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Can an absent mother's love save her child? Sadie rummages her memory for every proverb her mother uttered; they become her mantras. Her 'before-drugs' mother always tried to see goodness everywhere and Sadie tries to emulate her, soaking up any glints of kindness to insulate her in hard times. Can poetry substitute for tears? Sadie expresses her emotions in poems, which she hides away in her suitcase, and if found will cost her a beating. Can simple objects like a red plastic glass minister to an abused child? Yes, if you are Sadie; the glass is her talisman. This is not just a story of just hardship. It's about coming through hardship with your soul intact, about finally triumphing and thriving. At its core it's about finding, although not understanding, forgiveness.

Learn how to sponsor a successful, student-led book club for grades K through 12 that is fun, easy-to-implement, and encourages reading. • Bibliographic lists of works cited after each chapter • An index of authors, titles, and reading activities by age • Figures are included with selected activities and reading games

This exploration of effective practices to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) and gender-diverse students in elementary, middle, and high school contexts focuses on curriculum, pedagogy, and school

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environment. Narratives and artwork from the field are framed by sociocultural and critical theory as well as research-based elaboration on the issues discussed. Applications of antidiscrimination law and policy, as well as learning skills like creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking help teachers tackle some of the most significant educational challenges of our time. The stories of real-world practices offer encouragement for building inclusive environments and enhancing social-emotional relationships among youth, families, and schools. *Gender Diversity and LGBTQ Inclusion in K-12 Schools* provides a helpful roadmap for educators hoping to create safe and empowering spaces for LGBTQ and gender-diverse students and families.

Transform an in-depth understanding of the new science standards into successful classroom practice. You'll learn how to align instruction and assessment with the science standards and create proficiency scales that can be used to plan all types of lessons. Discover hundreds of ready-to-use proficiency scales derived from the Next Generation Science Standards that are applicable to specific areas of science instruction.

Research shows that keeping animals in classrooms can have profound effects on student well-being and success in school. In this practical guide, Dr. Brady Barr offers a step-by-step process for reintroducing nature-based learning

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experiences into 21st century schooling. Discover how to select a classroom pet, introduce it to your students, and design carefully thought-out lessons centered around the animal. Use this resource as a comprehensive guide toward the reintroduction of nature into the classroom: Become familiar with the numerous benefits that having animals and class pets in the classroom provides. Study the various obstacles that might prevent educators from keeping animals in their classroom and learn how to overcome those obstacles to achieve hands-on learning. Discover a step-by-step process for bringing animals into the classroom in a way that enriches students' lives through experiential learning. Learn the biology and life sciences of certain classroom pets, pertinent state laws regarding the use of classroom pets, and the process of keeping and caring for the animal.

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The Shadow Club starts simply enough: the kids who are tired of being second-best get together and, for the first time, talk about how they feel. But soon the

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members decide to play practical jokes on the first-place winners they envy, and things begin to spin dangerously out of control. "This is a provocative novel . . . The plot is ingeniously simple and the course of events compelling. Brisk enough to snag a popular audience, but forceful in impact, it will leave readers thinking." (Booklist, starred review)

From New York Times bestselling author Lexi Ryan comes a sexy new standalone romance about a woman who'd do anything to have a baby and the man who'd do anything to have her... For my 30th birthday, I'm giving myself the one thing I want most: a baby. Sure, this would be easier if I had a husband—or even a boyfriend—but I refuse to be thwarted by minor details. When I drunkenly confess my plans to my friends, they convince me to ask Jake Jackson for help. Jake, the best friend who's been there for me through thick and thin. Jake, who also happens to be smart, funny, ridiculously good looking, and the winner of all the genetic lotteries. So when Jake takes me up on my request—with the stipulation that we get the job done the old-fashioned way—I'd be a fool to decline. The only problem? I don't know if I can separate sex from all the things I feel for this amazing man. If I can't keep my heart under lock and key, I risk losing the relationship I need the most. Jake has his own reasons for granting my baby wish. But when I discover his secrets, it could mean the end of us. I have to

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choose—run or stay and fight for love. Fall for the boys of Jackson Harbor in Lexi Ryan's sexy new contemporary romance series. These books can all be read as standalones, but you'll enjoy reading them as a series!

Five Little Penguins Slipping on the Ice
The Red Glass
From Abuse-Hell to Living-Well
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Ten-year-old Shady Cook struggles with selective mutism caused by anxiety. His best friend, Pouya, understands—despite being the class clown, he has his own hang-ups lurking just below the surface. Shady's parents, however, are eager to find a way to help their son start talking more, so when a live duck waddles into their lives and Shady starts to respond, they reluctantly decide to give Svenrietta the emotional support duck a chance. Before long, Shady, Pouya, and their diaper-wearing duck are working to help all of the underdogs (or is it underducks?) at their school—and there are many. While spending Christmas at their grandparents' farm, Lily becomes convinced that her younger brother Liam is right about White Cow being lonely and helps him seek a companion for her, leaving little time for Christmas preparations or reading.

A New York Times Editors' Choice and Best Book of the Year at TIME, Esquire, Amazon, Kirkus, and Electric Literature Jeannie Vanasco has had the same nightmare since she was a teenager. It is always about him: one of her closest high school friends, a boy named Mark. A boy who raped her. When her nightmares worsen, Jeannie decides—after fourteen years of silence—to reach out to Mark. He agrees to talk on the

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record and meet in person. Jeannie details her friendship with Mark before and after the assault, asking the brave and urgent question: Is it possible for a good person to commit a terrible act? Jeannie interviews Mark, exploring how rape has impacted his life as well as her own. Unflinching and courageous, *Things We Didn't Talk About When I Was a Girl* is part memoir, part true crime record, and part testament to the strength of female friendships—a recounting and reckoning that will inspire us to ask harder questions, push towards deeper understanding, and continue a necessary and long overdue conversation.

When you follow your dreams, the possibilities are endless! Milla loves nothing more than imagining grand adventures in the great wide somewhere, just like Belle. She dreams of traveling the world and writing about her incredible discoveries.

Unfortunately, there is nothing pretend about the fifth-grade overnight and Milla's fear that her moms won't let her go. Enter Piper, Mariana, Zahra, and Ruby. Together with Milla, they form the Daring Dreamers Club and become best friends. But can they help Milla believe she's ready for this real grand adventure? Diverse, talented, and smart--these five girls found each other because they all had one thing in common: big dreams. Touching on everyday dramas and the ups and downs of friendship, this series will enchant all readers who are princesses at heart.

Spaces that have been designed to allow users to create, build, and learn new projects and technologies, makerspaces employ a variety of tools such as 3-D printers,

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AutoCAD design software, and even open-source hardware like Arduino Kits. Developing a community around shared use of space and equipment, a tenet of the makerspace movement, fits squarely into libraries' mission. Bagley examines nine makerspaces in public, academic, and school libraries, describing their design and technical decisions in depth and showing how each is doing something unique and different, under a wide range of budgets and project offerings. Enabling readers to quickly gather information about these trailblazing projects, Bagley's guide Defines the makerspace, and describes why it fits perfectly into the library's role as community center Answers common questions about implementing a makerspace project, detailing how libraries are addressing issues such as registration, usage policy, noise, software programs in digital workspaces, adapting spaces, funding, and promotion Illustrates approaches libraries are taking to staffing makerspaces, from Anchorage Public Library's Maker in Residence and Mesa Public Library's THINKspot coordinator, to the library school students involved with University of Michigan and University of Illinois makerspace projects Covers the demographics of makerspace users, from children and teens to hobbyists and job seekers, offering guidance for targeting, marketing, and programming A sourcebook of ideas that readers can apply at their own institutions, this resource also demonstrates how makerspaces can be gathering places for people to learn how to create and build together as a community.

Mara is unaware that she is not the only one with the perfect view of her own life.

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Someone who has known her since the very beginning is watching her from across the lake. He has been hiding in the shadows around and behind her for years, even long before she moved into her beautiful house with her loving husband and his lovely daughter. The watcher has witnessed all Mara has suffered over the years and every devastating mistake she has made, but he also knows why she made those mistakes. He even understands why she is sabotaging her perfect family, and why she pours wine down her own throat every night like water. And he knows she needs him to watch over her so that he'll be ready to rescue her when the time comes. Then the watcher sees the explosion that happens when Mara's mind finally shatters, and when he comes out of hiding to save her, Mara is forced to come face to face with a beast from her childhood that has been dead for almost twenty years.

Dreams of horses and school dances are what make this secret club so popular with Sara, Tasha and their friends. When 11-year old Sara Harper has a crush on her brother's best friend and doesn't know what to do, she calls a special meeting of the girls-only club in the hayloft of her barn. You never know what their over-active minds will come up with whenever they call to order an official meeting of "The Powder Puff Club"! Join Sara and Tasha on their many adventures as co-founders of The Power Puff Club.

Sometimes, on the journey of life, it is easy to think that we are the first to walk this path or that we are alone in our struggles. This book calls us to reflect on the lives that have

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touched our own. Thinking about the women God has placed in your life who are they? And what have they taught you? The hope is that when you read these stories, you will find yourself reflecting on the women who have loved you, protected you, and formed you. Like the women in the Bible, they may have made cakes when their pantries were empty, visited when you were expecting your children, wiped your tears when the sorrow was too much, or made you laugh like no one else can! May these stories make you laugh and cry and reach out to the women whose lives are squares in the quilt of your life. May these stories fill your hearts with gratitude for the women you see every day and for the God who made us all. Theirs are the stories of faith, hope, and love. Had enough of life? Feeling discontent all the time? Feeling sad, depressed, angry and all alone in this big world? What if I told you there was a way to have peace instantaneously forever? What if I took away all your pain, stress, anxiety, self-doubt, loneliness and sickness? What if I gave you a cheat sheet to enter into heaven? What if I told you this book is not a self-help, psychological or religious book but is a book about thought? What if I gave you a secret formula for a different way to think about everything so you are able to find inner bliss? What if I told you there is another way of looking at things so you can be content and happy going forward with life? What if I showed you a way to make the circumstances you have to deal with and the negative people you are faced with daily to turn around into a positive light? Join me on this journey as I teach you what I have learned and give you the tools to have eternal

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peace. I will explain to you why you feel the way you do, why you have conflict with others and why bad things always seem to happen. I start with showing you examples of my crazy life and ego, how I was able to let go of everything and find the truth of who I really was. The next part identifies your current state of mind and gives a detailed description on how to change it. I also offer vivid tools in a special matrix I created for you to find your true place. I have a section on how to deal with children and how to send them forth with a positive mindset. My recollections on religion, death, evolution and the bible are discussed in a way that will change your whole entire viewpoint. The way you are currently doing things is not working so you might as well take the chance to see if this book can change you forever. Learn more at cheatsheettoheaven.com. Discusses ways to integrate reading instruction with language instruction and includes lessons that emphasize ongoing assessment and choosing appropriate books according to reading and language level.

When Max starts school, the teacher hesitates to call out the name on the attendance sheet. Something doesn't seem to fit. Max lets her know the name he wants to be called by--a boy's name. This begins Max's journey as he makes new friends and reveals his feelings about his identity to his parents. Written with warmth and sensitivity by trans writer Kyle Lukoff, this book is a sweet and age-appropriate introduction to what it means to be transgender.

Aria Thibault—Sleeping Beauty's daughter—finds herself plagued by a curse of her own

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during a big design competition, and she must rely on ancient advice and help from her mother in order to break the spell in this spellbinding follow-up to *Charmed, I'm Sure*. Aria Thibault absolutely loves anything and everything to do with the design world. But sewing and needles are a particularly touchy subject for Aria's family—especially her mother, *Sleeping Beauty*. You know, the woman who pricked her finger on a spinning wheel needle and fell asleep for a really long time. Because of that little incident, Aria's parents are uber-protective, and not too happy that their daughter's passion involves lots and lots of sharp objects. When the opportunity comes up for Aria to compete in a once-in-a-lifetime junior design competition, Aria decides enough is enough. With a few little white lies and a clever distraction, Aria finds herself auditioning to be a part of the competition—and she is in her element. But during a frantic challenge, Aria's needle goes missing. And after borrowing one from a fellow competitor, Aria finds herself under a very inconvenient—and mysterious—spell. Can Aria figure out who would want to sabotage her—and find a way to win?

Who needs love? It only leads to trouble. Noor is having the worst year of her life. First her mother decides to leave her father. Then her dad's mother, the Horrible Old Crone, moves in to look after Noor (who's sixteen and doesn't need looking after, thank you very much). And she just knows the HOC is going to be mean about her mother because she never wanted her son to marry a Muslim. And now Noor has to attend some children-of-divorce thing after school—and her gang canNOT find out. THEN she

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meets Ishaan. He's funny and nerdy, and likes all the same things she likes. Except love is stupid, as she's told everyone, and Ishaan isn't her type anyway. He wears glasses, participates enthusiastically in the lame children-of-divorce thing, and would rather read than play football in the break like all the other boys. Could love happen with someone who is the complete opposite of everything you've ever stood for? Can forgiveness squirm its way in with love?

This comprehensive, up-to-date art methods text presents fundamental theories, principles, creative approaches, and resources for art teaching in elementary through middle school.

Strengthen family and community engagement to promote equity and increase student success! When schools, families, and communities collaborate and share responsibility for students' education, more students succeed in school. Based on 30 years of research and fieldwork, this fourth edition of a bestseller provides tools and guidelines to use to develop more effective and equitable programs of family and community engagement. Written by a team of well-known experts, this foundational text demonstrates a proven approach to implement and sustain inclusive, goal-oriented programs. Readers will find: Many examples and vignettes Rubrics and checklists for implementation of plans CD-ROM complete with slides and notes for workshop presentations

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Collects four books in which four seventh-grade girls try out for the cheerleading squad, and learn about friends, teamwork, and competition when they make it. There is much controversy about the dangers of a free media when it comes to children and adolescents. Many believe that this constitutional right should be amended, altered, or revoked entirely to prevent the young from being negatively influenced. Graphic violence, sexual content, and the depiction of cigarette smoking have all come under fire as being unacceptable in media that is geared toward adolescents, from television and movies to magazines and advertising. Yet not much has been written about the developmental science behind these ideas, and what effects a free media really has on adolescents. This book presents a synthesis of all current knowledge about the developmental effects of a free media on adolescents. Levesque first presents a full analysis of research studies into the media's effects on adolescents in four key areas: sexuality, violence, smoking, and body image. All findings are assessed within the context of normal adolescent development. Levesque then discusses how this knowledge can be used to inform current standards for the regulation of free speech with regard to adolescents. Both legal restrictions and less formal regulatory bodies (schools, parent groups, etc.) are reviewed to present a full picture of the ways in which a free media is constrained to protect adolescent's

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development.

With the tradition of Spin the Bottle on the brink of being played before Drama Club's opening night, Phoebe worries about an untimely revelation of her secret crush, a betrayal by her supposed best friend, and the happenings of the two Drama Divas before the curtain finally goes up!

What are the components of high-quality after-school care for children ages 5–12? How can we evaluate these programs? These are the challenges facing caregivers, schools, agencies, and parents as after-school programs proliferate. The School-Age Care Environment Rating Scale®, Updated Edition provides an easy-to-use resource for defining and assessing the quality of both public and private programs caring for school-age children during out-of-school time. This updated, spiral-bound edition is re-formatted so that each Item appears on its own page, along with Notes for Clarification and Questions. The expanded Scoresheet can be copied from the book or downloaded from the TC Press website: www.tcpress.com. Selected revised Items make scoring more accurate and informative. The SACERS Updated Edition consists of 47 items, organized under 7 categories: Space and Furnishings Health and Safety Activities Interactions Program Structure Staff Development Special Needs Supplementary Items The SACERS Updated Edition is designed to be comprehensive in

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coverage and easy to use. Instructions for using the scale provide options for self-assessment in addition to formal assessments. Who should use the SACERS? Program directors Organizations, states, and agencies doing QRIS and continuous improvement evaluations School districts Program funders School principals Community-based out-of-school programs States receiving Race to the Top funds Teachers Teacher educators Researchers

Twelve-year-old Westin Hopper gets in trouble--a lot. At home, at school, at his grandparents' house. . . . His ADHD always seems to mess with his brain, making him do impulsive things. So when Westin finds a magic bag that makes his thoughts come alive, he thinks it's the ticket to fixing his life. Instead, his wandering brain strikes again, conjuring up a mini T. rex, an army of headless plastic men, and a six-inch Thor. Now they all live in his bedroom, eating lunchmeat, wreaking havoc, and growing. And Westin doesn't know how to make them go away. He enlists his fellow social outcast, Lenora, to help him make things right. Lenora helps Westin realize that his talent for drawing could be the key to solving his problems. If Westin can focus while drawing, maybe he can learn to control the magic and get rid of the creatures in his room. But he'd better learn quickly. Tiny T is growing--and fast.

Covering topics such as "It's Jesus or Jail," "Marriage, the Hard Way," "Children:

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The Gift You Can't Give Back," and "All the Things I Don't Know...And All the Things I Definitely Do," stand-up comedienne, actress, and ABC's *The View* co-host Sherri Shepherd comically chronicles her struggles to keep up with the many roles-professional, wife, mother, daughter, and friend-that women must play in today's world. Sherri urges women to pursue their most important dreams and to never give up, but also let's readers know that it's okay to give themselves "permission slips" when things don't always work out the way they want them to. As her many fans know, Sherri is never hesitant to speak from the heart, and her bubbly personality shines through in this delightful autobiography.

Leading for All is a practical guide that provides a clear pathway for educators to develop a more inclusive school community from start to finish. The authors share lessons learned from years building district schools where all students are served in their neighborhood school and in classrooms with their general education peers. Features include: Three focus areas to guide change: Creating Inclusive Cultures, Improving Instructional Practices, and Increasing Student Voice 7 Components of Inclusive and Equitable Learning Communities Supporting resources for promoting inclusion throughout the school day, including co-curricular activities and transportation Stories of real students and teachers and the actions that impacted their success

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Never underestimate the power of the bean. Tucker MacBean has been drawing comic books almost as long as he's been reading them. When his favorite comic has a contest for kids, he hopes he has finally found a way to fix his family—all he has to do is create the winning superhero sidekick . . . Introducing “Beanboy”—the first comic book character to truly harness the power of the bean for good. He is strong, he is relentless, he can double in size overnight (if given enough water). With thoughtful characterizations and copious comic book illustrations, this laughout-loud novel will have readers rooting for a superhero with true heart.

Phoenix Feather Booksellers is a preface company to Phoenix Feather Youth Book Club. The purpose of this company is to build a portfolio of books and to sell them online independently. Executive Summary Ninarphay Tales is a series of childrens novels designed to teach and instill morals and values through allegorized instances. What children learn in their youth echoes into their personality and status later on in life if shown that immoral indecency only gets them nowhere while moral decency gets you somewhere. They are likely to follow that path. In each book, there will be a strong emphasis on virtue and morals over vice and indecency teaching and learning of the ways of Ninarphaians in a fantasyland. In this book, four young women are rescued from

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an underworld realm called Transzalore, which is thwarted with evil monsters and dark lords. They learn that the realm of Ninarphay is built on harmony and virtue, and the harmonious virtues are kept in place by remaining consonant to good values and a moralistic nature. They also learn that if ever the virtues of Ninarphay are broken, the evil underworld will then gain leverage and claim their kingdom. Ninarphay is a magical kingdom realm filled with magical creatures and special ways of life. Ninarphay Tales are for the youth and the young at heart.

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