

The Lotus Seed

A small boy, not allowed to have a dog because times are tight, finds a starving kitten in a trash can on the same day his father loses his job.

An exciting and refreshing call to arms, *The Planthunter* is a new generation of gardening book for a new generation of gardener that encourages readers to fall in love with the natural world by falling in love with plants.

Poetic prose describes dusk and dawn and some of the activities that take place at those special times.

By the author of *A Wrinkle in Time*, the conclusion to the Polly O'Keefe stories finds Polly taking an unforgettable trip to Europe, all by herself. Sixteen-year-old Polly is on her way to the island of Cyprus, where she will work as a gofer. The trip was arranged by Maximiliana Horne, a rich, brilliant artist who, with her longtime companion, Dr. Ursula Heschel, recently became the O'Keefe family's neighbor on Benne Seed Island. Max and Polly formed an instant friendship and Max took over Polly's education, giving her the encouragement and confidence that her isolated upbringing had not. Polly adored Max, even idolized her, until Max betrayed her. In Greece, Polly finds romance, danger, and unique friendships. But can she ever forgive Max? Books by Madeleine L'Engle *A Wrinkle in Time* Quintet *A Wrinkle in Time* *A Wind in the Door* *A Swiftly Tilting Planet* *Many Waters* *An Acceptable Time* *A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel* by Madeleine L'Engle; adapted & illustrated by Hope Larson *Intergalactic P.S. 3* by Madeleine L'Engle; illustrated by Hope Larson: A standalone story set in the world of *A Wrinkle in Time*. *The Austin Family Chronicles* *Meet the Austins* (Volume 1) *The Moon by Night* (Volume 2) *The Young Unicorns* (Volume 3) *A Ring of Endless Light* (Volume 4) A Newbery Honor book! *Troubling a Star* (Volume 5) *The Polly O'Keefe* books *The Arm of the Starfish* *Dragons in the Waters* *A House Like a Lotus* *And Both Were Young* *Camilla* *The Joys of Love*

This new masterwork of Chinese cuisine showcases acclaimed chef Eileen Yin-Fei Lo's decades of culinary virtuosity. A series of lessons build skill, knowledge, and confidence as Lo guides the home cook step by step through the techniques, ingredients, and equipment that define Chinese cuisine. With more than 100 classic recipes and technique illustrations throughout, *Mastering the Art of Chinese Cooking* makes the glories of this ancient cuisine utterly accessible. Stunning color photography reveals the treasures of old and new China, from the zigzagging alleys of historical Guangzhou to the bustle of city centers and faraway Chinatowns, as well as wonderful ingredients and gorgeous finished dishes. Step-by-step brush drawings illustrate Chinese cooking techniques. This lavish volume takes its place as the Chinese cookbook of choice in the cook's library.

To author Stephanie Morton, nature's powerful forces are a metaphor for the hardships faced by displaced children. Kids,

like seeds, thrive when given a chance. Each of the three seeds in this story—a cherry seed in the Middle East, an acacia seed in Australia, and a lotus seed in Asia—survives a difficult journey through flood, fire, or drought, then sprouts (in the case of the lotus seed, a hundred years later) and flourishes. Stephanie's verses and Nicole Wong's art make a picture book to treasure.

Join our little plant as she goes on a journey of discovery. With a little help from some new friends she will find out she knows quite a lot.

"Wonderful characters, unbelievable adventure . . . I loved this book." -- Eoin Colfer, author of the Artemis Fowl series
Ghost, Cormac, and Kate are not like other kids. Ghost can turn invisible, Cormac can run up walls, and Kate can talk to animals--all abilities that make them perfect for the Black Lotus, a training school for ninjas who are sworn to protect the world from the evil samurai-run Empire. But when the Moon Sword--a source of unimaginable power--is stolen, the three are forced to put their new skills to the test and go back in time to sixteenth-century Japan and retrieve it.

Japanese colonial rule in Korea (1905–1945) ushered in natural resource management programs that profoundly altered access to and ownership of the peninsula's extensive mountains and forests. Under the banner of "forest love," the colonial government set out to restructure the rhythms and routines of agrarian life, targeting everything from home heating to food preparation. Timber industrialists, meanwhile, channeled Korea's forest resources into supply chains that grew in tandem with Japan's imperial sphere. These mechanisms of resource control were only fortified after 1937, when the peninsula and its forests were mobilized for total war. In this wide-ranging study David Fedman explores Japanese imperialism through the lens of forest conservation in colonial Korea—a project of environmental rule that outlived the empire itself. Holding up for scrutiny the notion of conservation, *Seeds of Control* examines the roots of Japanese ideas about the Korean landscape, as well as the consequences and aftermath of Japanese approaches to Korea's "greenification." Drawing from sources in Japanese and Korean, Fedman writes colonized lands into Japanese environmental history, revealing a largely untold story of green imperialism in Asia.

In Italy, 1589, Massimo drops lunch to his uncle from a bridge, so the food falls into his uncle's boat. One day, Galileo notices that the bread and wheel of cheese land in the boat at the same time. But Aristotle had said that heavy things fall at a faster rate than light ones. Will Galileo and Massimo be able to prove Aristotle's theory wrong?

Susan Sullins developed a Teacher CyberGuide based on "The Lotus Seed," by American writer Sherry Garland. The San Diego County Office of Education provides the CyberGuide, which is an online supplementary instructional unit centered on a core work of literature, created as part of the Schools of California Online Resources for Education (SCORE) program. Each unit includes the objectives, student activities, and teacher-selected Web sites. This unit is

intended for use with elementary school students and focuses on the students' family heritages, as well as the customs and culture of Vietnam.

In this candid, insightful, and unconventional memoir, Goldie Hawn invites us to join her in an inspirational look back at the people, places, and events that have touched her. It is the spiritual journey of a heart in search of enlightenment. With her trademark effervescence, Goldie delivers a personal look at private and powerful events that carried her through life: her father's spontaneity; her mother's courage; and the joy of being a daughter, a sister, a parent, and a lover. She writes about her childhood dreams of becoming a ballerina. She takes us on a tour of her go-go years in 1960s New York City, the phenomenon of TV's Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In, her Oscar-winning debut in *Cactus Flower* and Hollywood stardom. She writes intimately about the challenges of love, anger and fear, and the importance of compassion and integrity. She speaks openly about her family, her partner Kurt Russell, her children; her faith, her curiosity for that which she doesn't yet know, and her thirst for knowledge. Most of all, it is a trip back through a life well lived by a woman well loved.

A young Vietnamese girl saves a lotus seed and carries it with her everywhere to remember a brave emperor and the homeland that she has to flee.

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Orantine is the best spy in her faction, the one they go to for impossible missions. But her next target is like nothing she has faced before, a high ranking official in a faction whose members can see the future. Orantine has never failed before, but this time, she isn't sure success is possible. Armed with her faction's genetic mutation, and the latest technology the world has to offer. Orantine believes she has found the perfect plan. Nothing comes without a price, however, and this mission will push her to the edge, and further. How far will she go to ensure success? And how far is she willing to go to prove she is the greatest in her world?

A Vietnamese-American boy spends a day with his father on his shrimp boat, listening as he describes how his own father fishes on the South China Sea.

A lyrical novel of love and betrayal in the aftermath of the fall of Saigon—from the author of *Monkey Bridge* A singular work of witness, inspiration, and courage, *The Lotus and the Storm* marks the welcome return of Lan Cao's pitch-perfect voice, telling the story only she can tell. Four decades after the war, Vietnam's flavors of clove and cinnamon have been re-created by a close-knit refugee community in a Virginia suburb. But the lives of Minh and Mai, father and daughter, are haunted by ghosts, secrets, and the loss of their country. During the disastrous last days in Saigon, in a whirl of military signals and helicopter evacuations, Mai never had a chance to say goodbye to so many people who meant so much to her. What happened to them? How will Mai cope with the trauma of war—and will the *thay phap*, a Vietnamese spirit exorcist, be able to heal her?

"The genius of Hanson's fascinating, inspiring, and entertaining book stems from the fact that it is not about how all kinds of things grow from seeds; it is about the seeds themselves." --Mark Kurlansky, *New York Times Book Review* We live in a world of seeds. From our morning toast to the cotton in our clothes, they are quite literally the stuff and staff of life: supporting diets, economies, and civilizations around the globe. Just as the search for nutmeg and pepper drove the Age of Discovery, coffee beans fueled the Enlightenment and cottonseed sparked the Industrial Revolution. Seeds are fundamental objects of beauty, evolutionary wonders, and simple fascinations. Yet, despite their importance, seeds are often seen as commonplace, their extraordinary natural and human histories overlooked. Thanks to this stunning new book, they can be overlooked no more. This is a book of knowledge, adventure, and wonder, spun by an award-winning writer with both the charm of a fireside story-teller and the hard-won expertise of a field biologist. A fascinating scientific adventure, it is essential reading for anyone who loves to see a plant grow.

The secret to happiness is to acknowledge and transform suffering, not to run away from it. In *No Mud, No Lotus*, Thich Nhat Hanh offers practices and inspiration transforming suffering and finding true joy. Thich Nhat Hanh acknowledges that because suffering can feel so bad, we try to run away from it or cover it up by consuming. We find something to eat or turn on the television. But unless we're able to face our suffering, we can't be present and available to life, and happiness will continue to elude us. Nhat Hanh shares how the practices of stopping, mindful breathing, and deep concentration can generate the energy of mindfulness within our daily lives. With that energy, we can embrace pain and calm it down, instantly bringing a measure of freedom and a clearer mind. *No Mud, No Lotus* introduces ways to be in touch with suffering without being overwhelmed by it. "When we know how to suffer," Nhat Hanh says, "we suffer much, much less." With his signature clarity and sense of joy, Thich Nhat Hanh helps us recognize the wonders inside us and around us that we tend to take for granted and teaches us the art of happiness.

Grandmother Ba has come all the way from Vietnam with only one momento from home, a lotus seed. This poignant story of war, loss of homeland, and life in a new country ends with a ray of hope. --Valerie & Walter's *Best Books for Children*

National Bestseller Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Autobiography A *New York Times* Notable Book Geobiologist Hope Jahren has spent her life studying trees, flowers, seeds, and soil. *Lab Girl* is her revelatory treatise on plant life—but it is also a celebration of the lifelong curiosity, humility, and passion that drive every scientist. In these pages, Hope takes us back to her Minnesota childhood, where she spent hours in unfettered play in her father's college laboratory. She tells us how she found a sanctuary in science, learning to perform lab work "with both the heart and the hands." She introduces us to Bill, her brilliant, eccentric lab manager. And she extends the mantle of scientist to each one of her readers, inviting us to join her in observing and protecting our environment. Warm, luminous, compulsively readable, *Lab Girl* vividly demonstrates the mountains that we can move when love and work come together. Winner of the American Association for the Advancement of Science/Subaru Science Books & Film Prize for Excellence in Science Books Finalist for the PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award One of the Best Books of the Year: *The Washington Post*, *TIME.com*, *NPR*, *Slate*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Newsday*, *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, *Kirkus Reviews*

"Sarah Jio weaves past and present in this eminently readable novel about love, gratitude, and forgiveness. I tore through the pages!"—*New York Times* bestselling author Christina Baker Kline Two women are connected across time by the city of Paris, a mysterious stack of love letters, and shocking secrets sweeping from World War II to the present—for readers of *Sarah's Key* and *The Nightingale*. When Caroline wakes up in a Paris hospital with no memory of her past, she's confused to learn that for years she's lived a sad, reclusive life in a sprawling

apartment on the rue Cler. Slowly regaining vague memories of a man and a young child, she vows to piece her life back together—though she can't help but feel she may be in danger. A budding friendship with the chef of a charming nearby restaurant takes her mind off her foggy past, as does a startling mystery from decades prior. In Nazi-occupied Paris, a young widow named Céline is trying to build a new life for her daughter while working in her father's flower shop and hoping to find love again. Then a ruthless German officer discovers her Jewish ancestry and Céline is forced to play a dangerous game to secure the safety of her loved ones. When her worst fears come true, she must fight back in order to save the person she loves most: her daughter. When Caroline discovers Céline's letters tucked away in a closet, she realizes that her apartment harbors dark secrets—and that she may have more in common with Céline than she could have ever imagined. All the Flowers in Paris is an emotionally captivating novel rooted in the resiliency and strength of the human spirit, the steadfastness of a mother's love, and the many complex layers of the heart—especially its capacity to forgive. "Heart-stopping . . . Fans of emotional, romantic stories set during World War II will enjoy this heartbreaking tale of love and loss."—Booklist

Seeking adventure in faraway places, Miss Rumphius fulfills her dream and then sets out to make the world more beautiful.

For thousands of years lotuses have fascinated people in their religion, philosophy, food, research, and ornamental horticulture. This colorful volume explains everything needed to grow lotus (*Nelumbo*). The book also covers all the other intriguing aspects about the lotus and provides a complete portrait of an amazing aquatic plant. "The Lotus" is packed with beautiful full-color photographs and is compelling to read. Chapters include: botanical background, cultivation, landscape uses, lotus timeline, cultural traditions, lore, resources, and quick guide for gardeners. The book is suitable for pond owners, first time lotus growers, seasoned *Nelumbo* experts, and those wanting to learn more about the remarkable plant that has impacted the lives of so many around the world.

Inspired by real events, master storyteller Eve Bunting recounts the harrowing yet hopeful story of a family, a war--and a dazzling discovery. An in-depth guide to blending the practice of yoga with cannabis • Examines the physical, mental, spiritual, and energetic effects of cannabis and yoga, including their effects on the nervous system and chakras • Explains how yoga practice offers a way to tune the human nervous system and how, through the endocannabinoid system, cannabis harmonizes a multitude of functions, from respiration to pain control, in ways that enhance yoga • Offers an illustrated sequence of cannabis-yoga asanas (postures) developed to awaken kundalini, open energy channels, accelerate healing, and unlock access to unbounded states of consciousness In India, both yoga and cannabis are considered gifts from the Hindu god Shiva. They are seen as twin currents of wisdom and enlightenment, allies for healing and consciousness expansion. As ethnobotanist and yogi Chris Kilham explains, when wisely and thoughtfully combined, cannabis and yoga offer profound benefits for body, mind, and spirit. Kilham examines the history and lore of both cannabis and yoga, with a special focus on the role of cannabis in Indian and Himalayan yoga traditions where it has been used for thousands of years. He investigates cannabis and yoga's effects on the chakras and energy body and how they assist in opening energy channels and awakening kundalini energy. He explains how yoga practice offers a way to tune the human nervous system and how, through the endocannabinoid system, cannabis harmonizes a multitude of functions, from respiration to pain control, in ways that enhance yoga. He looks at the effects of both THC and CBD as well as the different methods of consuming cannabis, with advice on selecting the right method for your yoga practice. In addition to instructions for breathwork and cannabis meditation practices, Kilham offers an illustrated guide to his own system of cannabis yoga, a sequence of asanas (postures) developed to arouse the kundalini, open up energy channels throughout your body, and unlock access to unbounded states of consciousness. Sharing his experiences combining yoga and cannabis around the world, the author shows that the fusion of cannabis and yoga dissolves the boundaries

of the mind, accelerates healing, and imparts a greater understanding of the intrinsic unity of all things.

Chock-full of little-known facts and written with you-are-there immediacy, this volume explores everyday life in Spain at the end of the 15th century.

A captivating history of one of the world's most iconic and mysterious flowers Bewitched by a lotus which flowered from three-thousand-year-old seeds in his English garden, Mark Griffiths set out to track the origins and significance of this sublime plant in this beautifully-illustrated book. The Lotus Quest takes Griffiths from the headquarters of the Linnaean Society in London to a mountain top in northern Japan. As he travels in search of this ancient flower, Griffiths looks at the lotus's significance in ancient Egypt and India, the plant's medicinal uses and the inspiration it has provided to Western artists. As he tracks the plant, its story unveils a stunning vision of Japan's feudal era with visits to shrines, ruins, gardens and wild landscapes as well as meetings with priests and archaeologists, philosophers and anthropologists, gardeners and botanists, poets and artists. He even dines on the lotus in a Tokyo cafe. By the end of Griffiths' journey, when he reaches the hauntingly beautiful Japanese temple of Chuson-ji, readers will finally understand why the lotus has obsessed people throughout the ages. How does an old woman who has outlived all her friends keep from being lonely? By naming the things in her life she knows she will never outlive—like her house, Franklin, and her bed, Roxanne. When a shy brown puppy appears at her front gate, the old woman won't name it, because it might not outlive her. Tender watercolors capture the charm of this heartwarming story of an old woman who doesn't know she's lonely until she meets a plucky puppy who needs a name—and someone to love. “Rylant and Brown together create with affection and lovingly humorous touches a glimpse of old age lived with relish.” —Booklist

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For thousands of years the Lotus has been the symbol of spiritual purity in both Khemet (Egypt) and India. Similarly, the Lotus can be seen as the perfect example of spiritual growth and development in Western society. It is said that the life cycle of the Lotus plant begins when a Lotus seed finds its way into the sediments at the bottom of some warm little pond. In a like manner, many with the 'Lotus Nature' are found at the 'bottom' of society's social ladder i.e., the outcast, women, and so-called minorities; also those who have experienced the dark side of life. The lotus seed is planted in the bottom of the pond in darkness, veiled by the distractions that live in the murky water. A wonderful thing about the Lotus is that during its development, the plants filter and purify the body of water in which they find themselves; making the water transparent. Such is the same with those of the 'Lotus nature'. As they develop and seek the light of truth, they too filter and purify the body of murky water they find themselves in. One of the most important and fascinating things about the 'Lotus' is that even after growing in murky water it is untouched by the water's impurity. The fact that the 'Lotus' is untouched by the muddy waters in which it grows, points those of the 'Lotus nature' to the concept of detachment. Not only must we not be attached to outcomes in our work, but we must not be attached to the world even while continuing to live and work in it. We must be in the world but not of the world. We must continue to seek the light of truth. Just as the Lotus flower spreads its fragrance throughout the pond in which it grows, those of the 'Lotus nature' must strive to spread the fragrance of God to all of humanity.

Yellow Lotus Flower is a sing-a-long book for the soul. The story is told by the flower herself, reminiscing about a time when she was a scared little seed, stuck in the murky bottoms of the pond, unsure of herself and if life would ever be different. She encounters guides along the way, like a magical rainbow fish, trumpet-playing frogs and the benevolent sun. Ultimately, Yellow Lotus has to cultivate her own courage to send her roots down into the muck in order to transform into the beautiful flower she is meant to be.

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A strange glowing stone picked up on a sea voyage captivates a ship's crew and has a terrible transforming effect on them. When she is forced to leave Vietnam, a young girl brings a lotus seed with her to America in remembrance of her homeland. "Exquisite artwork fuses with a compelling narrative--a concise endnote places the story effectively within a historical context--to produce a moving and polished offering."--Publishers Weekly

This book shows how to prepare traditional Chinese food with ease and is perfect for beginners. Seasoned cooks will likewise find joy in perusing these recipes, which are accompanied by informative descriptions and explanations. This book is truly a collector's item for anyone who enjoys immersing in the classic flavours of Chinese cuisine. It brims with historical and cultural significance, which will not only engage, inform and enlighten, but readers will also be awed and be inspired to delve into the joy of recreating wonderful meals from these treasured recipes

Brian has always felt invisible at school, but when a new student, Justin, arrives, everything changes.

Long ago, a Chinese boy-emperor named Ping challenges the children of his kingdom to show him the greatest power in the world, and all are surprised at what is discovered.

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