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No More Perfect Moms Jill Savage 2013-01-16 If you have ever forgotten to pick up your kids, accidentally worn two different shoes to the grocery store, or lost your cool over a messy house, YOU ARE NOT ALONE! In *No More Perfect Moms*, Jill Savage says it how it is: All moms struggle. We fall short of our own standard of excellence, and then we feel insecure about not being the perfect wife with the perfect kids, perfect husband, perfect home, perfect friends, perfect marriage, and perfect body... Jill speaks to the root of the insecurities mothers feel and points to a better way. *No More Perfect Moms* will help a mom: Change her unrealistic expectations to realistic hopes Give grace and love to her husband and children even during struggles, and discover the beauty of grace when she stops judging herself and others Find freedom from disappointment when she embraces her real family, her real challenges, and her real, but imperfect, life With refreshing honesty, Jill exposes some of her own parental shortcomings and helps mothers everywhere shelve their desires for perfection and embrace God's beautiful grace. When moms do this, they can learn to love their real but imperfect lives.

Rock Harbor Search and Rescue Colleen Coble 2013 In this middle-grade fiction novel based on Coble's bestselling *Rock Harbor* series for adults, kids will enjoy the mixture of pets, adventure, suspense, and a mystery.

Out of My Mind Sharon M. Draper 2012-05 Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

Surprised by Motherhood Lisa-Jo Baker 2014-04-01 A lawyer with a well-stamped passport and a passion for human rights, Lisa-Jo Baker never wanted to be a mom. And then she had kids. Having lost her own mother to cancer as a teenager, Lisa-Jo felt lost on her journey to womanhood and wholly unprepared to raise children. *Surprised by Motherhood* is Lisa-Jo's story of becoming and being a mom, and in the process, discovering that all the what to expect and how to books in the world can never truly prepare you for the sheer exhilaration, joy, and terrifying love that accompanies motherhood. Set partly in South Africa and partly in the US (with a slight detour to Ukraine along the way), *Surprised by Motherhood* is a poignant memoir of one womans dawning realization that being a mom isnt about being perfectits about being present.

Home Is Where My People Are Sophie Hudson 2015-01-16 All roads lead to home. It's easy to go through life believing that we can satisfy our longing for home with a three-bedroom, two-bath slice of the American dream that we mortgage at 4 percent and pay for over the course of thirty years. But ultimately, in our deepest places, we're really looking to belong and to be known. And what we sometimes miss in our search for the perfect spot to set up camp is that wherever we are on the long and winding road of life, God is at work in the journey, teaching us, shaping us, and refining us—sometimes through the most unlikely people and circumstances. In *Home Is Where My People Are*, Sophie Hudson takes readers on a delightfully quirky journey through the South, introducing them to an unforgettable cast of characters, places, and experiences. Along the way, she reflects on how God has used each of the stops along the road to impart timeless spiritual wisdom and truth. Nobody embodies the South like Sophie Hudson, and this nostalgic celebration of home is sure to make even those north of the Mason-Dixon line long to settle in on the front porch with a glass of sweet tea and reflect on all of the people in our lives who—related or not—have come to represent home. Because at the end of the day, it's not the address on the front door or even the name on the mailbox that says home, but the people who live and laugh and love there, wherever there might happen to be.

Church of the Small Things Study Guide Melanie Shankle 2017-10-03 In this six-session study, New York Times bestselling author and popular blogger Melanie Shankle celebrates the beauty of the many small things in life that add up to make a big difference, and teach us all to savor what truly matters.

Fit to Burst: Abundance, Mayhem, and the Joys of Motherhood Rachel Jankovic 2013-01-29 *Fit to Burst* is a book of parenting "field notes" written by a mom in the thick of it all. It is chock-full of humorous examples and fresh advice covering issues familiar to moms, such as guilt cycles, temptations to be ungrateful or bitter, enjoying your kids, and learning how to honor Jesus by giving even in the mundane stuff. But this book also addresses less familiar topics, including the impact moms have on the relationships between dads and kids, the importance of knowing when to laugh at kid-sized sin, and more. *Fit to Burst* will help us to be moms who parent with the story in mind rather than the snapshot, who know how to give much and to require much from their children in the everyday mayhem, and who understand the importance of biscuits. A note from Rachel: "I don't pull punches or hold back in this book, because I am writing to myself as much as to you. If something in this book strikes a little close to home for you, know that it struck in my home first. I am not writing about other people's problems, although I know many of them are common. I write about what I know, and what I know is the challenges, the joys, and the work involved in raising little people."

Sparkly Green Earrings Melanie Shankle 2013-02-08 "There is really no better indicator you're a mother than acquiring the ability to catch throw-up in a plastic bag, disinfect your hands, and immediately ask your friend to pass the beef jerky as you put on another Taylor Swift song and act as if nothing has happened." This is the type of insight Melanie Shankle offers in this quirky memoir of motherhood. Written in the familiar, stream-of-consciousness style of her blog, *Big Mama*, *Sparkly Green Earrings* is a heartwarming and hilarious look at motherhood from someone who is still trying to figure it all out. Filled with personal stories—from the decision to become a mother to the heartbreak of miscarriage and ultimately, to the joy of raising a baby and living to tell about it—*Sparkly Green Earrings* will make you feel like you're sitting across the table from your best friend. A must-read for anyone who's ever had a child or even thought about it.

Teach Yourself VISUALLY Jewelry Making and Beading Chris Franchetti Michaels 2011-06-20 You've probably coveted jewelry you've seen in artsy boutiques and fashion magazines or envied friends who have the perfect bling to accent everything. With this book, you'll learn to craft designs that are chic but inexpensive. With hundreds of detailed photos, this book covers tools and supplies, bead stringing and weaving, wire wrapping, and more. Terrific projects will get you started and inspire you to create your own jewelry and beadwork designs. Concise two-page lessons show you all the steps to a skill and are ideal for quick review Each skill or technique is defined and described Detailed color photos demonstrate each step Step-by-step instructions accompany each photo Helpful tips provide additional guidance *On the Bright Side* Melanie Shankle 2020-02-25 As Melanie Shankle - New York Times bestselling author and founder of the *Big Mama* blog - opens up with humor and great stories about friendship, love, and what it takes to be true to yourself, you'll be encouraged to find your way again in a world that can make you feel a little bit crazy.

[Piper and Mabel](#) Melanie Shankle 2020 When their family takes a beach vacation, Piper and Mabel are left at the Happy Tails Ranch, but run away after seeing it is not a real ranch.

Church of the Small Things Melanie Shankle 2017-10-03 Encourages readers to treat small, everyday moments and tasks as the holy

callings they are, reminding them of the great things God can do with small acts of faithfulness.

[I Saw Jesus in the Shower](#) Julie Negri 2015-08-15 A testimony. Sometimes Jesus shows up where you least expect Him.

Nobody's Cuter than You Melanie Shankle 2015-04-07 There is nothing as precious in life as a friend who knows you and loves you in spite of yourself. Yet over the last couple of decades, we've substituted the joy of real friendship with cheap imitations. We settle for "community" on Facebook and Twitter and a series of text messages that allow us to communicate with someone without the commitment. We like each other's beautifully filtered photos on Instagram and delude ourselves into believing we have a community. But real friendship requires effort. It's showing up, laughing loud, and crying hard. It's forgiving and loving and giving the benefit of the doubt. It's making a casserole, doing a carpool pickup, and making sure she knows those cute shoes are 50 percent off. Written in the same comedic style as the New York Times bestsellers *Sparkly Green Earrings* and *The Antelope in the Living Room*, *Nobody's Cuter than You* is a laugh-out-loud look at the special bond that exists between friends and a poignant celebration of all the extraordinary people God had the good sense to bring into our lives at exactly the right moments. From the friendships we develop over a lifetime to the ones that wounded us and the ones that taught us to love better, Melanie Shankle reveals the influence our friends have on who we were, who we are, and who we will become. And on a day when our jeans feel too tight, our chins have decided to embrace hormone-related acne reminiscent of our teen years, and our kids have tested the limits of our sanity, they are the ones who will look at us and say, "Nobody's cuter than you!"

The Bubble Reputation Cathie Pelletier 2014-11-01 Rosemary O'Neal lived for eight years with William, in a rambling country house in Maine. Then William committed suicide on a trip to London, leaving her with questions, anger, and no way to say goodbye. When her zany family descends on the house, bringing a tidal wave of casseroles and their own petty problems, Rosemary retreats with her cat from the chaos of the world around them. (Her cat understands human nature better than *Homo sapiens* anyway.) It takes an unsettling turn of events to shock her back into the pitfalls of living and realize that life is a fleeting experience to be carefully savored. Award-winning author Cathie Pelletier has been called "a bitinglly funny, highly original novelist". In *The Bubble Reputation*, she redefines "dysfunctional" in this bittersweet, life-affirming story about the idiosyncrasies of family, the anguish of grief, and finding peace after chaos.

[On the Bright Side](#) Melanie Shankle 2020-02-25 *Big Mama* blog founder and New York Times bestselling author Melanie Shankle helps us sort through our questions about being true to ourselves in a world gone crazy and what matters the most in the end. These days, so many voices tell us what to do, what to think, and what kind of parent or friend or spouse to be that it's easy to feel overwhelmed and defeated. Somewhere in the midst of online arguments and crazy politics and the ups and downs of life, we've lost sight of the gifts that are all around us: kindness, love, mercy, and joy. In *On the Bright Side*, Melanie Shankle reminds us of the unchanging principles we can count on in a changing world. These are lessons that Melanie has learned along the way about how to find all the joy that life has to offer--and why encouragement is never something to keep to ourselves. Melanie invites us to lead with love in all areas of our lives, exploring topics such as: Finding your people Giving up on comparing and competing Aging (kind of) gracefully Believing in ever after Staying mostly sane while raising kids Thinking before speaking Making decisions And more! This delightful memoir highlights the joys of life told in Melanie's down to earth, relatable, and totally enjoyable style. On the *Bright Side* is a how-to guide to knowing--and living--what matters most.

[Wonder](#) R. J. Palacio 2012-02-14 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Millions of people have fallen in love with Auggie Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face—who shows us that kindness brings us together no matter how far apart we are. Read the book that inspired the Choose Kind movement, a major motion picture, and the critically acclaimed graphic novel *White Bird*. And don't miss R.J. Palacio's highly anticipated new novel, *Pony*, available now! I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse. August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. Beginning from Auggie's point of view and expanding to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others, the perspectives converge to form a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance. In a world where bullying among young people is an epidemic, this is a refreshing new narrative full of heart and hope. R.J. Palacio has called her debut novel "a meditation on kindness" —indeed, every reader will come away with a greater appreciation for the simple courage of friendship. Auggie is a hero to root for, a diamond in the rough who proves that you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.

The Divine Commodity Skye Jethani 2009-05-26 The challenge facing Christianity today is not a lack of motivation or resources, but a failure of imagination.A growing number of people are disturbed by the values exhibited by the contemporary church. Worship has become entertainment, the church has become a shopping mall, and God has become a consumable product. Many sense that something is wrong, but they cannot imagine an alternative way. The *Divine Commodity* finally articulates what so many have been feeling and offers hope for the future of a post-consumer Christianity.Through Scripture, history, engaging narrative, and the inspiring art of Vincent van Gogh, *The Divine Commodity* explores spiritual practices that liberate our imaginations to live as Christ's people in a consumer culture opposed to the values of his kingdom. Each chapter shows how our formation as consumers has distorted an element of our faith. For example, the way churches have become corporations and how branding makes us more focused on image than reality. It then energizes an alternative vision for those seeking a more meaningful faith. Before we can hope to live differently, we must have our minds released from consumerism's grip and captivated once again by Christ.

[Everyday Holy](#) Melanie Shankle 2018-04-10 It is a rite of passage for every woman: the day you wake up and say, "Wait, THIS is the life I signed up for?!" We've all been there---Melanie Shankle is just brave enough to say it out loud. *Everyday Holy* is your invitation to reexamine your life and find the beautiful little pieces that create a picture of a beautiful big God.

Housewife Theologian Aimee Byrd 2013 Women who want God to be more than superficially in their lives can rise above the world's expectations by becoming housewife theologians finding true meaning and true worship everyday. Great for journaling and for group discussion.

Going Native Stephen Wright 2020-01-07 A dutiful husband and father walks out of his life and into a road trip from hell in a novel Toni Morrison calls "astonishing" and Don DeLillo proclaims "a slasher classic . . . strange, dark, and funny." Wylie Jones has a happy marriage, beautiful children, and backyard barbecues in his tastefully decorated suburban house. One night he follows a sudden impulse, leaves his wife in bed, and commandeers his neighbor's emerald-green Ford Galaxy 500, driving away without a second look. He sheds all traces of his old life in favor of a new name and a new life and drives from town to town, following his deepest impulses where they lead. By turns scathing and hilarious, Stephen Wright's outrageous rollercoaster of sex and violence probes the nihilistic and savage core of the American identity.

Walk Two Moons Sharon Creech 2009-10-06 In her own singularly beautiful style, Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech intricately weaves together two tales, one funny, one bittersweet, to create a heartwarming, compelling, and utterly moving story of love, loss, and the complexity of human emotion. Thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle, proud of her country roots and the "Indian-ness in her blood," travels from Ohio to Idaho with her eccentric grandparents. Along the way, she tells them of the story of Phoebe Winterbottom, who received mysterious messages, who met a "potential lunatic," and whose mother disappeared. As Sal entertains her grandparents with Phoebe's outrageous story, her own story begins to unfold—the story of a thirteen-year-old girl whose only wish is to be reunited with her missing mother.

Feathers from My Nest Beth Moore 2005-04-01 Beth Moore is widely known and respected as an engaging and effective speaker, Bible teacher, and best-selling author. *Feathers from My Nest* reveals a more contemplative and personal side of Beth, very much in the spirit of her *Things Pondered*. *Feathers from My Nest* is a collection of vignettes, as Beth reflects on items belonging to her daughters who have left the nest for college. As she ponders each item, rich in memories, Beth draws from its spiritual significance. This book not only tugs gently on the sentimental heartstrings of parents, it also reminds us all of the gift of grace children offer our lives every day.

The Antelope in the Living Room Melanie Shankle 2014-02-04 Welcome to the story of a real marriage. Marriage is simultaneously the biggest blessing and the greatest challenge two people can ever take on. It is the joy of knowing there is someone to share in your joys and sorrows, and the challenge of living with someone who thinks it's a good idea to hang a giant antelope head on your living room wall. In *The Antelope in the Living Room*, New York Times best-selling author and blogger Melanie Shankle does for marriage what *Sparkly Green Earrings* did for motherhood—makes us laugh out loud and smile through tears as she shares the holy and the hilarity of that magical and mysterious union called marriage.

Beautiful World, Where Are You Sally Rooney 2021-09-07 AN INSTANT #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER *Beautiful World, Where Are You* is a new novel by Sally Rooney, the bestselling author of *Normal People* and *Conversations with Friends*. Alice, a novelist, meets Felix, who works in a warehouse, and asks him if he'd like to travel to Rome with her. In Dublin, her best friend, Eileen, is getting over a break-up, and slips back into flirting with Simon, a man she has known since childhood. Alice, Felix, Eileen, and Simon are still young—but life is catching up with them. They desire each other, they delude each other, they get together, they break apart. They have sex, they worry about sex, they worry about their friendships and the world they live in. Are they standing in the last lighted room before the darkness, bearing witness to something? Will they find a way to believe in a beautiful world?

My Prayer Journal: a 3 Month Guide to Prayer, Praise and Thanks Lettering Designs 2017-04-09 Limited Time Offer - only \$6.99! This beautiful prayer journal contains 3 months of pages to take notes and reflect on your relationship with Christ. Printed on high quality stock and sized at 8 x 10, it is perfect for both travel and fitting right on your bedside table. Whether it's for group Bible Study or personal worship, this prayer journal is the perfect tool to build a stronger relationship with Christ! The Book Contains: Premium matte cover design Printed on high quality 60# interior stock Modern and trendy layout Perfectly sized at 8" x 10"

Light in August William Faulkner 2022-05-12 First published in 1932, 'Light in August' is a novel that contrasts stark tragedy with optimistic perseverance in the face of mortality, written by William Faulkner, a Nobel Prize-winning American author. One of the most influential writers of the 20th century, Faulkner's reputation is based on his novels, novellas, and short stories. He was also a published poet and an occasional screenwriter. The novel is set in the American South during prohibition and features an ensemble cast of Faulkner's most memorable characters: honest and brave Lena Grove, in search of the father of her unborn child; Reverend Gail Hightower, a lonely outcast haunted by visions of Confederate glory; and Joe Christmas, a desperate, enigmatic drifter consumed by his mixed ancestry. These characters tussle with alienation, racism, and heartbreak across a nonlinear narrative. Classified as a Southern gothic and modernist novel, it is considered a seminal work in 20th-century American literature.

Church of the Small Things Melanie Shankle 2017-10-03 Is my ordinary, everyday life actually significant? Is it okay to be fulfilled by the simple acts of raising kids, working in an office, and cooking chicken for dinner? It's been said, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the number of moments that take our breath away." The pressure of that can be staggering as we spend our days looking for that big thing that promises to take our breath away. Meanwhile, we lose sight of the small significance of fully living with every breath we take. Melanie Shankle, New York Times bestselling author and writer at The Big Mama Blog tackles these questions head on in her fourth book, *Church of the Small Things*. Easygoing and relatable, she speaks directly to the heart of women of all ages who are longing to find significance and meaning in the normal, sometimes mundane world of driving carpool to soccer practice, attending class on their college campus, cooking meals for their family, or taking care of a sick loved one. The million little pieces that make a life aren't necessarily glamorous or far-reaching. But God uses some of the smallest, most ordinary acts of faithfulness—and sometimes they look a whole lot like packing lunch. Through humorous stories told in her signature style, full of Frito pie, best friends, the love of her Me-Ma and Pa-Pa, the unexpected grace that comes when we quit trying to measure up, and a little of the best TV has to offer, Melanie helps women embrace what it means to live a simple, yet incredibly meaningful life and how to find all the beauty and laughter that lies right beneath the surface of every moment.

Everyday Holy Melanie Shankle 2018-04-10 It's easy to feel disheartened when you're facing dreams that haven't come true, heartbreak that never seems to end, or financial strains that weigh you down. Maybe you're wondering if God can still use you with all your imperfections. In the 100 devotions in *Everyday Holy*, New York Times bestselling author and creator of The Big Mama Blog Melanie Shankle says absolutely yes. If you're looking for the line that connects the dots, *Everyday Holy* is for you! Inside, Melanie reminds readers: God uses unlikely, ordinary people to accomplish His divine purposes. God specializes in using everyday acts of faithfulness to change the world around us. God has incomparable spiritual riches for us when we trust in Him. This keepsake devotional includes: 100 devotions, each with a Scripture and inspirational story. *Everyday Holy* makes a beautiful gift for any friend or loved one for birthdays, Mother's Day, or the holidays. Or, curl up with it yourself when you want a reminder that the hope you've been called to is much greater, deeper, and more powerful than anything we can fathom when we trust in Him.

Pregnancy After Preeclampsia Madison Lee 2017-04-26 For years, I dreamed about having a baby. I always envisioned myself as a mother but never knew it would take so much sacrifice to get there. After the dream finally became a reality, and the stick turned pink, I had no idea I would almost lose my life trying to bring one into the world. Preeclampsia stole something from me, and I spent years trying to understand the reasons why. After the hardest nine months of my life, I swore I would never put my body through that risk ever again. Well, as time passed, the wounds healed and the memories began to fade. Even though the fear was still very much alive, the desire was greater. I searched for statistics, and doctor's advice, but nothing was what I needed to hear. No one could give us the answers to our questions, because Preeclampsia still isn't well understood. With such uncertainty we could've quit--could've given up the dream--but I wasn't ready. My body had something to prove to me, and I knew I needed to give it that chance. After countless hours of research, and finding a doctor who was my advocate, we decided to venture forward with our dream. Five years after the scariest day of my life, I became pregnant with my second child. This book showcases every step of my pregnancies with raw and uncut detail. This is my true story of Pregnancy After Preeclampsia.

Fearless Faith Melanie Shankle 2018-08-07 From popular blogger and bestselling author Melanie Shankle comes *Fearless Faith: 100 Devotions for Girls*, an interactive book that encourages girls 8 and up to answer questions, participate in fun activities, and be brave in their walk with God. Each day includes a brief Scripture verse, an encouraging message, and a corresponding activity or set of questions to frame the day's takeaway in the real world. Readers will grow more confident in their faith, find ways to positively impact the world around them, and seek the beauty in everyday life. The 100-day devotional has a reader-friendly "Day 1," "Day 2" format, allowing girls to start at any time of the year and to pick the book back up when they've had to step away. The questions and takeaways speak directly to where tween girls are

in their day-to-day lives, with examples like: What are three things that make you happy? What do you worry about? What do you think God wants for your life? Throughout the devotional, there will also be fun activities to complete with friends and family. Featuring a beautiful cover, full-color interior, and a ribbon marker, *Fearless Faith* is perfect for back to school and holiday gift-giving.

Mama Bear Apologetics™ Hillary Morgan Ferrer 2019-06-04 *Foreword written by Nancy Pearcey* "Parents are the most important apologists our kids will ever know. Mama Bear Apologetics will help you navigate your kids' questions and prepare them to become committed Christ followers." —J. Warner Wallace "If every Christian mom would apply this book in her parenting, it would profoundly transform the next generation." —Natasha Crain #RoarLikeAMother The problem with lies is they don't often sound like lies. They seem harmless, and even sound right. So what's a Mama Bear to do when her kids seem to be absorbing the culture's lies uncritically? Mama Bear Apologetics™ is the book you've been looking for. This mom-to-mom guide will equip you to teach your kids how to form their own biblical beliefs about what is true and what is false. Through transparent life stories and clear, practical applications—including prayer strategies—this band of Mama Bears offers you tools to train yourself, so you can turn around and train your kids. Are you ready to answer the rallying cry, "Mess with our kids and we will demolish your arguments"? Join the Mama Bears and raise your voice to protect your kids—by teaching them how to think through and address the issues head-on, yet with gentleness and respect.

Piper and Mabel Melanie Shankle 2020-02-25 If you are a dog lover, you will enjoy New York Times bestselling author Melanie Shankle's debut children's book, *Piper & Mabel*. Melanie shares the adventures of her two very wild but very good dogs, Piper and Mabel, who have an experience of their own when their owners plan a vacation to the beach. The dog duo is shocked to discover they won't be joining their people on the trip. Instead, they're headed to doggie day care at the Happy Trails Ranch, where they create all kinds of mischief when they discover the accommodations are not exactly what they were expecting. And when they decide to take matters into their own paws, they end up on one crazy journey. Humorous story, perfect for children ages 4-8 If your kids loved *Secret Life of Pets*, they'll enjoy reading about Piper and Mabel Shankle is the author of four books, co-hosts *The Big Boo Cast* and is the hilarious voice behind the popular *Big Mama Blog*.

The Big Mama Collection: Sparkly Green Earrings / The Antelope in the Living Room / Nobody's Cuter than You Melanie Shankle 2017-09-05 This collection bundles all 3 of popular author Melanie Shankle's previous books together in one e-book, for a great value! *Sparkly Green Earrings* "There is really no better indicator you're a mother than acquiring the ability to catch throw-up in a plastic bag, disinfect your hands, and immediately ask your friend to pass the beef jerky as you put on another Taylor Swift song and act as if nothing has happened." This is the type of insight Melanie Shankle offers in this quirky memoir of motherhood. Written in the familiar, stream-of-consciousness style of her blog, *Big Mama, Sparkly Green Earrings* is a heartwarming and hilarious look at motherhood from someone who is still trying to figure it all out. Filled with personal stories—from the decision to become a mother to the heartbreak of miscarriage and ultimately, to the joy of raising a baby and living to tell about it—*Sparkly Green Earrings* will make you feel like you're sitting across the table from your best friend. A must-read for anyone who's ever had a child or even thought about it. *The Antelope in the Living Room* Welcome to the story of a real marriage. Marriage is simultaneously the biggest blessing and the greatest challenge two people can ever take on. It is the joy of knowing there is someone to share in your joys and sorrows, and the challenge of living with someone who thinks it's a good idea to hang a giant antelope head on your living room wall. In *The Antelope in the Living Room*, New York Times best-selling author and blogger Melanie Shankle does for marriage what *Sparkly Green Earrings* did for motherhood—makes us laugh out loud and smile through tears as she shares the holy and the hilarity of that magical and mysterious union called marriage. *Nobody's Cuter than You* There is nothing as precious in life as a friend who knows you and loves you in spite of yourself. Yet over the last couple of decades, we've substituted the joy of real friendship with cheap imitations. We settle for "community" on Facebook and Twitter and a series of text messages that allow us to communicate with someone without the commitment. We like each other's beautifully filtered photos on Instagram and delude ourselves into believing we have a community. But real friendship requires effort. It's showing up, laughing loud, and crying hard. It's forgiving and loving and giving the benefit of the doubt. It's making a casserole, doing a carpool pickup, and making sure she knows those cute shoes are 50 percent off. Written in the same comedic style as the New York Times bestsellers *Sparkly Green Earrings* and *The Antelope in the Living Room*, *Nobody's Cuter than You* is a laugh-out-loud look at the special bond that exists between friends and a poignant celebration of all the extraordinary people God had the good sense to bring into our lives at exactly the right moments. From the friendships we develop over a lifetime to the ones that wounded us and the ones that taught us to love better, Melanie Shankle reveals the influence our friends have on who we were, who we are, and who we will become. And on a day when our jeans feel too tight, our chins have decided to embrace hormone-related acne reminiscent of our teen years, and our kids have tested the limits of our sanity, they are the ones who will look at us and say, "Nobody's cuter than you!"

It's All about the Small Things Melanie Shankle 2019-10 In *It's All About the Small Things*--formerly titled *Church of the Small Things*--Melanie Shankle helps you embrace what it means to live a simple, yet incredibly meaningful life and how to find all the beauty and laughter that lies right beneath the surface of every ordinary, incredible day. Also features bullet journaling pages and exclusive lists of the small things that bring Melanie joy, including her favorite TV shows and movies to fashion must-haves and more! Is my ordinary, everyday life actually significant? Is it okay to be fulfilled by the simple acts of raising kids, working in an office, and cooking chicken for dinner? It's been said, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the number of moments that take our breath away." The pressure of that can be staggering as we spend our days looking for that big thing that promises to take our breath away. Meanwhile, we lose sight of the small significance of fully living with every breath we take. Melanie Shankle, New York Times bestselling author and writer at The Big Mama Blog tackles these questions head on. Easygoing and relatable, she speaks directly to the heart of women of all ages who are longing to find significance and meaning in the normal, sometimes mundane world of driving carpool to soccer practice, attending class on their college campus, cooking meals for their family, or taking care of a sick loved one. The million little pieces that make a life aren't necessarily glamorous or far-reaching. But God uses some of the smallest, most ordinary acts of faithfulness--and sometimes they look a whole lot like packing lunch.

Miss Memory Lane Colton Haynes 2022-05-31 A brutally honest and moving memoir of lust, abuse, addiction, stardom, and redemption from Arrow and Teen Wolf actor Colton Haynes. Four years ago, Colton Haynes woke up in a hospital. He'd had two seizures, lost the sight in one eye, almost ruptured a kidney, and been put on an involuntary psychiatry hold. Not yet thirty, he knew he had to take stock of his life and make some serious changes if he wanted to see his next birthday. As he worked towards sobriety, Haynes allowed himself to become vulnerable for the first time in years and with that, discovered profound self-awareness. He had millions of social media followers who constantly told him they loved him. But what would they think if they knew his true story? If they knew where he came from and the things he had done? Now, Colton bravely pulls back the curtain on his life and career, revealing the incredible highs and devastating lows. From his unorthodox childhood in a small Kansas town, to coming to terms with his sexuality, he keeps nothing back. By sixteen, he had been signed by the world's top modeling agency and his face appeared on billboards. But he was still a broke, lonely, confused teenager, surrounded by people telling him he could be a star as long as he never let anyone see his true self. As his career in television took off, the stress of wearing so many masks and trying to please so many different people turned his use of drugs and alcohol into full-blown addiction. A lyrical and intimate confession, apology, and cautionary tale, *Miss Memory Lane* is an unforgettable story of dreams deferred and dreams fulfilled; of a family torn apart and rebuilt; and of a man stepping into the light as no one but himself.

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[There Are No Accidents in Love and Relationships](#) Robert H. Hopcke 2018-02-12

[Heaven Hears](#) Lindy Boone Michaelis 2013-04-19 On June 19, 2001, Ryan Corbin, grandson of Pat Boone, accidentally stepped through a skylight

and fell three stories onto a cement floor. When he broke through that roof, Ryan fell into a very different life from the one he had before as the beloved son of Lindy Boone Michaelis and first grandson of entertainment icon Pat Boone. As Ryan lingered between life and death in intensive care at UCLA Medical Center, Pat and Lindy decided to take action, in a big way; they went on Larry King Live, shared their faith, and asked millions of TV viewers to pray for Ryan. And so, they prayed. Heaven Hears is an unbelievable story of answered prayer—and it's not over yet. This book will inspire you to look for answers to prayer and to see God's miracles.

[Sophie's World](#) Jostein Gaarder 2010-07-15 The international bestseller about life, the universe and everything. When 14-year-old Sophie encounters a mysterious mentor who introduces her to philosophy, mysteries deepen in her own life. Why does she keep getting postcards addressed to another girl? Who is the other girl? And who, for that matter, is Sophie herself? To solve the riddle, she uses her new knowledge of philosophy, but the truth is far stranger than she could have imagined. A phenomenal worldwide bestseller, SOPHIE'S WORLD sets out to draw teenagers into the world of Socrates, Descartes, Spinoza, Hegel and all the great philosophers. A brilliantly original and fascinating story with many twists and turns, it raises profound questions about the meaning of life and the origin of the universe.