2019 Leaving his wife to pursue an idealized life as a writer, Larry Wyler finds his early successes quickly deteriorating and returns home to write for an advice column, through which he learns unexpected life lessons.

The Keillor Reader Mar 10 2021 A volume of essays culled from the author's "Old Scout" syndicated newspaper column, "Time" magazine, "The Atlantic Monthly," and other sources offers ideas to help navigate life's murkier waters.

Pontoon Dec 19 2021 Garrison Keillor makes his long-awaited return to Lake Wobegon with this New York Times bestseller The first new Lake Wobegon novel in seven years is a cause for celebration. And Pontoon is nothing less than a spectacular

return to form-replete with a bowling ball-urn, a hot-air balloon, giant duck decoys, a flying Elvis, and, most importantly, Wally's pontoon boat. As the wedding of the decade approaches (accompanied by wheels of imported cheese and giant shrimp shish kebabs), the good-loving people of Lake Wobegon do what they do best: drive each other slightly crazy.

The Lake Wobegon Virus Apr 22 2022 The New York Times—bestselling author returns to his mythical prairie town, where a mysterious outbreak has the locals losing all their inhibitions . . . A troublesome virus has infiltrated the good people of Lake Wobegon, transmitted via unpasteurized cheese made by a Norwegian bachelor farmer. The most alarming symptom is episodic loss of social inhibition. Mayor Alice, Father Wilmer, Pastor Liz, the Bunsens and Krebsbachs, formerly taciturn elders, burst into political rants, inappropriate confessions, and rhapsodic proclamations, while their teenagers watch in amazement. Meanwhile, a wealthy outsider is buying up farmland for a Keep America Truckin' motorway and amusement park, estimated to draw 2.2 million visitors a year. Clint Bunsen and Elena the hometown epidemiologist must come to the rescue, with help from a Fourth of July Living Flag and sweet corn feast. In his newest Lake Wobegon novel, Garrison Keillor takes us back to the small town his longtime fans love to visit—for the wry wit and the

entertaining insight into our foibles, desires, and fears. Praise for the Lake Wobegon books: "Like Mark Twain, Keillor takes time to spell out details and, in so doing, convert the base metal of small-town tedium to the gold of comedy." —The New York Times "His true subject is how daily life is shot with grace." —San Francisco Chronicle "Some tales are wildly hilarious, others gently poignant but all are simply wonderful." —Publishers Weekly

In Search of Lake Wobegon

Jan 08 2021 The creator of Lake Wobegon offers a photographic tour of the real-life places that inspired his beloved imaginary Minnesota town.

Book of Guys Sep 23 2019

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The Old Man Who Loved Cheese Nov 17 2021

Wallace P. Flynn loves smelly cheeses so much that his family leaves him, his dog and cats can't stand to be around him, and even the skunks have to move.

Love Me Sep 03 2020 Meet Larry Wyler, a man with a big

heart, broad shoulders and some very odd baggage. After the runaway success of his debut novel, 'Spacious Skies', Larry decides to leave small-town life and his wife Iris, and move to Manhattan. But with his marriage in pieces and his second novel a flop, he suddenly finds himself struck down with a bad case of writer's block . . . Cue his new incarnation as the newspaper columnist 'Mr Blue', agony uncle to the lonely and frustrated. It may not be great literature, but perhaps the simple act of writing once again will help get Larry back on track.

Stories from Lake Wobegon

Aug 03 2020 Contains the Conversation and Presentation sections from the book with the same title.

Good Poems May 12 2021

America's beloved author, humorist, and storyteller offers a selection of meaningful and enjoyable poems Every day people tune in to The Writer's Almanac on public radio and hear Garrison Keillor read them a poem. And here, for the first time, is an anthology of poems from the show, chosen by Keillor for their wit, their frankness, their passion, their "utter clarity in the face of everything else a person has to deal with at 7 a.m." Good Poems includes verse about lovers, children, failure, everyday life, death, and transcendence. It features the work of classic poets, such as Emily Dickinson, Walt Whitman, and Robert Frost, as well as the work of contemporary greats such as Howard Nemerov, Charles

Bukowski, Donald Hall, Billy Collins, Robert Bly, and Sharon Olds. It's a book of poems for anybody who loves poetry whether they know it or not.

Life Among the Lutherans

Jul 26 2022 I don't know much about Lutherans and that is one reason I've told stories about them over the years, so I could learn.---From the Introduction Based on Garrison Keillor's Lake Wobegon monologues, *Life among the Lutherans* is a collection of stories about the struggles of ordinary people in an imperfect world, the life and work of the pastor who leads them, and the church to whose high standards they aspire in the small town they call home. The stories in *Life among the Lutherans* reflect everything Keillor fans have come to expect of this master storyteller. Some are familiar, including the quintessentially Lutheran "95 Theses" from *Lake Wobegon Days*, others are new. Laugh out loud about the church directory filled with photos that are just plain awful. Share the moment when Pastor Ingqvist receives a leather-bound copy of his sermons. Keillor's command of every little detail of life in Lake Wobegon is bound to entertain, surprise, and make readers---even those who aren't Lutheran---feel right at home in the mythical community where "all the women are strong, all the men are good looking, and all the children are above average."

Pilgrims Dec 07 2020 Margie Krebsbach dreams up the idea of a trip to Rome, hoping to get her husband Carl to make love

to her - he's been sleeping across the hall and she has no idea why. She finds a patriotic purpose for the journey. A Lake Wobegon boy, Gussy Norlander, died in the liberation of Rome, 1944, and his grave, according to his elderly brother, Norbert, is in a neglected weed patch near the Colosseum. So it's decided they will go to clean Gussy's final resting place. But Margie is unprepared for the enthusiastic response - fifty people want to go with her, including her nemesis, the mayor of Lake Wobegon, Carl's bossy sister, Eloise, Mr. Berge the town drunk, and her treacherous mother-in-law. Margie fends off some of the would-be travellers, but ten applicants remain, though Carl is not sure he wants to go after all. At this, a heartbroken Margie gets the motley crew to the airport and aboard the plane, and then discovers one of the secret pleasures of travel - as they enter alien territory, safely away from Lake Wobegon, they tell each other stories of astonishing frankness and self-revelation.

The Miracle Boy Feb 06 2021 Living with miracles is not as easy as people think. A boy walks on water, but that's perhaps the simplest miracle of all in this collection of engaging short stories full of both everyday and far out miracles. Some real, some hopeful. Love and travel, as well as wit and humour spice these tales of wishful wonder.

That Time of Year Sep 27 2022 With the warmth and humor we've come to know, the creator and host of *A Prairie*

Home Companion shares his own remarkable story. In *That Time of Year*, Garrison Keillor looks back on his life and recounts how a Brethren boy with writerly ambitions grew up in a small town on the Mississippi in the 1950s and, seeing three good friends die young, turned to comedy and radio. Through a series of unreasonable lucky breaks, he founded *A Prairie Home Companion* and put himself in line for a good life, including mistakes, regrets, and a few medical adventures. PHC lasted forty-two years, 1,557 shows, and enjoyed the freedom to do as it pleased for three or four million listeners every Saturday at 5 p.m. Central. He got to sing with Emmylou Harris and Renée Fleming and once sang two songs to the U.S. Supreme Court. He played a private eye and a cowboy, gave the news from his hometown, Lake Wobegon, and met Somali cabdrivers who'd learned English from listening to the show. He wrote bestselling novels, won a Grammy and a National Humanities Medal, and made a movie with Robert Altman with an alarming amount of improvisation. He says, "I was unemployable and managed to invent work for myself that I loved all my life, and on top of that I married well. That's the secret, work and love. And I chose the right ancestors, impoverished Scots and Yorkshire farmers, good workers. I'm heading for eighty, and I still get up to write before dawn every day."
A Prairie Home Companion Oct 05 2020 The screenplay of

iconic radio host Garrison Keillor's Robert Altman-directed major motion picture, *A Prairie Home Companion*, starring Meryl Streep and Lily Tomlin. The day of reckoning has come to the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, home of *A Prairie Home Companion*. The show is closing, the theater is going dark. Station WLT has been sold to a broadcast conglomerate in Texas. The wrecking ball is poised to swing as the regulars—the Johnson Girls, Yolanda and Rhonda, and the singing cowboys, Dusty and Lefty, crooner Chuck Akers, and announcer Garrison Keillor—arrive for the last broadcast in a state of disbelief. But when the *Dangerous Woman* appears with her Botticellian hair and dazzling white trench coat, the final curtain catches them all by surprise. • Features a foreword by director Robert Altman and an introduction by Garrison Keillor • Contains an eight-page insert of photos from the movie set
WLT Sep 15 2021 In the spring of 1926, the Soderbjerg

brothers, Ray and Roy, plunge into radio and launch station WLT (With Lettuce and Tomato) to rescue their failing restaurant and become the Sandwich Kings of South Minneapolis. For the next quarter century, the “Friendly Neighbor” station produces a dazzling array of shows and stars, including Leo LaValley, Dad Benson, Wingo Beals, Slim Graves and Little Buddy, chain-smoking child star Marjery Moore, and blind baseball announcer Buck Steller. Francis With, a shy young man from North Dakota, entranced by radio, gets into WLT through his uncle Art and quickly becomes the Soderbjerg's right hand. Soon Francis is a budding announcer adored by Lily Dale, the crippled nightingale of WLT kept hidden from her fans, whose firing contributes to the downfall of the station. And then comes television.

O, What a Luxury Nov 25 2019 The celebrated radio host of *A Prairie Home Companion* presents his first collection of poetry, featuring his reflections on daily life, love, politics and

religion in verse that reflects his characteristic humor and insight.

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