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Beneath Pearly Irish Skies Ava Miles
International Bestselling Author Ava Miles

delivers another showstopping feel-good tale about a single mom starting over in Ireland and the unexpected Prince Charming

who helps her find her purpose and more than a glimmer of happiness. Megan Bennet no longer believes in fairytales. Her life certainly isn't one. Widowed at thirtyish with a young son isn't the happily ever after she'd envisioned when she was a kid. She needs a new fairy godmother. Except now that she's living in the quaint Irish town of Caisleán, she can feel magic in the air, and it's not just the local matchmaking ghost. It's in everyone she meets—especially Kade Donovan, the owner and operator of a pony therapy farm. Kade listens to her and encourages her in a way no man ever has before, even going so far as to enlist her help on his farm. He's a true—if unexpected—Prince Charming. But her storybook life went south before—what's to say it won't again? Better to have loved and lost, right? Except is she that brave? Will she be able to set the past aside so she and Kade can move from friends to lovers, with

maybe even a happily ever after thrown in? If you love books by Nora Roberts, Nicholas Sparks, Susan Elizabeth Phillips, Debbie Macomber, Robyn Carr, Elin Hilderbrand, Danielle Steele, Barbara O'Neal, Susan Mallery, Kristan Higgins, Sherryl Woods, Jill Shalvis, Roisin Meaney, Melody Grace, Melissa Foster, Addison Cole, Bella Andre, Lucy Kevin, Brenda Novak, Catherine Bybee, Tricia O'Malley, Kathryn Andrews, RaeAnne Thayne, Sheila O'Flanagan, Cathy Kelly, Ruth Hogan, Jenny Colgan, Shari Low, Sophie Cousens, Portia MacIntosh. Perfect for fans of Sophie Ranald, Mhairi McFarlane and Zara Stoneley, Holly Martin, and Barbara Freethy try Ava's! Millions love them! For readers who enjoyed the Virgin River series, Happily Inc, Sweetbriar Cove, Sweet Magnolias, Whiskey Creek, and The Callaways and The Gannett Island series, Seaside Summers, Faraday Country, The Sullivans, Veils and Vows, The Summer

Sisters, Indigo Bay Sweet Romance series, and more! Keywords: Keywords: sweet romance, clean romance books, friendship, free romance, free ebook, family saga, small town romance series, clean and wholesome, billionaire romance, romance series, romantic women's fiction, best friends, women friends, lighthearted romance, fun romance, southern romance, beach read, friendship, heartwarming romance, laugh romance, feel good romance, inspirational romance, contemporary romance, happily ever after, HEA romance, 7 brides for 7 brothers, Hallmark movies, heartwarming by Harlequin, romantic comedy, romantic comedy series, funny romance, modern romance, lighthearted romance, light romance, romance for adults, contemporary romance, swoonworthy, beach reads, good characters, LOL romance, romantic comedy books free, romance books free, family, love, love books, long series, long romance

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adult romance, free sports romance, free small town romance, standalone romance, free romance series starter, Irish books. [Closing of the American Mind](#) Allan Bloom 2008-06-30 The brilliant, controversial, bestselling critique of American culture that “hits with the approximate force and effect of electroshock therapy” (The New York Times)—now featuring a new afterword by Andrew Ferguson in a twenty-fifth anniversary edition. In 1987, eminent political philosopher Allan Bloom published *The Closing of the American Mind*, an appraisal of contemporary America that “hits with the approximate force and effect of electroshock therapy” (The New York Times) and has not only been vindicated, but has also become more urgent today. In clear, spirited prose, Bloom argues that the social and political crises of contemporary America are part of a larger intellectual crisis: the result of a dangerous narrowing of

curiosity and exploration by the university elites. Now, in this twenty-fifth anniversary edition, acclaimed author and journalist Andrew Ferguson contributes a new essay that describes why Bloom’s argument caused such a furor at publication and why our culture so deeply resists its truths today. *Elly in Bloom* Colleen Oakes 2014-05-19 Surrounded by lush flowers and neurotic brides, Elly Jordan has carved out a sweet life for herself as the owner of Posies, a boutique florist in St. Louis. Not bad for a woman who drove away from her life two years earlier when she found her husband entwined with a redheaded artist. Sure, Elly has an embarrassingly beautiful best friend, a badly behaved sheepdog, and a sarcastic assistant she simply calls “Snarky Teenager,” but overall her days are pleasantly uneventful. As a bonus, her new next-door neighbor just happens to be an unnervingly handsome musician who has an

eye for curvy Elly. Just when she feels that she is finally moving on from her past, she discovers that an extravagant wedding contract, one that could change her financial future, is more than she bargained for. With the help of her friends, staff, and more than a few tasty sandwiches, Elly bravely agrees to take on the event that threatens to merge her painful history with her bright new life, and finds herself blooming in a direction she never imagined.

An Uncomplicated Life Paul Daugherty
2015-03-17 A father's exhilarating and funny love letter to his daughter with Down syndrome whose vibrant and infectious approach to life has something to teach all of us about how we can better live our own. Jillian Daugherty was born with Down syndrome. The day they brought her home from the hospital, her parents, Paul and Kerry, were flooded with worry and uncertainty, but also overwhelming love,

which they channeled to “the job of building the better Jillian.” While their daughter had special needs, they refused to allow her to grow up needy—“Expect, Don’t Accept” became their mantra. Little did they know how ready Jillian was to meet their challenge. Paul tells stories from Jillian’s mischievous childhood and moves to her early adulthood, tracing her journey to find happiness and purpose in her adult life, sharing endearing anecdotes as well as stories about her inspiring triumphs. Having graduated from high school and college, Jillian now works to support herself, and has met the love of her life and her husband-to-be, Ryan. In An Uncomplicated Life, the parent learns as much about life from the child as the child does from the parent. Through her unmitigated love for others, her sparkling charisma, and her boundless capacity for joy, Jillian has inspired those around her to live better and more fully. The

day Jillian was born, Paul says, was the last bad day. As he lovingly writes, "Jillian is a soul map of our best intentions"—a model of grace, boundless joy, and love for all of us.

Lucky Us Amy Bloom 2014 Forging a life together after being abandoned by their parents, half sisters Eva and Iris share decades in and out of the spotlight in golden-era Hollywood and mid-20th-century Long Island. By the author of the National Book Award finalist, *Come to Me*. 125,000 first printing.

In Bloom F. Michaels 2022-04-26 Just in time for Mother's Day, this heartwarming collection of springtime stories from mega-bestselling authors Fern Michaels, Lori Foster, and Carolyn Brown is a celebration of mothers, daughters, and coming home... Just as flowers blossom in springtime, so do second chances and new beginnings in these heartwarming stories of family, homecoming, and love... **AMAZING GRACIE** *

Fern Michaels After years spent traveling the world as a flight attendant, Gracie Walden is ready to stay a little closer to her roots, starting with two weeks at home in Amarillo, Texas. But there's unexpected turbulence between her mother, Ella, and her older sister, Hope—and it will lead to a revelation that changes Gracie's life in amazing ways . . . **MEANT TO BE** * Lori Foster When Cory Creed was just a little girl, she knew she'd grow up to marry Austin Winston—and she made the mistake of telling him so. Tired of watching him avoid her ever since, Cory has decided it's time to leave Visitation, North Carolina, and Austin, behind. But Austin has finally realized what Cory was once so sure of, and now it's his turn to prove they belong together...with a little help from their mothers. **THE MOTHER'S DAY CROWN** * Carolyn Brown Monica Allen still hasn't forgiven Tyler Magee for breaking her heart when they

were teenagers. Ten years on, they're back in Luella, Texas, visiting their respective grandmothers. and there's just a white picket fence and a whole lot of awkwardness between them. Will two weeks be long enough for Monica to learn to stop holding a grudge-and hold on to love?

The Exceptional Child: Inclusion in Early Childhood Education

Eileen K. Allen
2014-01-01 Filled with classic and current research about all aspects of educating young children with special needs, THE EXCEPTIONAL CHILD: INCLUSION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, 8th Edition, discusses key approaches and tools needed to provide an optimal setting for young exceptional children with special needs and their families. Many checklists and forms are included for use within the classroom to aid teachers and caregivers in developing a developmentally appropriate environment. The book's friendly and easy-to-use format

is useful whether you are an educator or parent/caregiver. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Bloom in Reverse Teresa Leo 2014-01-27
Bloom in Reverse chronicles the aftermath of a friend's suicide and the end of a turbulent relationship, working through devastation and loss while on a search for solace that spans from local bars to online dating and beyond to ultimately find true connection and sustaining love. Things move backwards, from death to life, like a reverse time-lapse video of a dead flower morphing from brittle, scorched entity to floral glory to nascent bud. The poems seek to find those places where the natural world connects to and informs experiences at the core of human relationships, and at times call upon principles and theories from physics and mathematics to describe the

complexities of love and loss. It's a book where grief, melancholy, heartbreak, and disillusionment intersect with urban romanticism, hope, possibility, and love. Bloom is all of it, the terrible and the beautiful.

What Color is Monday? Carrie Cariello 2015-01-21 "One day Jack asked me, 'What color do you see for Monday?' 'What?' I said distractedly. 'Do you see days as colors?' Raising five children would be challenge enough for most parents, but when one of them has been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, life becomes a bit more chaotic, a lot more emotional, and full of fascinating glimpses into a unique child's different way of thinking. In this moving memoir, Carrie Cariello invites us to take a peek into exactly what it takes to get through each day juggling the needs of her whole family. Through hilarious mishaps, honest insights, and heartfelt letters

addressed to her children, she shows us the beauty and wonder of raising a child who views the world through a different lens, and how ultimately autism changed her family for the better.

Forever Boy Kate Swenson 2022-04-05 With her popular blog, Finding Cooper's Voice, Kate Swenson has provided hope and comfort for hundreds of thousands of parents of children with Autism. Now, Kate shares her inspiring story in this powerful memoir about motherhood and unconditional love. When Kate Swenson's son Cooper was diagnosed with severe, nonverbal autism, her world stopped. She had always dreamed of having the perfect family life. She hadn't signed up for life as a mother raising a child with a disability. At first, Kate experienced the grief of broken dreams. Then she felt the frustration and exhaustion of having to fight for your child in a world that is stacked against them. But

through hard work, resilience and personal growth, she would come to learn that Cooper wasn't the one who needed to change. She was. And it was this transformation that led Kate to acceptance—and ultimately joy. In *Forever Boy*, Kate shares her inspiring journey with honesty and compassion, offering solace and hope to others on this path and illuminating the strength and perseverance of mothers.

Gifts 2 Kathryn Lynard Soper 2009 Includes more than seventy inspirational essays from family, friends, teachers, coaches, and medical professionals who recount the gifts-acceptance, courage, friendship, awareness and the joy they receive from knowing and caring about someone with Down Syndrome.

Ash Malinda Lo 2009-09-01 The haunting, romantic lesbian retelling of Cinderella and modern queer classic by award-winning

author Malinda Lo -- now with an introduction by Holly Black, a letter from the author, a Q&A, and more! In the wake of her father's death, Ash is left at the mercy of her cruel stepmother. Consumed with grief, her only joy comes by the light of the dying hearth fire, rereading the fairy tales her mother once told her. In her dreams, someday the fairies will steal her away. When she meets the dark and dangerous fairy Sidhean, she believes that her wish may be granted. The day that Ash meets Kaisa, the King's Huntress, her heart begins to change. Instead of chasing fairies, Ash learns to hunt with Kaisa. Their friendship, as delicate as a new bloom, reawakens Ash's capacity for love--and her desire to live. But Sidhean has already claimed Ash for his own, and she must make a choice between fairy tale dreams and true love. Entrancing and empowering, *Ash* beautifully unfolds the connections between life and

love, and solitude and death, where transformation can come from even the deepest grief.

A Spectrum of Solutions for Clients with Autism Rachel Bedard 2020-07-17

This book is a comprehensive resource to guide work with individuals on the autism spectrum. It reflects the true range of needs presented by individuals with autism, pulling together the most salient aspects of treatment with invaluable information from several disciplines synthesized to guide your work. Divided into topical sections with chapters from three field experts in each, this book features contributions from therapists, educators, and medical doctors, as well as financial planners, health advocates, and innovators. The diverse disciplines and backgrounds of each author lend a different voice and perspective to each chapter, reflecting the continuum of care necessary when working with clientele

on the autism spectrum, and that, for clients on the spectrum, one solution does not fit all. For use by psychotherapists, counselors, applied behavioral analysts, occupational therapists, social workers, teachers, and more, this text presents readers with expertise from various contributing disciplines to give them a treatment resource that can inform and guide their daily work with clients on the autism spectrum.

Bloom Kelle Hampton 2012-04-03 “In her tender and genuinely beautiful memoir, Kelle Hampton encourages us to not simply accept the unexpected circumstances of our lives, but to embrace them like the things we wished for all along.” —Matthew Logelin, New York Times bestselling author of *Two Kisses for Maddy* Bloom is an inspiring and heartfelt memoir that celebrates the beauty found in the unexpected, the strength of a mother’s love, and, ultimately, the amazing

power of perspective. From the outside looking in, Kelle Hampton had the perfect life: a beautiful two-year-old daughter, a loving husband, a thriving photography career, and great friends. When she learned she was pregnant with her second child, she and her husband, Brett, were ecstatic. Her pregnancy went smoothly and the ultrasounds showed a beautiful, healthy, high-kicking baby girl. But when her new daughter was placed in her arms in the delivery room, Kelle knew instantly that something was wrong. Nella looked different than her two-year-old sister, Lainey, had at birth. As she watched friends and family celebrate with champagne toasts and endless photographs, a terrified Kelle was certain that Nella had Down syndrome—a fear her pediatrician soon confirmed. Yet gradually Kelle's fear and pain were vanquished by joy, as she embraced the realization that she had been chosen to

experience an extraordinary and special gift. With lyrical prose and gorgeous full-color photography, Bloom takes readers on a wondrous journey through Nella's first year of life—a gripping, hilarious, and intensely poignant trip of transformation in which a mother learns that perfection comes in all different shapes. It is a story about embracing life and really living it, of being fearless and accepting difference, of going beyond constricting definitions of beauty, and of the awesome power of perspective. As Kelle writes, "There is us. Our Family. We will embrace this beauty and make something of it. We will hold our precious gift and know that we are lucky."
Love Warrior Glennon Doyle 2016-09-06 #1 New York Times Bestseller Oprah's Bookclub 2016 Selection "Riveting...a worthy investment...this book has real wisdom."
—New York Times Book Review "A book with so much painful truth packed into its pages

that every person who's ever married or plans to marry should really give it a read."
—Chicago Tribune "Provocative....I adore her honesty, her vulnerability, and her no-nonsense wisdom, and I know you will, too."
—Oprah Winfrey "This memoir isn't really about Glennon rebuilding her relationship with her husband; it is about Glennon rebuilding her relationship with herself. Utterly refreshing and...badass."
—Bustle.com The highly anticipated new memoir by bestselling author Glennon Doyle tells the story of her journey of self-discovery after the implosion of her marriage. Just when Glennon Doyle Melton was beginning to feel she had it all figured out—three happy children, a doting spouse, and a writing career so successful that her first book catapulted to the top of the New York Times bestseller list—her husband revealed his infidelity and she was forced to realize that nothing was as it seemed. A

recovering alcoholic and bulimic, Glennon found that rock bottom was a familiar place. In the midst of crisis, she knew to hold on to what she discovered in recovery: that her deepest pain has always held within it an invitation to a richer life. *Love Warrior* is the story of one marriage, but it is also the story of the healing that is possible for any of us when we refuse to settle for good enough and begin to face pain and love head-on. This astonishing memoir reveals how our ideals of masculinity and femininity can make it impossible for a man and a woman to truly know one another—and it captures the beauty that unfolds when one couple commits to unlearning everything they've been taught so that they can finally, after thirteen years of marriage, commit to living true—true to themselves and to each other. *Love Warrior* is a gorgeous and inspiring account of how we are born to be warriors: strong, powerful, and brave; able to confront

the pain and claim the love that exists for us all. This chronicle of a beautiful, brutal journey speaks to anyone who yearns for deeper, truer relationships and a more abundant, authentic life.

In Love Amy Bloom 2022-03-08 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A powerful memoir of a love that leads two people to find a courageous way to part—and a woman’s struggle to go forward in the face of loss—that “enriches the reader’s life with urgency and gratitude” (The Washington Post) “A pleasure to read . . . Rarely has a memoir about death been so full of life. . . . Bloom has a talent for mixing the prosaic and profound, the slapstick and the serious.”—USA Today ONE OF THE MOST ANTICIPATED BOOKS OF 2022—Oprah Daily, BookPage Amy Bloom began to notice changes in her husband, Brian: He retired early from a new job he loved; he withdrew from close friendships; he talked mostly

about the past. Suddenly, it seemed there was a glass wall between them, and their long walks and talks stopped. Their world was altered forever when an MRI confirmed what they could no longer ignore: Brian had Alzheimer’s disease. Forced to confront the truth of the diagnosis and its impact on the future he had envisioned, Brian was determined to die on his feet, not live on his knees. Supporting each other in their last journey together, Brian and Amy made the unimaginably difficult and painful decision to go to Dignitas, an organization based in Switzerland that empowers a person to end their own life with dignity and peace. In this heartbreaking and surprising memoir, Bloom sheds light on a part of life we so often shy away from discussing—its ending. Written in Bloom’s captivating, insightful voice and with her trademark wit and candor, *In Love* is an unforgettable portrait of a beautiful marriage, and a boundary-defying love.

Bloom Kenneth Oppel 2020-03-10 "The perfect book right now for young readers searching for hope, strength, inspiration — and just a little horticultural havoc."—New York Times The first book in a can't-put-it-down, can't-read-it-fast-enough action-thriller trilogy that's part Hatchet, part Alien! The invasion begins--but not as you'd expect. It begins with rain. Rain that carries seeds. Seeds that sprout--overnight, everywhere. These new plants take over crop fields, twine up houses, and burrow below streets. They bloom--and release toxic pollens. They bloom--and form Venus flytrap-like pods that swallow animals and people. They bloom--everywhere, unstoppable. Or are they? Three kids on a remote island seem immune to the toxic plants. Anaya, Petra, Seth. They each have strange allergies--and yet not to these plants. What's their secret? Can they somehow be the key to beating back this

invasion? They'd better figure it out fast, because it's starting to rain again....

Aching Joy Jason Hague 2018-10-02 When his oldest son was diagnosed with severe autism, pastor Jason Hague found himself trapped, stuck between perpetual sadness and a lower, safer kind of hope. This is the common struggle for those of us walking through the Land of Unanswered Prayer. Life doesn't look the way we expected, so we seek to protect ourselves from further disappointment. But God has a third path for us, beyond sadness or resignation: the way of aching joy. Christ himself is with us here, beckoning us toward the treasures hidden in the darkness. Aching Joy is an honest psalm of hope for those walking between pain and promise: the aching of a broken world and the beauty of a loving God. In this place, rather than trying to dodge the pain, we choose to feel it all—and to see where Jesus is in the midst of struggle. And because we

make that choice, we feel all the good that comes with it, too. This is Jason's story. This is your story. Come, find your joy within the aching.

Refugia Kyce Bello 2019-09-04 Winner of the inaugural Interim 2018 Test Site Poetry Series Prize, *Refugia* is a bright and hopeful voice in the current conversation about climate change. Kyce Bello's stunning debut ponders what it means to inhabit a particular place at a time of enormous disruption, witnessing a beloved landscape as it gives way to, as Bello writes, "something other and unknown, growing beyond us." Ultimately an exploration of resilience, *Refugia* brings to life the author's home ground in Northern New Mexico and carefully observes the seasons in parallel with personal cycles of renewal and loss. These vivid poems touch upon history, inheritance, drought, and most of all, trees—be they Western conifers succumbing

to warming temperatures, ramshackle orchards along the Rio Grande, or family trees reaching simultaneously into the past and future. Like any wilderness, *Refugia* creates a terrain that is grounded in image and yet many-layered and complex. These poems write us back into an ecological language of place crucial to our survival in this time of environmental crisis.

Undone Michele Cushatt 2015-03-10 *Undone* is author Michele Cushatt's quest to make peace with a complicated life. It is an honest confession of a diagnosis of cancer and the joys and disappointments of motherhood and marriage, ripe with regret over what is and, yet, still hopeful for what could be. With enough humor to ease the rawness of the story, *Undone* takes the reader on a roller coaster two-year journey through the unexpectedness of life. A look back makes Michele long for a do-over, the chance to make fewer mistakes and leave

less of a mess to clean up. A look forward makes Michele wonder if all her attempts to control life have robbed her of the vibrancy of it. And, in the middle of this internal chaos, she finds her once-pristine house filled with the sights and sounds of three small, uncontainable children who just want to be loved. In the end, Undone turns complication into a beautiful canvas, angst into joy, and the unknown into an adventure, revealing that sometimes life's most colorful and courageous stories are written right in the middle of the mess.

Immersed Valerie Hall 2016-04-01

Immersed is a hybrid book of vivid photography and candid narrative, describing the challenging, surreal experience of having twin sons with severe autism. Valerie Hall's episodic text chronicles Jack's and James's condition as it transforms family life and poses ominous implications for the future. Her reactions to her own life

in a world where autism makes the rules are candid and unfiltered. She rejects the tropes of most autism literature, spurning both memoir and "how-to" prescriptions. Instead she invites you to encounter Jack and James as she does, as boys that are both beautiful and broken. The day-to-dayness of her account has the disturbing effect of allowing the reader to step into a world where expectations are upended and encounters take on an aura of the surreal. Bruce Hall aims his camera at Jack and James and brings back photographs that are unflinchingly close and personal. Through his very specificity, he opens a wider window into a foreign realm--the deep internal experience of autism. This selection of images is from Hall's extended investigation of autism's roiling surface. But it may well be something scarcer in photography and in art--a study not of surface, but of great depth.

The 6 Needs of Every Child Amy

Elizabeth Olrick 2020-06-09 Like most parents, Amy and Jeffrey Olrick left the hospital with their first child desperate to know, "What do we do?" But years of parenting three kids and Jeffrey's work as a child psychologist convinced them to ask a better question: "How shall I be with this new person?" In a culture obsessed with parenting formulas, it's easy to miss the fact that science and lived experience have proven that human development and thriving are a matter of relationship. Drawing on decades of psychological research, neuroscience, and their own experience as parents and people of faith, the Olricks present six relational needs for human growth that will transform the way you think about your child--and yourself. Together, the needs form a trustworthy compass to guide you and your child to a path of purpose and relational wholeness.

For parents who feel pulled in a hundred directions, dizzied by the volume of clashing strategies, and jaded by the parenting programs that complicated their own childhoods, *The 6 Needs of Every Child* is a groundbreaking roadmap integrating the science of connection with practical tools. You'll be equipped with: An in-depth look at the six essentials your child needs to thrive Tools to use when you feel stuck The secret to secure connection with your child Self-assessment tools to discern your unique parenting style More than a parenting guide, this book is your invitation to break free from the myth of perfect parenting and embrace your child's long journey of growth. With insight, humor, and compassion, it calls parents to discover the power of being imperfectly present with their children, developing mental, emotional, and spiritual resilience that will sustain them for a lifetime.

Not What I Expected Rita Eichenstein PhD
2015-04-07 Finalist for a Books for a Better Life Award A pediatric neuropsychologist presents strategies to help parents of special-needs children navigate the emotional challenges they face. As diagnosis rates continue to rise for autism, ADHD, learning disabilities, and other developmental differences, parents face a maze of medical, psychological, and educational choices – and a great deal of emotional stress. Many books address children’s learning or behavior problems and advise parents what they can do to help their kids, but until *Not What I Expected: Help and Hope for Parents of Atypical Children* there were no books that explain what the parents are going through - and how they can cope with their own emotional upheaval – for their own sake, and for the wellbeing of the whole family. With compassion, clarity, and an emphasis on

practical solutions, Dr. Rita Eichenstein's *Not What I Expected: Help and Hope for Parents of Atypical Children* walks readers through the five stages of acceptance (similar to the stages of grief, but modified for parents of special-needs kids). Using vivid anecdotes and suggestions, she helps readers understand their own emotional experience, nurture themselves in addition to their kids, identify and address relationship wounds including tension in a marriage and struggles with children (special-needs and neurotypical), and embrace their child with acceptance, compassion and joy.

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Briana S. Nelson Goff

2017-10-19 *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* provides a unique contribution not currently available in the professional literature by addressing the experiences and perspectives of families living with or raising a child with a disability. Designed for

family therapists, social workers, and other helping professionals, it provides empirically-based, practical information for working with families experiencing intellectual and developmental disabilities of a loved one. This book also provides important information for navigating the various professional systems of care with which these families interface: health care providers, early childhood intervention teams, educational systems, the legal system, and financial planners.

In Bloom Kayla Aimee 2018-02-06 Poignant, laugh-out-loud-funny, a must-read book for any woman who has ever felt like she just doesn't measure up.—Crystal Paine, New YorkTimes best-selling author Every woman is intimately acquainted with feelings of insecurity and inadequacy. Whether fueled by a culture of makeover shows, by the lingering memories of mean girls, or by events much more wounding to the soul, we

can become so conditioned by self-doubt that it becomes our inner monologue. What we want is to be free of shame and comparison, to turn our uncertainty into a bold confidence. But to flourish in our own skin, we first have to rewrite the narrative. In this fearless, funny, and refreshingly relatable chronicle of her own metamorphosis from the insecurity that once held her captive, author Kayla Aimee unfolds the blueprint for women to:

- Identify the deep-seated sources of our assumed inadequacy and replace them with steadfast truths of scriptural affirmation
- Replace our need for approval with the enduring promise of acceptance
- Uncover our purpose, unlock our potential, and celebrate the God-given gifts in our unique personality

To every woman who longs for belonging, this journey through Kayla's inviting prose, biblical promises, and journaling prompts will help guide her from

restless insecurity to a beautiful becoming.

The Making of Jonty Bloom Barbara Elsborg
2020-06-24 Finding his fiancé in bed with his brother was bad enough, finding out they're getting married is the final blow. Devan Smith needs to cool his anger. He needs to forget the lies and betrayals and work on resetting his life. When his boss orders him to scope out a remote hotel for a possible buyout, Devan's only interested in getting the job done and getting out. What he's not interested in is the guy with the piercings, bleached hair, and the smart, kissable mouth behind the reception desk. Working the hotel reception is the only thing that's stable in Jonty Bloom's unstable life. His best friend has had a terrible accident, his ex refuses to move on, and his eight-year-old self is still waiting for his mother to collect him from school. Jonty needs his job. What he doesn't need is the rude, arrogant, and hot as they come guy who's rocked up

demanding he be let into his room right now. Thrown together by a freak accident, Devan and Jonty's lives entwine, and neither wants to loosen the knot. Can the irrepressible Jonty be the reset Devan needs? Can Devan be the making of Jonty Bloom, or will secrets drive them apart? This is book one in the Unfinished Business series. All books are standalone with linked characters.

Where the Irises Bloom Will Lowrey
2019-12-10 In the big city, everyone has a story - even the lost souls. Life on the streets can be tough for a kitten. Between the neighborhood hooligans, trains and traffic whizzing past, unforgiving weather, and the grumpy raccoons competing over scraps of food in the garbage cans, every day is a struggle to survive. Although lost and afraid among the tall, glimmering buildings and their shadowy alleyways below, Fern soon discovers she's not alone.

She's seen him before, huddled from the cold by the old tavern. Mother taught her to be wary of the people, but when she takes a chance on him, she learns he has a story, too. Together, they just might save each other. From the author of the acclaimed novel *Chasing the Blue Sky* comes the compelling, poignant tale of the unusual bond between a stray kitten and a homeless man.

New York in Bloom Georgianna Lane
2019-03-12 Discover the floral heart of New York City in this companion to the popular *Paris in Bloom* by acclaimed photographer Georgianna Lane. *New York in Bloom* leads you on a beautiful floral tour of the metropolis—past stylish floral studios and corner shops overflowing with fresh-cut blooms, through bustling flower markets, to blooming trees and lush public parks. With sumptuous photography, the unexpected, softer side of New York is revealed by

juxtaposing floral beauty with exquisite botanical details found in the city's iconic architecture. Also included are field guides to locating and identifying common spring blooms, a list of recommended locations and vendors, and a tutorial on how to create your own New York-style floral bouquet. For anyone who loves New York City, flowers, and photography, *New York in Bloom* is a gorgeous gift and an essential addition to one's library of fine books.

Choosing Down Syndrome Chris Kaposy
2022-08-09 An argument that more people should have children with Down syndrome, written from a pro-choice, disability-positive perspective. The rate at which parents choose to terminate a pregnancy when prenatal tests indicate that the fetus has Down syndrome is between 60 and 90 percent. In *Choosing Down Syndrome*, Chris Kaposy offers a carefully reasoned ethical argument in favor of choosing to have such

a child. Arguing from a pro-choice, disability-positive perspective, Kaposy makes the case that there is a common social bias against cognitive disability that influences decisions about prenatal testing and terminating pregnancies, and that more people should resist this bias by having children with Down syndrome. Drawing on accounts by parents of children with Down syndrome, and arguing for their objectivity, Kaposy finds that these parents see themselves and their families as having benefitted from having a child with Down syndrome. To counter those who might characterize these accounts as based on self-deception or expressing adaptive preference, Kaposy cites supporting evidence, including divorce rates and observational studies showing that families including children with Down syndrome typically function well. Himself the father of a child with Down syndrome, Kaposy argues

that cognitive disability associated with Down syndrome does not lead to diminished well-being. He argues further that parental expectations are influenced by neoliberal ideologies that unduly focus on the supposed diminished economic potential of a person with Down syndrome. Kaposy does not advocate restricting access to abortion or prenatal testing for Down syndrome, and he does not argue that it is ethically mandatory in all cases to give birth to a child with Down syndrome. People should be free to make important decisions based on their values. Kaposy's argument shows that it may be consistent with their values to welcome a child with Down syndrome into the family.

Bloom Kelle Hampton 2013-04-02 There is us. Our Family. We will hold our precious gift and know that we are lucky . . . From the outside looking in, Kelle Hampton had the perfect life: a beautiful two-year-old

daughter, a loving husband, and a thriving photography career. When she learned she was pregnant with their second child, they were ecstatic. But when their new daughter was placed in her arms in the delivery room, Kelle knew instantly that something was wrong. Nella looked different than her sister, Lainey, had at birth. As her friends and family celebrated, a terrified Kelle was certain that Nella had Down syndrome—a fear her pediatrician soon confirmed. Yet gradually Kelle embraced the realization that she had been chosen to experience an extraordinary and special gift. With lyrical prose and gorgeous photography, Bloom takes readers on a wondrous journey through Nella's first year of life—a gripping, hilarious, and intensely poignant trip of transformation in which a mother learns that perfection comes in all different shapes. *The Unbreakables* Lisa Barr 2019-06-04 A delicious, sharp novel about a woman who

jets off to France after her perfect marriage collapses, putting the broken pieces of herself back together while rediscovering her own joie de vivre—a lust for life, art, and steamy sex. “Artful, feminist, and emotionally gripping. *The Unbreakables* is a remarkable tribute to a woman’s strength in the face of heartbreak and adversity.” — Helen Hoang, author of *The Kiss Quotient* The worst birthday ever might just be the gift of a lifetime... It’s Sophie Bloom’s forty-second birthday, and she’s ready for a night of celebration with Gabe, her longtime, devoted husband, and her two besties and their spouses. Dinner is served with a side of delicious gossip, including which North Grove residents were caught with their pants down on Ashley Madison after the secret on-line dating site for married and committed couples was hacked. Thirty-two million cheaters worldwide have been exposed...including Sophie’s “perfect”

husband. To add insult to injury, she learns Gabe is the top cheater in their town. Humiliated and directionless, Sophie jumps into the unknown and flees to France to meet up with her teenage daughter who is studying abroad and nursing her own heartbreak. After a brief visit to Paris, Sophie heads out to the artist enclave of Saint-Paul-de-Vence. There, for the first time in a long time, Sophie acknowledges her own desires—not her husband’s, not her daughter’s—and rediscovers her essence with painful honesty and humor, reawakening both her sensuality and ambitions as a sculptor. As she sheds her past and travels the obstacle-filled off beaten path, Sophie Bloom is determined to blossom. Allowing her true self to emerge in the postcard beauty of Provence, Sophie must decide what is broken forever...and what it means to be truly unbreakable.

Paris in Bloom Georgianna Lane

2017-03-14 Paris—City of Love, City of Light, City of Flowers. From elegant floral boutiques to lively flower markets to glorious blooming trees and expansive public gardens, flowers are the essential ingredient to the lush sensory bouquet that is Parisian life. With beautiful photography, Paris in Bloom transports readers on a stunning floral tour of the city, and provides recommendations to the best flower markets and a detailed guide to spring blooms. Timeless in content, Paris in Bloom is a book for Paris lovers to savor again and again, one to keep on the nightstand to conjure fond memories of their first visit and inspire dreams of the next.

Anchored Kayla Aimee 2015-07-01 You count a pregnancy by weeks and Kayla Aimee had only ticked off 24 of the 40 when she unexpectedly went into labor. She thought her church upbringing had prepared her for every circumstance but when

tragedy struck and threatened to take the life of her newborn daughter, it felt as though once solid ground had turned to glass beneath her feet, destined to shatter everything she held sacred. When swept into a story of suffering, we all find ourselves vulnerable, questioning everything we thought we knew as we wonder, "Where is God in this?" With everything feeling as fragile as her one and a half pound daughter, Kayla finds herself asking that same question as she faces her greatest fear: that she may have finally become a mother just to lose her only child. Both poignant and humorous, *Anchored* recounts Kayla's gripping story of learning to navigate her newfound motherhood in the most unexpected of ways, from holidays in the hospital and middle-of-the-night phone calls to the joy of coming home. With vulnerability and plenty of wit, Kayla lays bare her struggle to redefine her faith, her

marriage, and herself within the context of a tragedy she never saw coming. For anyone who has felt their faith in God falter, *Anchored* extends a gentle invitation to join her as she uncovers a hope that holds.

Love in Bloom Sheila Roberts 2009-03-31
Hope Walker survived early breast cancer at just thirty-years-old, but a mastectomy left her with a lot of scarring—and some serious fears about dating. Hope owns Changing Seasons, Heart Lake's most popular flower shop. When it comes to love and relationships, she's able to work magic through her expert flower arranging...for everyone but herself. Then one day a handsome contractor starts coming into her shop, but Hope knows he'd rather have a whole woman than someone like her. When Hope stakes a plot of ground at Heart Lake's community garden, she finds that a woman can grow all sorts of things there: flowers, herbs, vegetables and even friendship. As

she gets to know the two women who share neighboring plots, they discover that they can learn a lot from each other—not just about gardening, but about life. And Hope realizes that in order to live life to the fullest, sometimes you have to take a chance on love.

Dancing with Max Emily Colson 2010 The author describes the challenges she has faced raising her autistic son Max, the lessons he taught her about life and faith, the role of the local church in his development, and how he inspired others around him.

When Charley Met Emma Amy Webb 2019-03-12 Winner of a 2019 Foreword INDIES Award Bronze Medal When Charley goes to the playground and sees Emma, a girl with limb differences who gets around in a wheelchair, he doesn't know how to react at first. But after he and Emma start talking, he learns that different isn't bad, sad, or

strange--different is just different, and different is great! This delightful book will help kids think about disability, kindness, and how to behave when they meet someone who is different from them.

The Parent's Guide to Down Syndrome Jen Jacob 2015-12-04 Help your child succeed and thrive! As a parent of a child diagnosed with Down syndrome, you may be feeling unsure of what to do next or where your child's journey will take you. In this book, authors Jen Jacob and Mardra Sikora share their experiences and guide you through life with Ds with expert advice from diagnosis to adulthood. Each page teaches you ways to support your child through major milestones; nurture their development; and ensure that they succeed behaviorally, socially, and cognitively. You'll also find valuable information on: Sharing the news with loved ones Transitioning into primary school Developing your child's social skills

Discussing future opportunities, including employment and housing options With *The Parent's Guide to Down Syndrome*, you will have the tools you need to raise a happy, healthy, and thriving child.

The Simple Beauty of the Unexpected

Marcelo Gleiser 2016-06-07 Marcelo Gleiser has had a passion for science and fishing since he was a boy growing up on the beaches of Rio de Janeiro. Now a world-famous theoretical physicist with hundreds of scientific articles and several books of popular science to his credit, he felt it was time to connect with nature in less theoretical ways. After seeing a fly-fishing class on the Dartmouth College green, he decided to learn to fly-fish, a hobby, he says, that teaches humility. In *The Simple Beauty of the Unexpected*, Gleiser travels the world to scientific conferences, fishing wherever he goes. At each stop, he ponders how in the myriad ways physics informs the

act of fishing; how, in its turn, fishing serves as a lens into nature's inner workings; and how science engages with questions of meaning and spirituality, inspiring a sense of mystery and awe of the not yet known. Personal and engaging, *The Simple Beauty of the Unexpected* is a scientist's tribute to nature, an affirmation of humanity's deep connection with and debt to Earth, and an exploration of the meaning of existence, from atom to trout to cosmos.

Tahira in Bloom Farah Heron 2021-11 Life is full of surprises in a winning novel about a girl dreaming big during one unexpected small-town summer. When seventeen-year-old aspiring designer Tahira Janmohammad's coveted fashion internship falls through, her parents have a Plan B. Tahira will work in her aunt's boutique in the small town of Bakewell, the flower capital of Ontario. It's only for the summer, and she'll get the experience she needs for her college

application. Plus her best friend is coming along. It won't be that bad. But she just can't deal with Rowan Johnston, the rude, totally obsessive garden-nerd next door with frayed cutoffs and terrible shoes. Not to mention his sharp jawline, smoldering eyes, and soft lips. So irritating. Rowan is also just the plant-boy Tahira needs to help win the Bakewell flower-arranging contest--an event that carries clout in New York City, of all places. And with designers, of all people. Connections that she needs! No one is more surprised than Tahira to learn that floral design is almost as great as fashion design. And Rowan? Turns out he's more than ironic shirts and soil under the fingernails. Tahira's about to find out what she's really made of--and made for. Because here in the middle of nowhere, Tahira is just beginning to bloom.

Full Bloom Judith Arnold 2021-07-07

Bloom's. It's not just a delicatessen--it's a destination. An institution. A world-

renowned food emporium that draws millions of customers craving home-style stuffed cabbage, gourmet olive oil, and the best bagels on the planet to its block-long building on Manhattan's Upper West Side. It's also a family. Julia Bloom, the third-generation president of Bloom's, struggles to keep not just the business but all the Blooms productive and flourishing. She needs to balance the store's Old-World roots with its twenty-first-century needs, and she needs to balance the demands and whims of cranky Grandma Ida, resentful widowed mother Sondra, ambitious but lazy Uncle Jay, rebellious sister Susie, and slacker-genius brother Adam. It's a teetering tower. One misstep or misunderstanding might bring everything crashing down. And what business, what family, doesn't have its share of missteps and misunderstandings? Julia is still learning how to run Bloom's herself, relying on her tumultuous family to

help her when they all have their own agendas and desires. If she fails, it could mean the end of Bloom's--and the

Blooms. An irrepressible combination of wit and wisdom, Full Bloom is the compelling story of a family you'll take to your heart and might very well recognize.