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Circle Award Finalist • Dayton Literary Peace Prize Finalist • PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Nonfiction Finalist • PEN/Jean Stein Book Award Longlist

“As we go about our daily lives, caste is the wordless usher in a darkened theater, flashlight cast down in the aisles, guiding us to our assigned seats for a performance. The hierarchy of caste is not about feelings or morality. It is about power—which groups have it and which do not.” In this brilliant book, Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings. Beyond race, class, or other factors, there is a powerful caste system that influences people’s lives and behavior and the nation’s fate. Linking the caste systems of America, India, and Nazi Germany, Wilkerson explores eight pillars that underlie caste systems across civilizations, including divine will, bloodlines, stigma, and more. Using riveting stories about people—including Martin Luther King, Jr., baseball’s Satchel Paige, a single father and his toddler son, Wilkerson herself, and many others—she shows the ways that the insidious undertow of caste is experienced every day. She documents how the Nazis studied the racial systems in America to plan their out-cast of the Jews; she discusses why the cruel logic of

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caste requires that there be a bottom rung for those in the middle to measure themselves against; she writes about the surprising health costs of caste, in depression and life expectancy, and the effects of this hierarchy on our culture and politics. Finally, she points forward to ways America can move beyond the artificial and destructive separations of human divisions, toward hope in our common humanity. Beautifully written, original, and revealing, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* is an eye-opening story of people and history, and a reexamination of what lies under the surface of ordinary lives and of American life today.

An exquisitely illustrated paean to everyone who struggles to learn how to read, and to everyone who won't give up on them. Cal is not the readin' type. Living way high up in the Appalachian Mountains, he'd rather help Pap plow or go out after wandering sheep than try some book learning. Nope. Cal does not want to sit stoney-still reading some chicken scratch. But that Book Woman keeps coming just the same. She comes in the rain. She comes in the snow. She comes right up the side of the mountain, and Cal knows that's not easy riding. And all just to lend his sister some books. Why, that woman must be plain foolish—or is she braver than he ever thought? That Book Woman is a rare and moving tale that honors a special part of American history—the Pack Horse

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Librarians, who helped untold numbers of children see the stories amid the chicken scratch, and thus made them into lifetime readers.

Nonprofits leaders are optimistic by nature: they believe with time, energy, smarts, strategy and sheer will, they can change the world. But too many cooks, not enough money, an abundance of passion, can make you feel there are too many obstacles to overcome. Garry shows you how to build a powerhouse board, create an impressive and sustainable fundraising program, renew your passion for your mission and organization, and become a bigger difference in the world.

A guide to Girl Scout badges, what they mean and the requirements to earn them.

It's the fourth book in the mega-hit Origami Yoda series! In *The Surprise Attack of Jabba the Puppett*, Dwight and Origami Yoda return to McQuarrie Middle School—and not a moment too soon. The gang needs their help fighting a new and powerful enemy: the Funtime Menace, a diabolical test-prep service. This bestselling series showcases Tom Angleberger, author of *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi: Beware the Power of the Dark Side*, and his keen knack for authentically capturing the intrigues, fads, and dramas of middle school in “satisfying tale[s] of friendship and just resistance to authority” (Kirkus Reviews,

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starred review).

The inspiring memoir for young readers about a Latina rocket scientist whose early life was transformed by joining the Girl Scouts and who currently serves as CEO of the Girl Scouts of the USA. A meningitis outbreak in their underprivileged neighborhood left Sylvia Acevedo's family forever altered. As she struggled in the aftermath of loss, young Sylvia's life transformed when she joined the Brownies. The Girl Scouts taught her how to take control of her world and nourished her love of numbers and science. With new confidence, Sylvia navigated shifting cultural expectations at school and at home, forging her own trail to become one of the first Latinx to graduate with a master's in engineering from Stanford University and going on to become a rocket scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Simultaneously available in Spanish!

Have you been naughty or nice? Get set for Christmas with our brand new magical Annual! Enjoy Elf-themed activities, stories and makes in this charming new Annual and help make it the best Christmas holiday ever! Includes recipes, craft ideas, quizzes, puzzles, jokes, fun facts, etc.

Here Come the Girl Scouts!

In this fascinating biography of Juliette Gordon Low, who loved to be called Daisy, readers will learn about her Civil War childhood, her almost complete

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hearing loss, and her unhappy married life.

Billions of American tax dollars go into a vast array of programs targeting various social issues: the opioid epidemic, criminal violence, chronic unemployment, and so on. Yet the problems persist and even grow. Howard Husock argues that we have lost sight of a more powerful strategy—a preventive strategy, based on positive social norms. In the past, individuals and institutions of civil society actively promoted what may be called “bourgeois norms,” to nurture healthy habits so that social problems wouldn’t emerge in the first place. It was a formative effort. Today, a massive social service state instead takes a reformative approach to problems that have already become vexing. It offers counseling along with material support, but struggling communities have been more harmed than helped by government’s embrace. And social service agencies have a vested interest in the continuance of problems. Government can provide a financial safety net for citizens, but it cannot effectively create or promote healthy norms. Nor should it try. That formative work is best done by civil society. This book focuses on six key figures in the history of social welfare to illuminate how a norm-promoting culture was built, then lost, and how it can be revived. We read about Charles Loring Brace, founder of the Children’s Aid Society; Jane Addams, founder of Hull House; Mary Richmond, a social work

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pioneer; Grace Abbott of the federal Children's Bureau; Wilbur Cohen of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; and Geoffrey Canada, founder of the Harlem Children's Zone—a model for bringing real benefit to a poor community through positive social norms. We need more like it.

Grooselda's life is shattered when her family moves her from the mountainside German village of Schwalm-Eder to the cold hallways of Consumption Middle School in New Jersey. As she and her twin brother, Dagobert, navigate the complicated caste system that is middle school and try to fit in, their efforts will put them on a collision course with the most dangerous group of all: the Girl Scouts.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • NOW A TNT ORIGINAL SERIES • “A first-rate tale of crime and punishment that will keep readers guessing until the final pages.”—Entertainment Weekly “Caleb Carr’s rich period thriller takes us back to the moment in history when the modern idea of the serial killer became available to us.”—The Detroit News When *The Alienist* was first published in 1994, it was a major phenomenon, spending six months on the New York Times bestseller list, receiving critical acclaim, and selling millions of copies. This modern classic continues to be a touchstone of historical suspense fiction for readers everywhere. The year is 1896. The city is New York. Newspaper reporter John

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Schuyler Moore is summoned by his friend Dr. Laszlo Kreizler—a psychologist, or “alienist”—to view the horribly mutilated body of an adolescent boy abandoned on the unfinished Williamsburg Bridge. From there the two embark on a revolutionary effort in criminology: creating a psychological profile of the perpetrator based on the details of his crimes. Their dangerous quest takes them into the tortured past and twisted mind of a murderer who will kill again before their hunt is over. Fast-paced and riveting, infused with historical detail, *The Alienist* conjures up Gilded Age New York, with its tenements and mansions, corrupt cops and flamboyant gangsters, shining opera houses and seamy gin mills. It is an age in which questioning society’s belief that all killers are born, not made, could have unexpected and fatal consequences. Praise for *The Alienist* “[A] delicious premise . . . Its settings and characterizations are much more sophisticated than the run-of-the-mill thrillers that line the shelves in bookstores.”—The Washington Post Book World “Mesmerizing.”—Detroit Free Press “The method of the hunt and the disparate team of hunters lift the tale beyond the level of a good thriller—way beyond. . . . A remarkable combination of historical novel and psychological thriller.”—The Buffalo News “Engrossing.”—Newsweek “Gripping, atmospheric . . . intelligent and entertaining.”—USA Today “A high-spirited, charged-up and unfailingly smart

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thriller.”—Los Angeles Times “Keeps readers turning pages well past their bedtime.”—San Francisco Chronicle

Almost half of all women in the UK have been involved in Girlguiding at some stage in their lives. With over 10 million members in 145 countries, the movement has had an impact like none other on the lives of women around the world. Here is the extraordinary story of Girlguiding past and present, from six young girls' first request 100 years ago for 'something for the girls', to the organization's current campaign to give young girls a voice. It includes the true account of Guide Leaders being among the first to enter Belsen at the end of the Second World War, the colourful details of Beatrix Potter's involvement, the introduction of Brownies, Rainbows and Rangers, the close participation of the Royal Family, and recent feats such as the Everest balloon challenge, the Tall Ships race and ongoing development projects around the world. This colourful and inspirational book will appeal to all adult members past and present as well as current Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. It is a centenary volume to treasure.

"The amazing, all-true story of the first Girl Scouts and their visionary founder"--Amazon.com.

A biography of the adventurous life of the founder of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

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Over two million Girl Scouts worldwide owe their membership to its founder, Juliette Low--a woman who, as a girl growing up in the post--Civil War South, refused to accept that girls couldn't do everything boys could. Whether angrily defending her friend against taunts of schoolmates or rescuing a kitten from the highest branches of a tree, Low possessed the spirit and strength of character that would lead her in adulthood to act as a world-famous advocate for girls. Children will experience Low's joy at the gift of her very own horse, feel her excitement at attending her first dance, and share her frustration with being thrust in to the role of a well-behaved 19th-century young lady who would rather have been riding, creating sculptures, or climbing.

A collection of project ideas and activities suitable for Brownie Girl Scout troops. Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts more than one hundred years ago. Nicknamed "Daisy," Juliette Gordon Low lived with courage, confidence, and character. She wanted to help girls around the world do the same. Thanks to the Girl Scouts, millions of girls have done just that. And the world is a better place for it! Read about the fascinating life of the Girl Scout's founder with this intriguing biography. Featuring engaging primary source images, this text builds reading skills and social studies content literacy. Informational text features such as an index, a glossary, and a table of contents help students navigate the text. A fun, hands-on activity extends the learning

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experience. Inspire readers with this compelling biography!

How did a woman with the desire to help others become the founder of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America? Born in 1860 in Savannah, Georgia, Juliette Gordon Low grew up having the finest clothes and education. She was expected to be a prim and proper lady, but Crazy Daisy--as she was nicknamed by her friends and family--preferred to climb trees, ride horses, and hike. She also tried to find ways to help people in need. She carried that caring spirit with her into adulthood and used it to develop the Girl Scouts of the United States of America in 1912. Today, Juliette's organization continues to empower young girls, improve their self-esteem, and provide them with lifelong skills and a community of sisterhood. Learn more about this strong-willed woman in this addition to the #1 New York Times bestselling series!

The inspiring true story of the first Girl Scout troop founded for and by girls living in a shelter in Queens, New York, and the amazing, nationwide response that it sparked “A powerful book full of powerful women.”—Chelsea Clinton Giselle Burgess was a young mother of five trying to provide for her family. Though she had a full-time job, the demands of ever-increasing rent and mounting bills forced her to fall behind, and eviction soon followed. Giselle and her kids were thrown into New York City’s overburdened shelter system, which housed nearly 60,000 people each day. They soon found themselves living at a Sleep Inn in Queens, provided by the city as temporary shelter; for nearly a year, all six lived in a single room with two beds and one bathroom.

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With curfews and lack of amenities, it felt more like a prison than a home, and Giselle, at the mercy of a broken system, grew fearful about her family's future. She knew that her daughters and the other girls living at the shelter needed to be a part of something where they didn't feel the shame or stigma of being homeless, and could develop skills and a community they could be proud of. Giselle had worked for the Girl Scouts and had the idea to establish a troop in the shelter, and with the support of a group of dedicated parents, advocates, and remarkable girls, Troop 6000 was born. New York Times journalist Nikita Stewart settled in with Troop 6000 for more than a year, at the peak of New York City's homelessness crisis in 2017, getting to know the girls and their families and witnessing both their triumphs and challenges. In Troop 6000, readers will feel the highs and lows as some families make it out of the shelter while others falter, and girls grow up with the stress and insecurity of not knowing what each day will bring and not having a place to call home, living for the times when they can put on their Girl Scout uniforms and come together. The result is a powerful, inspiring story about overcoming the odds in the most unlikely of places. Stewart shows how shared experiences of poverty and hardship sparked the political will needed to create the troop that would expand from one shelter to fifteen in New York City, and ultimately inspired the creation of similar troops across the country. Woven throughout the book is the history of the Girl Scouts, an organization that has always adapted to fit the times, supporting girls from all walks of life. Troop 6000 is both the intimate story of one group

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of girls who find pride and community with one another, and the larger story of how, when we come together, we can find support and commonality and experience joy and success, no matter how challenging life may be.

Emmy-award winning gadfly Rowe presents a ridiculously entertaining, seriously fascinating collection of his favorite episodes from America's #1 short-form podcast, The Way I Heard It, along with a host of memories, ruminations, illustrations, and insights.

The Girl Scouts of America has evolved over the last hundred years from the original group of eighteen into an organization with thousands of members nationwide. First published in 1913, Girl Scouts Handbook is the original reference for girl scouts. This blast-from-the-past practical guide has been the foundation for the organization over the past century, helping young girls to learn the basics of scouting and teaching them useful skills such as: Self-Defense Woodcraft Botany Astronomy Gardening Sanitation Girl Scout Law Self-Discipline Self-Improvement And More! Rediscover this time-honored classic, featuring color photographs and diagrams for the first time, to learn important skills that will last a lifetime.

A lonely new student finds friends and adventures after joining a Brownie Girl Scout troop.

11-year-old Alice Paul Tapper--daughter of CNN's Jake Tapper--is challenging girls everywhere to speak up! When Alice Tapper noticed that the girls in her class weren't

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participating as much as the boys, she knew she had to do something about it. With help from her Girl Scout troop and her parents, she came up with a patch that other girls could earn if they took a pledge to be more confident in school. Alice even wrote an op-ed about the experience for the New York Times! Inspired by that piece, this picture book illustrates her determination, bravery, and unwillingness to accept the status quo. With Marta Kissi's delightful illustrations depicting Alice's story, young readers everywhere will want to follow Alice's lead and raise their hand!

In 1911, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low was widowed and completely unsure of what to do with her life when a chance meeting changed her course forever. Determined and inspired by a belief that young girls and women should be taught to rely not on their husbands and fathers but on themselves, Daisy founded the Girl Scouts of the USA the next year. One hundred years later, Daisy's life lessons still motivate and encourage thousands of young girls and women across the country through the Girl Scout organization. Shannon Henry Kleiber gives Daisy's classic, timeless advice a modern focus that is sure to inspire women of all generations. Learn from Daisy's words of wisdom and strive to: •Known Yourself and Be Yourself •Love Living Things •Give to Others •Be a Sister •Challenge Yourself "Have you ever stopped to think that your most constant companion throughout life will be yourself? You will always have this body, this mind, and this spirit that you call 'I,'" — How Girls Can Help Their Country (1916) /body /html

From the duo behind the massively successful and award-winning podcast Stuff You Should Know comes an unexpected look at things you thought you knew. Josh Clark and Chuck

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Bryant started the podcast *Stuff You Should Know* back in 2008 because they were curious—curious about the world around them, curious about what they might have missed in their formal educations, and curious to dig deeper on stuff they thought they understood. As it turns out, they aren't the only curious ones. They've since amassed a rabid fan base, making *Stuff You Should Know* one of the most popular podcasts in the world. Armed with their inquisitive natures and a passion for sharing, they uncover the weird, fascinating, delightful, or unexpected elements of a wide variety of topics. The pair have now taken their near-boundless "whys" and "hows" from your earbuds to the pages of a book for the first time—featuring a completely new array of subjects that they've long wondered about and wanted to explore. Each chapter is further embellished with snappy visual material to allow for rabbit-hole tangents and digressions—including charts, illustrations, sidebars, and footnotes. Follow along as the two dig into the underlying stories of everything from the origin of Murphy beds, to the history of facial hair, to the psychology of being lost. Have you ever wondered about the world around you, and wished to see the magic in everyday things? Come get curious with *Stuff You Should Know*. With Josh and Chuck as your guide, there's something interesting about everything (...except maybe jackhammers).

A special fiftieth anniversary edition of Kurt Vonnegut's masterpiece, "a desperate, painfully honest attempt to confront the monstrous crimes of the twentieth century" (*Time*), featuring a new introduction by Kevin Powers, author of the National Book Award finalist *The Yellow Birds*. Selected by the Modern Library as one of the 100 best novels of all time *Slaughterhouse-Five*, an American classic, is one of the world's great antiwar books. Centering on the infamous World War II firebombing of Dresden, the novel is the result of what Kurt Vonnegut described

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as a twenty-three-year struggle to write a book about what he had witnessed as an American prisoner of war. It combines historical fiction, science fiction, autobiography, and satire in an account of the life of Billy Pilgrim, a barber's son turned draftee turned optometrist turned alien abductee. As Vonnegut had, Billy experiences the destruction of Dresden as a POW. Unlike Vonnegut, he experiences time travel, or coming "unstuck in time." An instant bestseller, *Slaughterhouse-Five* made Kurt Vonnegut a cult hero in American literature, a reputation that only strengthened over time, despite his being banned and censored by some libraries and schools for content and language. But it was precisely those elements of Vonnegut's writing—the political edginess, the genre-bending inventiveness, the frank violence, the transgressive wit—that have inspired generations of readers not just to look differently at the world around them but to find the confidence to say something about it. Authors as wide-ranging as Norman Mailer, John Irving, Michael Crichton, Tim O'Brien, Margaret Atwood, Elizabeth Strout, David Sedaris, Jennifer Egan, and J. K. Rowling have all found inspiration in Vonnegut's words. Jonathan Safran Foer has described Vonnegut as "the kind of writer who made people—young people especially—want to write." George Saunders has declared Vonnegut to be "the great, urgent, passionate American writer of our century, who offers us . . . a model of the kind of compassionate thinking that might yet save us from ourselves." Fifty years after its initial publication at the height of the Vietnam War, Vonnegut's portrayal of political disillusionment, PTSD, and postwar anxiety feels as relevant, darkly humorous, and profoundly affecting as ever, an enduring beacon through our own era's uncertainties. "Poignant and hilarious, threaded with compassion and, behind everything, the cataract of a thundering moral statement."—*The Boston Globe*

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A 100th anniversary tribute to the Girl Scouts founder describes how she rejected the conventions of Victorian culture and introduced her pioneer family's passion for service, adventure and independence to the girls of her time. By the author of Mermaid Queen. Children who are ready to read on their own will want to get ready for President's Day with this leveled reader about the first African American president of the United States! A Step 3 Step into Reading Biography Reader about our forty-fourth president, Barack Obama—revised to include an account of his reelection and new photographs! With clear and accessible language, independent readers can learn how the lessons and love from Obama's mother and grandparents shaped him; how the places he lived influenced him; and how he turned his childhood feeling of being an outsider into a positive driving force that propelled him into the history books!

"Forget that I am deaf and blind and think of me as an ordinary woman," wrote Helen Keller?but she was anything but ordinary. When Helen was growing up, there were no facilities to help handicapped students. Still, she learned to speak, read, and write, attended Radcliffe College, wrote five books, and lectured all over the world. It wasn't enough to prove that she could do anything. Helen wanted other handicapped people to know that they could, too. And Helen achieved her purpose: the world saw a real woman behind the handicaps, and an extraordinary human being behind the legend.

From tween advocate for limb difference and founder of Project Unicorn Jordan Reeves and her mom, Jen, comes an inspiring memoir about how every kid is perfect just the way they are. When Jordan Reeves was born without the bottom half of her left arm, the doctors reassured her parents that she was "born just right." And she has been proving that doctor right ever

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since! With candor, humor, and heart, Jordan's mother, Jen Lee Reeves, helps Jordan tell her story about growing up in an able-bodied world and family, where she was treated like all of her siblings and classmates—and where she never felt limited. Whether it was changing people's minds about her capabilities, trying all kinds of sports, or mentoring other kids, Jordan has channeled any negativity into a positive, and is determined to create more innovations for people just like her. Her most famous invention, aptly called Project Unicorn, is a special prosthetic (that shoots glitter!) made with the help of a 3-D printer. A real-life superhero, Jordan is changing the world with her foundation, Born Just Right, which advocates and celebrates kids with differences, and helps them live their best possible life—just like Jordan is today!

Born at the start of the Civil War, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low struggled to reconcile being a good Southern belle with being true to her adventurous spirit. Accidentally deafened, she married a dashing British patrician and moved to England, where she quickly became dissatisfied with the aimlessness of privileged life. Her search for greater purpose ended when she met Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, and was inspired to recreate his program for girls. The Girl Scouts of the USA—which can now count more than fifty-nine million American girls and women among its past members—aims to instill useful skills and moral values in its young members, with an emphasis on fun. In this lively and accessible biography of its intrepid founder, Stacy A. Cordery paints a dynamic portrait of an intriguing woman and a true pioneer whose work touched the lives of millions of girls and women around the world. Learn how 20th century history changed world geography with this social studies

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book that piques students' curiosity about history through dynamic primary sources. Primary sources give students unique insights and personal connections to history. Examples of primary sources include images of Pearl Harbor, nuclear weapon testing, a pro-communism poster, and a factory assembly line. This 32-page book includes text features that help students increase reading comprehension and their understanding of the subject. Packed with interesting facts, sidebars, and essential vocabulary, this book is perfect for reports or projects.

The amazing, all-true story of the first Girl Scouts and their visionary founder. Juliette Gordon Low--Daisy to her friends and family--was not like most girls of the Victorian era. Prim and proper? BOSH! Dainty and delicate? HOW BORING! She loved the outdoors, and she yearned for adventure! Born into a family of pathfinders and pioneers, she too wanted to make a difference in the world--and nothing would stop her. Combining her ancestors' passion for service with her own adventurous spirit and her belief that girls could do anything, she founded the Girl Scouts. One hundred years later, they continue to have adventures, do good deeds, and make a difference!

Shy Sarah has a great idea for her Brownie Girl Scout troop but is not sure she is brave enough to speak up.

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A 100th anniversary tribute to the Girl Scouts traces the story of founder Juliette (Daisy) Gordon Low, whose controversial efforts to encourage girls to consider professional futures and active citizenship were marked by her determination to include members with disabilities and different backgrounds. By the author of *Words West*. 20,000 first printing.

An introduction to the history of scouting traces the origins of the Boy Scouts organization through its role in today's world, providing coverage of such topics as merit badges, the Pinewood Derby, and famous scouts.

"Girl Scouts flood Savannah, Georgia, for the big 100th Anniversary Camporee! Mystery writer Mimi lives just a few blocks from the famous Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace. Her Girl Scout granddaughters and friends camp out downstairs and take Savannah by storm...finding clues that lead them around the town where girls scouting was born - on a mystery that takes all the scouting skills they have to solve!"--P. [4] of cover.

To earn their 'Sow It and Grow It' badge, Violet, Tigerlilly, and the other Mouse Scouts plant a vegetable garden.

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