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Driven by her desire to know more about her Italian heritage, twenty-two-year-old Gina MacLeary reaches out to her mother who leads her to eight boxes of journals she kept while growing up in Bologna, Italy. For the first time in her life, Gina possesses the answers to the many questions that have been plaguing her for years. As Gina turns the journal pages and devours her mothers words penned from 1938 to 1945, she witnesses a true glimpse of the human condition during wartime. As her familys experiences are revealed, Gina learns how they coped with the pressures of war, the stress of hiding a family escaping the Jewish ghetto, and their struggle to make it to America. Through it all, Gina gains a new perspective of her family as they endured, sacrificed, and found the strength to overcome adversity. Inspired by real-life stories and conversations, *A Journey through Time* shares the fascinating tale of an Italian familys struggles as they lived through the horrors of World War II. *Birthing Mama* offers a holistic approach to the transformative experience of pregnancy. Author Corinne Andrews, a yoga teacher since 2003 and creator of *Birthing Mama*® Prenatal Yoga and Wellness, guides women through each week of the nine-month journey, integrating body, mind, and spirit through reflection, yoga postures and breath practices, self-care activities, and creative projects. Whether expectant mothers are setting up a Pregnancy Altar to focus their hopes and dreams for the baby-to-be, writing a Pregnancy Affirmation Statement, blending an herbal tea formula, or breathing into mountain pose for strength and healing, they will find a blend of self-nourishment and self-discovery, contemplation, and celebration through Andrews's gentle, empowering style. *The Empowered Mama* is a practical and interactive workbook full of simple, powerful tools to help moms reconnect with themselves on the journey through motherhood. Moms often try to juggle the roles of wife, mother, and homemaker while also being professional, competent women. Many moms feel like they can't take time to replenish their bodies and minds, despite their many roles. There's just not enough time in the day, and it seems selfish to take time when families and work still demand more. *The Empowered Mama* is a practical workbook full of simple, powerful tools to help you reconnect with yourself on the journey through motherhood. Author Lisa Druxman uplifts, inspires, and takes moms on a journey not just to rediscover themselves, but to fall in love with motherhood again. Whether you are a working mom or a stay-at-home mom, this book will add balance to your life. Since there will never be more hours in the day, *The Empowered Mama* will help you maximize the hours you do have to accomplish what matters most. This guide focuses on all parts of a mom's life—work relationships, built-up stressors, cleaning up your diet, even going green and being more mindful about the environment—all

with the intuitive understanding that getting the rest of your life in order will only reap huge dividends for your family. Gogo Mama intimately profiles the lives of twelve very different African women. They include a genocide survivor from Rwanda; a pygmy who lives in a grass hut at the base of a volcano in the Congo; Zanzibar's most famous living diva; a former child soldier from Liberia; a grandmother fighting AIDS in South Africa; a freed slave from Ghana, who as a child was given to a priest as a sacrifice for crimes committed by an ancestor; a famous Egyptian belly dancer turned movie star; and a pioneering midwife from Timbuktu. The women speak frankly about their astonishing lives, past and present, in some of the most hostile and exotic parts of the continent. This book is a journey across Africa, in all its complexity – from the townships of Johannesburg, to the back alleys of Zanzibar; from the frontline of the war in the Sudan, to the nightclubs of Cairo. It is a vivid, illuminating and often haunting composite picture of an extraordinary continent, in the words of the people who know it best. Every great rock masterpiece has a story to tell. Sometimes that story is true, confirmed, provable. Other times we talk about hypotheses, legends, speculation and rumours. Discovering the truth can be interesting, but the whole spectrum of stories surrounding the masterpieces we love includes stories that are not always 100% verifiable. This book tells those stories: a journey where what matters is what excites us. You've Got This, Mama: A Mother's Guide To Embracing The Chaos And Living An Empowered Life is a beautiful collection of heartwarming and inspiring stories told by the real mamas who experienced them. Let's face it, motherhood is the hardest job you'll ever love, and it is not meant to be braved alone. It takes a village, right? There is no greater comfort than knowing you're not alone. One, if not many, of these gorgeous souls will provide you with that. We can be your village, and lucky for you, we fit in your diaper bag. This book, much like motherhood, is full of emotion, joy, sadness, excitement, hardships, love, and beautiful chaos. Our authors share their most intimate journeys and reflections with you in hopes to empower and provide you the judgment-free support we all deserve. We will help you up when you've fallen, shine a light during those dark times, and fan out your cape for you, Supermom. The mama tribe is here to help you take motherhood by the horns and if nothing else, prove to you, yes indeed, you've got this! A Journey into Michelangelo's Rome follows Michelangelo from his arrival in Rome in 1496 to his death in the city almost seventy years later. It tells the story of Michelangelo's meteoric rise and artistic breakthroughs, of his tempestuous relations with powerful patrons, and of his austere but passionate private life. Each chapter focuses on a particular work that stunned his contemporaries and continues to impress today's visitors. From the tender sorrow of his sculpted Piet, to the civic elegance of his restoration of Capitoline Hill, to the grandeur of his dome atop St. Peter's, Michelangelo's work adorns the city in numerous ways. WHEN MAMA CAN'T KISS IT BETTER is the raw account of a true story that shocked the nation in 2010. Gertz was America's most hated mother when news of a decision to place her adopted child in another family broke in the media. Called out by many as an unfit mother and an evil woman who threw away her child, she was catapulted into the national and international media. Her daughter, Emily suffered from fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, reactive attachment disorder, bipolar disorder, and other disorders. She had never bonded with Lori, her father or her siblings and had begun a spiral of self-destruction that often involved running into traffic and other dangerous behaviors. While Gertz recalls feeling isolated, accounts like hers are not rare. Stories like When Mama Can't Kiss it Better are not told terribly often because of the stigma and finger pointing. She writes, "The mother is always blamed first when a child suffers from extreme behavioral disabilities." There are millions of parents who are struggling to raise children with behavioral disabilities, who feel misunderstood, unheard, and judged, and who want to be reassured that there are others like them. With one in four Americans struggling with mental illness (NIMH) every year everyone in this country either lives with mental illness or knows someone who does. The greatest tragedy is that 60% of the adults and 50% of the children suffering from mental disorders will receive absolutely NO services or support for their mental illness. WHEN MAMA CAN'T KISS IT BETTER covers: \* The adoption of their daughter Emily, early signs of trouble, their birthmother's suicide, the truth about her pregnancy and warnings about how to avoid what happened to the author and her family \* Raw and honest details about her daughter's rages, suicide attempts, and hospitalizations \* The turmoil that living with mental illness causes for everyone in the home and how it affects siblings and marriages \* The difficulty in receiving support from physicians, educators, & clinicians \* The author's increasing desperation to find answers and help as rages and impulsivity became

safety issues \* Being judged by doctors, schools, and outsiders as "the problem" while her daughter collected diagnosis after diagnosis \* The painful decision to place her daughter in another family and how she came to accept that she had to do the unthinkable \* Parents worldwide waging verbal attacks on her since if the fault belonged to Gertz alone, it couldn't happen to anyone else Note from the Author: I spent the better part of six years writing this book, which began as the only way I could cope with what was happening in our lives. I just couldn't believe the lack of resources there were when I reached out for them so vociferously and started documenting what was happening inside our family if not only to maintain my sanity. I am passionate about telling my story to help increase understanding of the enormous challenges parents of special needs children face in a culture that believes that motherly love and perseverance can cure all ills. For those on similar paths, the story of my journey to a sense of peace within the context of facing unrealized dreams, human limitations, broken hearts, and the unfair circumstances of life may help them find that same place of peace in the tough decisions within their own lives. I pray this book will bring attention to the need to better support parents and kids with mental illness and other invisible disabilities and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to call attention to such pressing societal issues. Keywords: Parenting, Disabilities, FASD, Mothering, Mental Illness, RAD, Bipolar, Memoir, Special Needs, Fetal Alcohol, Syndrome Grief Labyrinth is the journey I began with my daughter Inga's breast cancer diagnosis and her death at the age of thirty. I felt so heartbroken I did not think I would survive. In time, I discovered and walked the labyrinth, a profound metaphor for the grief process. The only way through is forward, with many twisting turns and going back and forth over what seems like the same territory. Walking the labyrinth path with my grief repeatedly, I ultimately discovered healing, trust, hope and joy. A transforming path "With the wisdom that comes only from personal experience, Carole offers to others a transforming path through grief. Her deep sharing highlights the benefit of turning towards one's grief. What she refers to as "The 4 R's"-reviewing, releasing receiving and returning are specific reflections that lead toward healing and integration. I recommend this book to anyone who has lost a loved one." -Ange Stephens, MA LMFT, Psychotherapist specialist in grief "This honest, heartfelt, and encouraging book offers the labyrinth as a comfort for the journey of grief." -Marcia Lattanzi-Licht, author of The Hospice Choice "This book is a moving testimony of a mother's path through grief. A path that takes us from fragmentation to wholeness. It reminds us that in the intense grief surrounding the loss of someone we love we rediscover the pool of grief that we have always carried. The ordinary, everyday grief that inhabits all our lives." -Frank Ostaseski, founder Metta Institute Who is Captain Harry Fanton? When Juliana Milford first encounters Captain Harry Fanton, she finds him arrogant and rude. There's no way she'll fall for his dazzling smile! Her visit to Chadcombe House was always going to prompt questions over her scandalous family, so she's touched when Harry defends her reputation. She's discovering there's more to Harry than she'd first thought... A man so plagued by the demons of war, he's sworn he'll never marry, no matter how tempted... Melissa Pandolf has never been one to let a few rules stand in her way. So when she and her husband, Doug, began the adoption process, the hopeful mother-to-be had her sights set on quickly welcoming two beaming babies to make the Pandolf house a family home. However, after three years; four trips to Russia; one trip to Washington, DC; and two plane crashes that threatened to bring their dream down around them, she came to realize that a bigger destiny awaited them on the other side of the world. As the adoptive parents of four Russian siblings, the young couple from Long Island learned the true meaning of family, and what it means to go the extra mile to give your children what they need. Beginning with the first meeting with an adoption agency, The Journey for Mama's Babies chronicles the Pandolfs' three-year odyssey to bring their babies home. From her naïve initial assumptions about the process to her ultimate hard-won savvy and resolve, Pandolf shares every key aspect of the experience, including the unexpected depression that can be companion to this emotionally wrenching process. With clear-eyed candor, the author recounts the ups and downs, the unexpected twists, and the backward loops that frequently punctuated their mission. Along the way, she and her husband were also faced with heartbreaking decisions that neither had anticipated, as their dream of two children quickly grew when a larger group of siblings presented itself. At the same time, the couple also confronted the demand for an ironclad resiliency due to countless setbacks, never-ending red tape, and a constantly shifting perspective on what it truly means to be a family. Still, their challenges only began when they finally were joined together in the United States, as the Pandolfs

scrambled to help their children make the transition from speaking Russian to speaking English and help them adjust to their new surroundings. Enlightening, easy to read, and arrestingly honest, *The Journey for Mama's Babies* will captivate anyone who has ever navigated the intricacies of the adoption process or who cares about someone who has. Both inspiring and open-eyed, this tender, telling story of a family built across oceans, languages, and every imaginable obstacle will take hold of your heart, and make you hold your loved ones closer still. When her own mother does not recognize her, a daughter is faced with the reality of how dementia has stolen her mother's mind. Deborah Keys offers readers her intensely personal journal entries of caring for her mother on a daily basis. With honesty that's intimate, raw, and often humorous, Keys shares nitty-gritty trials and triumphs, provides tips for caregivers, while also highlighting a common journey where loved ones can find solace, community, and ultimately peace. Those whose loved ones have descended into dementia, or who care for them, will find understanding, hope, and help in this one woman's story. A New York Times bestseller! Mama and baby make one incredible team in this new picture book from New York Times bestselling author and Peloton instructor extraordinaire Robin Arzón. Before I met you, I dreamed of you. This is the story of how we first met. Ultramarathons. Bike sprints. Squats and deadlifts. Naps. Kitchen dance parties! All of it is in preparation for meeting Pequeno, the "Little One" growing in this strong mama's belly. From first heartbeats and fluttery kicks to grinning grandparents and that first loud cry -- pregnancy might just be the biggest workout yet! But there's nothing this mom and new baby can't tackle together as a team. New York Times bestselling author and Peloton Head Instructor Robin Arzón takes readers on sweat-packed journey through motherhood in this affirming and heartwarming celebration of mothers and parents everywhere. *Oceans Bright With Stars* is a book about overcoming difficult circumstances to reap the joy of persistence. Picking up where *Trees Tall as Mountains* left off, Rachel Devenish Ford writes about her family's gutsy, wild decision to move across the world and make their life in a village in India, navigating water problems and power cuts, beating back the jungle and embracing a new culture. In the first months, as Rachel comes to terms with what it truly means to leave everything, she experiences panic and a strong sense of dislocation. As Rachel seeks to trust God and searches for beauty and familiarity in her new home, she finds it in unexpected places. The second book in the *Journey Mama Writings* series, *Oceans Bright as Stars* is a collection of posts from Rachel's blog full of humor and evocative writing about loving a place you've left and learning to love the place you've adopted. From the Author: All of the writing in *Oceans Bright with Stars* is previously published and available for free on my blog. You can access it by clicking through my archives, if you are so inclined. I compiled *The Journey Mama Writings*, the best of the blog, to make a more convenient and lovely reading experience. Either way, enjoy! **Grief: A Mama's Unwanted Journey** is not for those looking for pat answers, quick fixes, or easy solutions to work through, but for those on the journey through the sting of death. It is also for those who may one day walk arm in arm with another down this horrible road, facing grief's raw and searing pain. "Great grief is a ferocious fire. It can be a destroying or a refining fire—or both at once. This book combines searing honesty with wisdom and consolation. Most importantly, it offers realistic hope that while grief and suffering are real words—about the lost one and those who have lost—they do not have to be the defining or final words. That final word is love, something that even suffering does not erase." —Daniel Taylor, author of *The Skeptical Believer* "We cannot walk out of the cemetery and into life as we knew it. We must take time to grieve." So says my friend Shelley, who knows the path to her son's grave well. If you are tired of platitudes, tired of the trite but untrue, this book is for you, as real and raw as it gets. Grieving moms, walk with her, learn from her successes and her mistakes, and hold her hand on the unwanted journey in the storm-tossed life-boat of grief. She will guide you safely back to sanity's shore." —Dane Skelton, pastor of Faith Community Church and author of *Jungle Flight: Spiritual Adventures at the Ends of the Earth* An inclusive, holistic, evidence-based guide for pregnancy, birth, and the postpartum journey—created for modern moms by the experts at the Motherly online community. Pregnancy isn't just about creating a baby. It's also about the powerful transformation we go through on the journey to becoming "mama." We created *The Motherly Guide to Becoming Mama* to coach and inspire you each step of the way. This is the pregnancy book we wish we'd had when we first became mothers—a mama-centered guide that doesn't just focus on your baby's needs, but honors and coaches you through this profound life change. Here's the most important thing to remember: you are a phenom, and you are going

to rock this. And you don't have to do this alone. At your highest highs and your lowest lows, there is a village of professionals and peers to traverse this path with you. This book won't bog you down with demands, give you more to be worried about, or tell you what to do. It's impossible to know exactly what to expect during your pregnancy—after all, you are your own amazing woman with unique dreams, experiences, and needs. Instead, we've filled this illustrated guide with the best knowledge, wisdom, and support we have to offer, including:

- Getting pregnant—planning, conception, fertility challenges, and finding the right care provider and birth strategy for you
- Pregnancy month by month—how to understand, nourish, and support your own body and your baby's health throughout your pregnancy
- Giving birth—everything you need to feel empowered and prepared through the four stages of labor
- The “four trimester”—helping you heal, process your experience, and thrive in the super-important and often ignored postpartum period
- Tests and complications—no scare tactics, no intimidation; just good, well-researched information about the ways you can best prevent and prepare for challenges
- Partners, friends, and family—our best tips for your whole support team
- The many faces of mama—adoption, surrogacy, fostering, and the beautiful variety of motherhood experiences
- Answers to the most common questions mamas have about finances, maternity leave, baby gear, relationships with family, nutrition, fitness, and much more

Whether this is your first baby or your fourth, whether you're still deciding about pregnancy or have an unplanned baby on the way, becoming mama involves your body, mind, emotions, lifestyle, relationships, schedule, spirituality, worldview—and most of all, your heart. This is an unprecedented time to embark on the journey of motherhood. You are part of a new generation of women elevating empowerment in all its forms. The *Motherly Guide to Becoming Mama* was made for you—a loving and supportive embrace of your unique motherhood journey in all its power, complexity, and beauty. An astonishing story that puts a human face on the ongoing debate about immigration reform in the United States, now updated with a new Epilogue and Afterword, photos of Enrique and his family, an author interview, and more—the definitive edition of a classic of contemporary America Based on the Los Angeles Times newspaper series that won two Pulitzer Prizes, one for feature writing and another for feature photography, this page-turner about the power of family is a popular text in classrooms and a touchstone for communities across the country to engage in meaningful discussions about this essential American subject. Enrique's Journey recounts the unforgettable quest of a Honduran boy looking for his mother, eleven years after she is forced to leave her starving family to find work in the United States. Braving unimaginable peril, often clinging to the sides and tops of freight trains, Enrique travels through hostile worlds full of thugs, bandits, and corrupt cops. But he pushes forward, relying on his wit, courage, hope, and the kindness of strangers. As Isabel Allende writes: “This is a twenty-first-century Odyssey. If you are going to read only one nonfiction book this year, it has to be this one.” Praise for Enrique's Journey “Magnificent . . . Enrique's Journey is about love. It's about family. It's about home.”—The Washington Post Book World “[A] searing report from the immigration frontlines . . . as harrowing as it is heartbreaking.”—People (four stars) “Stunning . . . As an adventure narrative alone, Enrique's Journey is a worthy read. . . Nazario's impressive piece of reporting [turns] the current immigration controversy from a political story into a personal one.”—Entertainment Weekly “Gripping and harrowing . . . a story begging to be told.”—The Christian Science Monitor “[A] prodigious feat of reporting . . . [Sonia Nazario is] amazingly thorough and intrepid.”—Newsday A young girl enumerates all the things that her mother does in inimitable fashion, from scooping her up in a hug in the morning to tucking her in at night. Being Zen(ish) is what we call it - and it's the ish that we endorse! Teresa Palmer and Sarah Wright Olsen, two moms from opposite sides of the world, are doing their best to raise happy, empathetic children while working, traveling, and maintaining their sanity. With seven kids between them, the founders of the much-loved *Your Zen Mama* blog know as well as anyone that motherhood doesn't exist in the highlight reel of life, and that finding even a fleeting semblance of calm among the epic ebbs and flows of parenting is usually all you can hope for. Forget perfection and prepare to get real, vulnerable, and dirty (mostly from guacamole) with Sarah and Teresa as they share knowledge they've collected over the years, from the *Your Zen Mama* community and expert mentors, as well as being in the trenches of parenthood themselves. In *The Zen Mama Guide to Finding Your Rhythm in Pregnancy, Birth, and Beyond*, you'll find: Important questions to ask and decisions to make before and during pregnancy Essential guidance from a woman's point of view for conception, pregnancy, and childbirth Nutritional and dietary advice to

support the complete health of both mother and baby Practical education about the mother's body before, after, and during pregnancy Science-based methods to promote a mother's healthy body and mind Expert advice from medical professionals, chiropractors, and pediatricians Engaging, accessible advice for every step of the newborn's journey Suggestions and tips for creating a birthing plan Comforting language to address fertility challenges, pregnancy loss, and complicated labor Access to the Your Zen Mama resource guide Whether it's dealing with fertility challenges or pregnancy loss, riding out a long and complicated labor, or juggling multiple kids (and work), these mamas have been through it - and have written this book to help you find your own glimpses of Zen along the way. Mama Phife Represents is an arresting document of the body's lowest depth of hurt, from a poet and mother who suddenly loses her son to Type 1 diabetes at the height of his musical career. It is a love letter from a grieving mother to her child. Like The O. Henry Prize Stories, The Pushcart Prize, and the Best American Short Stories series, The Journey Prize Stories is one of the most celebrated annual literary anthologies in North America. For almost 30 years, the anthology has consistently introduced readers to the next generation of great Canadian authors, a tradition that proudly continues with this latest edition. With settings ranging from wartime China to an island off the coast of British Columbia, the ten stories in this collection represent the year's best short fiction by some of our most exciting emerging voices. A young boy who believes he is being stalked by an unstoppable, malevolent entity discovers that he may not be the only one. In a sweeping story set against the fall of Shanghai during the Second Sino-Japanese War, a pregnant woman waits anxiously for her doctor husband to leave the city before it's too late. A river that runs through a First Nations community is the source of sustenance, escape, and tragedy for a girl and her family. The haunting footage of the politically motivated self-immolation has unexpected reverberations for a Tibetan-Canadian woman dealing with multiple conflicts in her own life. A man who works a back-breaking job at an industrial mat cleaning service is pushed to his limit. When her mother has to return to Kinshasa to bury a family member, a girl gradually learns of the intricacy and depth of grief, in an evocative piece that illuminates the cultural gaps common within immigrant families, and the power of food and stories to bridge them. The stories included in the anthology are contenders for the \$10,000 Journey Prize, which is made possible by Pulitzer Prize-winning author James A. Michener's donation of Canadian royalties from his novel Journey, which McClelland & Stewart published in 1988. The 2017 winner will be announced by the Writers' Trust of Canada in November 2017. Is there any love story that started on a train journey? Well yes there is. A day-dreamer boy SHUBHAM and a "so called" doctor SHUBHANGI It started when SHUBHAM was shifting to DELHI while travelling in SACHKHAND EXPRESS and on the same journey, they exchanged smiles. By the end of that awesome journey, they ended up in exchanging their phone numbers. After that they exchanged their likes and dislikes 24x7. Then they participated in a fake competition. After that competition, they came close to each other. There were major argument between SHUBHAM and his best buddy AJMERA. Her close friend VAISHNAVI gone through with a breakup and on the same day SHUBHANGI gave him a SWEET KIND OF SURPRISE. After that surprise, an EARTHQUAKE came in his life. Before that EARTHQUAKE, QUEEN NIHARIKA did a best phone call and then another unknown girl came in his life who has been.....??? A heartwarming story about everlasting love, 12715- A JOURNEY BY SACHKHAND EXPRESS is sure to tug at your heartstrings. "Confronting the truth - straight up is painful as hell. Especially when it's something you're not proud of or destroys your expectation of someone else. Choosing to avoid the truth is also hard because it keeps you stuck in place and allows the pain and stress of avoiding to bubble up inside you." Sara Espina sees it everyday in the women she coaches, friends, and colleagues - women putting themselves last for the "sake of" their families and kids. Her favorite question to ask fellow mamas is, "Is this the kind of burden and guilt you want your own daughter or daughter-in-law to someday carry?" Not surprisingly, their answer is generally a strong "Hell, no." Always with the next question at hand... so then why should you carry that burden now? In her debut book, National Board Certified Health and Wellness Coach (and mom of two daughters), Sara Espina, uses her trademark candid and relatable style to lead her fellow mamas through an active journey of the mind, body, heart, and spirit. Sara guides mothers on how to lasso the learnings of their past and leverage them to move forward. She knows first hand the lack of time women have left in their day for self-care and instead of buying into the badge of honor that sometimes comes with that "well earned exhaustion and guilt", she calls it out for what it is - a limiting belief. Sara evokes the essence of

what it means to be a mom in the 21st century through harrowing and hilarious tales sure to give you #allthefeels along the journey. In the second book in the World Whisperer series, Rachel Devenish Ford follows the tale of Isika growing into her destiny, even as forces from the Great Waste attempt to destroy her. Though Isika now lives happily with the Maweel, her problems seem to be following her. Apprenticing for the master potter and enjoying life with a real family occupy Isika's days, until a call for help from her beloved stepmother forces her to choose between her new life and her old. As Isika rushes back to the Worker village in hope of rescuing her stepmother, she is thrust into a plot of deception and lies, maliciously pursued by evil forces. A journey deep into the desert will test all of her new found strength and gifting. Jabari and the other seekers follow Isika with hopes of helping, until the moment they find themselves attacked by the endless evil and malice that seeks to destroy the World Whisperer. Together they will have to find strength and belief in one another... if they ever want to make their way out of the desert and back to the land they love. A Journey Back in Time presents a collection of thirteen stories about love, hate, greed, redemption, freedom, peace, loneliness, the loss of a loved one, interracial relationships, and acceptance. Each story is relevant to the experiences of African Americans from as far back as the 1860s through the present day. These stories emerged through the research of author Vildred C. Tucker-Dawson into her family history. She discovered that her ancestors had a unique way to allow future generations to connect with the past-through these stories, handed down from generation to generation. Several of the short stories are based upon accounts told by the author's elders of her great-grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Pugh-Scott, whom she never met. Sarah and her son, who were both of a mixed racial background, faced challenges throughout their lives that did not prevent them from striving for better lives for their families. Presenting real perspective in the form of fiction, A Journey Back in Time offers food for thought to both youth and adults on African American experiences and history. Are you struggling to figure out who you are now that you're a mama? Do you feel like you're coming last in your own life? Do you feel guilty for not loving every moment of this motherhood gig? As someone who used to put themselves last-doing everything she thought was 'right' for her children and family, but not really listening to what her body and her spirit was begging for-Amy understands first-hand the overwhelm and complex range of emotions that mothers face. Amy's background as a journalist set her on the path to uncover all that she could about the latest research on matrescence, the transition a woman undergoes when she becomes a mother. She now shares what she's learned in the hope that it will help you navigate this stage of your life. Happy Mama includes interviews with experts, case studies and Amy's own tried-and-tested advice on how to reconnect with the woman you are underneath all that washing, cleaning and caring. Full of useful and empowering insights that will help you change the way you feel about motherhood-and yourself-so you and your whole family can flourish. A Journey To Hell and Back is a gripping saga of a young woman's journey from adolescence to adulthood at an accelerated pace. This book is an exploration of a troubled teen's journey into the underworld to emerge as an independent, confident, and self-assured woman. Pitfalls, tragedy, and trials that lure a young honor student into the mean streets of Atlanta and finally, New York mark the story. Her journey to hell led her through a fiery furnace that burned 70 % of her body with 2nd and 3rd degree burns, and an over three months hospital stay where God provided personal consolation and healing. After God miraculously saved her from a life in the streets heaped with sin, her zeal for God resulted in her making additional mistakes, including renewing the abusive relationship that had almost cost her life. The story is a modern day version of Dante's Inferno. Each layer of Hell corresponds with a new low in the protagonist's life. Finally, from within the very bowels of Hell, she cries out to the Lord for salvation. This spiritual epiphany becomes a turning point in her life, thrusting her forward from Hell. The tremendous suffering and miraculous ending of this book will offer hope and comfort for anyone suffering from loneliness, heartache, or disappointment. It provides a realistic and human perspective on many social topics such as teenage rebellion and pregnancy, domestic violence, divorce, AIDS, substance abuse, prostitution, and the legal system. It is a necessity for anyone who has been a part or will work with any of these populations. When mother and calf humpback whales accidentally wander up the Sacramento River they are met with scientists, rescuers, and crowds of appreciative onlookers as attempts are made to coax them back to their ocean home. In these pages she explores all of these boundaries: between then and now, grief and gratitude, before and after, us and them. Her many years as a "medical insider" bring her story

authenticity and detail, while her newcomer status as the parent of a trauma victim add poignancy and warmth in this first memoir. “Rachel Macy Stafford’s post “The Day I Stopped Saying Hurry Up” was a true phenomenon on The Huffington Post, igniting countless conversations online and off about freeing ourselves from the vicious cycle of keeping up with our overstuffed agendas. Hands Free Mama has the power to keep that conversation going and remind us that we must not let our lives pass us by.” --Arianna Huffington, Chair, President, and Editor-in-Chief of the Huffington Post Media Group, nationally syndicated columnist, and author of thirteen books <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/ DISCOVER THE POWER, JOY, AND LOVE of Living “Hands Free”> If technology is the new addiction, then multi-tasking is the new marching order. We check our email while cooking dinner, send a text while bathing the kids, and spend more time looking into electronic screens than into the eyes of our loved ones. With our never-ending to-do lists and jam-packed schedules, it’s no wonder we’re distracted. But this isn’t the way it has to be. In July 2010, special education teacher and mother Rachel Macy Stafford decided enough was enough. Tired of losing track of what matters most in life, Rachel began practicing simple strategies that enabled her to momentarily let go of largely meaningless distractions and engage in meaningful soul-to-soul connections. She started a blog to chronicle her endeavors and soon saw how both external and internal distractions had been sabotaging her happiness and preventing her from bonding with the people she loves most. Hands Free Mama is the digital society’s answer to finding balance in a media-saturated, perfection-obsessed world. It doesn’t mean giving up all technology forever. It doesn’t mean forgoing our jobs and responsibilities. What it does mean is seizing the little moments that life offers us to engage in real and meaningful interaction. It means looking our loved ones in the eye and giving them the gift of our undivided attention, leaving the laundry till later to dance with our kids in the rain, and living a present, authentic, and intentional life despite a world full of distractions. So join Rachel and go hands-free. Discover what happens when you choose to open your heart—and your hands—to the possibilities of each God-given moment. Motherhood is harder than ever today and can lead to anxiety, stress, and just plain not enjoying the experience. Self-proclaimed Type A control freak and journalist, Christie Cuthbert, shares laugh-out-loud stories of raising her squad of four little boys, including a set of triplets. From streaking through the neighborhood to trashing her car, the Cuthbert boys’ comedy will have moms laughing and recognizing they are not alone in dealing with the chaos of raising tiny humans. While living in a three-ring circus of boy-ness, Cuthbert has learned to laugh through the craziness and find immense joy in being a mom. After years of suffering from feelings of judgement and embarrassment, Cuthbert had an “ah-ha” moment one day in church when one of her triplets loudly announced he farted. Instead of feeling typical embarrassment, she realized God was probably laughing right along with them, and what’s truly important is not what others think. Those who read “Mom! I Farted in Church” will laugh, cry, and want to call their mom to say thanks. Documents the journey of a Honduran teen who braved hardship and peril to reunite with his mother after she was forced to leave him behind and seek migratory work in the United States. The sea animals have disappeared, and people are starving. An old couple, once great shamans, are asked to journey to the Mother of the Sea to find out what happened to the animals. But the journey is dangerous and the old woman does not know if she will be able to please the Mother of the Sea and convince her to free the animals the people of her community so desperately need. The Mother of the Sea is an important character in Inuit traditional stories shared across the circumpolar region. Known by many names across various regions of the Arctic, the Mother of the Sea is a powerful woman who can withhold the animals humans need to survive if she is displeased by human behaviour. Only a shaman is able to appease the Mother of the Sea and convince her to release the animals that the hunters so desperately need. This tale shares the specific traditional story of the Mother of the Sea told and retold in Greenland for generations. A PUBLISHER’S WEEKLY BESTSELLER Mama of ten Abbie Halberstadt helps women humbly and gracefully rise to the high calling of motherhood without settling for mediocrity or losing their minds in the process. Motherhood is a challenge. Unfortunately, our worldly culture offers moms little in the way of real help. Mamas only connect to celebrate surviving another day and to share in their misery rather than rejoice in what God has done and to build each other up in hard times. There has to be a better way, a biblical way, for mamas to grow and thrive. As a daughter of Christ, you have been called to be more than an average mama. Attaining excellence doesn’t have to be unsettling but it will take committed focus and a desire to parent well

according to God's grace and for His glory. M is for Mama offers advice, encouragement, and scripturally sound strategies seasoned with a little bit of humor to help you embrace the challenge of biblical motherhood and raise your children with love and wisdom. Mama, you are worthy of the awesome responsibility God has given you. Now it's time to start believing you can live up to it. Journey is eleven the summer his mother leaves him and his sister, Cat, with their grandparents. He is sad and angry, and spends the summer looking for the clues that will explain why she left. Journey searches photographs for answers. He hunts family resemblances in Grandma's albums. Looking for happier times, he tries to put together the torn pieces of the pictures his mother shredded before her departure. And he also searches the photographs his grandfather takes as the older man attempts to provide Journey with a past. In the process, the boy learns to look and finds that, for him, the camera is a means of finding things his naked eye has missed--things like inevitability of his mother's departure and the love that still binds his family. Voted one of the hundred most important books published in Africa during the last century. Winner of the WA Hofmeyr Prize, the CNA Literary Award and the Louis Luyt Prize. Sharing the language and religion or the Afrikaners bent on her people's subjugation, Poppie Nongena - a Xhosa woman born in an Upington township - has no choice but to negotiate the riptide of structural violence that is apartheid South Africa. Rootless, her ailing husband emasculated by legislation and her children bearing witness to her degradation, Poppie is forced on a spiritual and cultural journey from Lambert's Bay to a Cape Town township to Mdantsane in the Eastern Cape. Her heartache is the pain of a nation - an emblem of how the human spirit may strain under the weight of tyranny, yet adapts and prevails. Written to break the barrier of ignorance in late-1970s South Africa, The Long, Journey of Poppie Nongena - unsentimental but sensitive - documents a harrowing life lived in a time that a country would rather forget. A literary and commercial success when it was released in Afrikaans in 1979, Elsa Joubert's searing indictment of inhumanity remains universally relevant almost 40 years later in a world in which political dispensations continue to rise and fall. It has won a clutch of literary prizes, including the CNA and Hofmeyr, and has been translated into 13 languages and sold around the world. In 2002 it was selected by a panel of 16 international academi and writers as one of the 100 best African novels of the 20th century.

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