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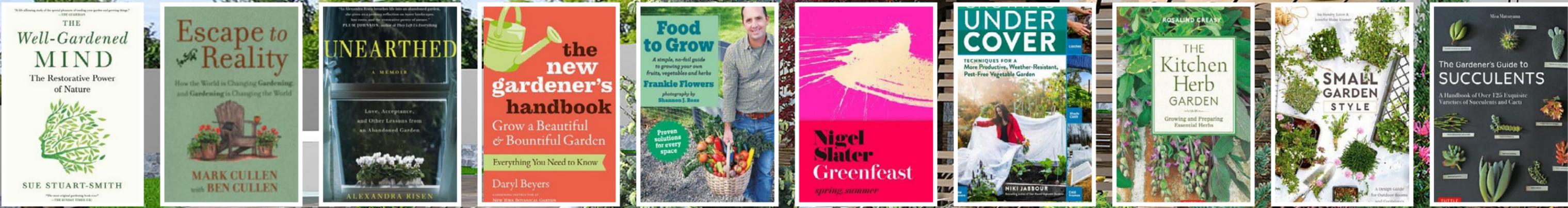
READS, MOVIES
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Books to inspire your garden...
PLUS OUR LISTS OF...YA reads for Pride
Month, Kids papercraft books for
Rainy Days and MUCH MUCH MORE!



10 Books to Inspire Your Little Slice of Paradise: The Garden

[The Well-Gardened Mind](#)

by Sue Stuart-Smith

This book won't teach you how to keep a garden, but you'll undoubtedly want to start one after reading it. Stuart-Smith is a psychoanalytic psychotherapist, and she digs deep into the rich soils of what gardening can do for the mind.

[Escape to Reality](#)

by Mark Cullen

A collection of narrative essays about gardening and the natural landscape by York Region native and Order of Canada recipient Mark Cullen. This book won't teach you how to garden; instead, it focuses on why we garden.

[Unearthed](#)

by Alexandra Risen

A first-hand account of the healing power of gardening. The author comes to terms with her complex relationship with her parents as she restores the acre of land on her newly purchased home.

[The New Gardener's Handbook](#)

by Daryl Beyers

Part biology lesson, part philosophical musing on gardens and their space in the world, this instructive book by New York Botanical Garden expert Daryl Beyers will help turn even the blackest thumb green.

[Food to Grow](#)

by Frankie Flowers

Learn how to make an edible garden thrive in our Canadian climate—an excellent book for beginner gardeners that simplifies what can be a daunting process.

[Greenfeast](#)

by Nigel Slater

If you want to garden for practical reasons like eating the harvest, it helps to have some recipes in mind when selecting your plants. This book contains over 110 recipes that use spring and summer plants, with a 2nd volume covering fall and winter.

[Growing Under Cover](#)

by Niki Jabbour

Are mice munching your melons? Do you find lagomorphs love your lettuce? Perhaps your veggie garden could use some protection from these common garden invaders. Learn how to enclose various plants properly and how the process helps them grow.

[The Kitchen Herb Garden](#)

by Rosalind Creasy

Want to spice up your meals without reaching for a store-bought jar? Start growing herbs. Part herb encyclopedia, part recipe book, and part gardening tutorial; this all-in-one book will have you making blends from home-grown plants.

[Small Garden Style](#)

by Isa Hendry Eaton

Maybe you don't have a lot of space to garden or want a small, low-maintenance green space somewhere in your home. Whatever your reasons for having a small garden, this book will give ideas for getting it started and ensuring it looks fantastic.

[The Gardener's Guide to Succulents](#)

by Misa Matsuyama

Want some drought-resistant plants to keep your garden beautiful even amid a heat wave? Try succulents! This book will give you some ideas on what to plant, where to plant them, and how to keep them thriving.



10 Brilliant Books about Italian Culture

[See You in the Piazza](#)

by Frances Mayes

In this charming travel narrative, the author and her husband take readers on a trip across different regions of Italy to explore the cultural and culinary gems known only to the locals.

[Italian Ways](#)

by Tim Parks

Are you ready to embark on a train travel adventure? In this insightful travelogue, the author observes and captures the unique character of Italian ways as he travels from Milan to Palermo.

[Italian Conversation](#)

by Marcel Danesi

Would you like to talk like a native Italian speaker? Practical and approachable, this book provides real-life dialogues to help you build your conversational skills and expand your fluency.

[The Italian Vegetable Garden](#)

by Rosalind Creasy

If you are a gardening enthusiast, then this book is for you. Find out the secrets of growing traditional Italian-style vegetables and bring the taste of Italy to your table.

[Ingredienti](#)

by Marcella Hazan and Victor Hazan

In order to cook the most delicious meals, we should know how to shop for the best produce. Precise and informative, this manual offers useful tips on how to select and treat ingredients to bring out their natural flavors.

[Fabio's Italian Kitchen](#)

by Fabio Viviani

Born and raised in Florence, Fabio Viviani highlights the best of Italian home cooking while sharing the story of his culinary journey. Explore the wonders of Italian cuisine with over 150 authentic and easy-to-follow recipes.

[Pasta Grannies](#)

by Vicky Bennison

What a precious gift from amazing Italian grandmothers! This extraordinary collection of over 70 time-honored pasta recipes from all over Italy will help you master the art of cooking.

[The Amorino Guide to Gelato](#)

by Stéphan Lagorce

In Italian, the word "gelato" translates to "frozen." Learn how to choose the best ingredients and create different flavors to surprise your family and friends.

[Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow](#)

by Sophia Loren

The road to success is full of struggles and challenges. In this honest and inspiring autobiography, Italian movie legend Sophia Loren shares her vivid memories of childhood, incredible career, and love.

[The Bookseller of Florence](#)

by Ross King

Known as the king of the world's booksellers, Vespasiano da Bisticci played a crucial role in diffusing ancient knowledge. A dazzling story about manuscripts that enlightened the Renaissance in Florence.



10 Entertaining YA Reads for Pride Month

[Cinderella Is Dead](#)

by Kalynn Bayron

In this fast-paced, feminist retelling of Cinderella, Sophie must overthrow the patriarchal system that forces girls into marriage so that she can be with her true love.

[Flamer](#)

by Mike Curato

In this graphic novel, Aiden wants to enjoy summer camp, but he can't escape from the bullies who taunt him or his growing feelings for his tentmate, Elias. An emotional coming-of-age story.

[The Extraordinaries](#)

by TJ Klune

When fan fiction writer Nick Bell meets his crush, superhero Shadow Star, he learns the line between good and evil is often blurry. A hilarious and lighthearted romance perfect for fans of superheroes.

[Rough Patch](#)

by Nicole Marcotić

Quirky and shy, aspiring figure skater Keira, who is bisexual, worries about fitting in. But when she develops feelings for Jane, she can no longer hide who she is.

[The Henna Wars](#)

by Adiba Jaigirdar

In this engaging and satisfying novel, Nishat struggles with parents who refuse to accept her sexuality and a crush who is appropriating Nishat's culture for a school competition.

[The Black Flamingo](#)

by Dean Atta

Michael, who is biracial and gay, has always known he is different. When he discovers the Drag Society at university, he learns to celebrate his uniqueness. An uplifting novel in verse.

[Stage Dreams](#)

by Melanie Gillman

When Grace, a young transgender woman trying to escape the Civil War, is kidnapped by Flor, a legendary bandit, the two join forces to plot against the Confederate Army. A charming graphic novel full of romance and adventure.

[Last Night at the Telegraph Club](#)

by Malinda Lo

In this well-researched historical novel set in 1950s San Francisco, Lily must balance her desire to be her authentic self with keeping her family safe.

[Saving Montgomery Sole](#)

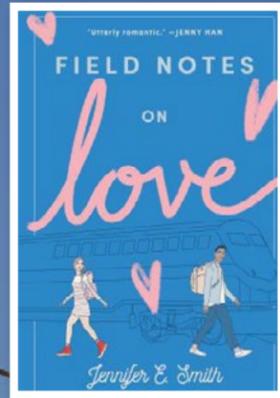
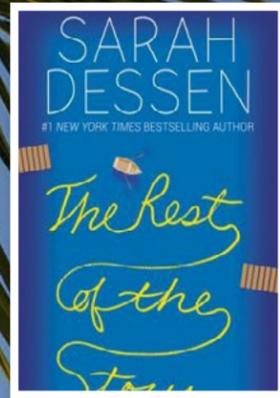
by Mariko Tamaki

When a homophobic preacher comes to her small town, Montgomery, who has two moms, worries her family will become targets for bullying. An authentic and offbeat story full of likeable characters.

[My Heart Underwater](#)

by Laurel Flores Fantauzzo

When Corazon is caught kissing her female teacher, her parents send her to stay with her half-brother in the Philippines, where she learns about her culture and uncovers family secrets.



8 Heartwarming YA Reads for Breezy Summer Nights

[Alex, Approximatelyly](#)

by Jenn Bennett

Bailey decides to move to California to live with her father and find the boy she met online. As she settles in and lands a summer job, she starts having doubts about her virtual relationship.

[Since You've Been Gone](#)

by Morgan Matson

Emily's best friend disappears leaving a list of 13 bizarre tasks for her to accomplish. Will she have the courage to get out of her comfort zone and try new things? A charming novel with twists and touching moments.

[You Have A Match](#)

by Emma Lord

When Abby signs up for a genetic test, she has no idea how it's going to change her life. Heartfelt and intriguing, this is a story about family secrets, love, and self-discovery.

[Five Summers](#)

by Una LaMarche

In this bittersweet novel, four friends return to camp three years after their five summers spent together. Will their friendship stand up to the threat of old memories and secrets?

[The Rest of the Story](#)

by Sarah Dessen

Emma has few memories of her mother who died when she was twelve. As she spends more time with her mother's relatives, she reveals a new side of her family's past. An insightful story about social issues, identity, and family relationships.

[My Summer of Love and Misfortune](#)

by Lindsay Wong

An entertaining story about a Chinese-American teenage girl who is sent away to visit her relatives in Beijing. Will this trip change her mindset and help her reconnect with her culture?

[Field Notes on Love](#)

by Jennifer E. Smith

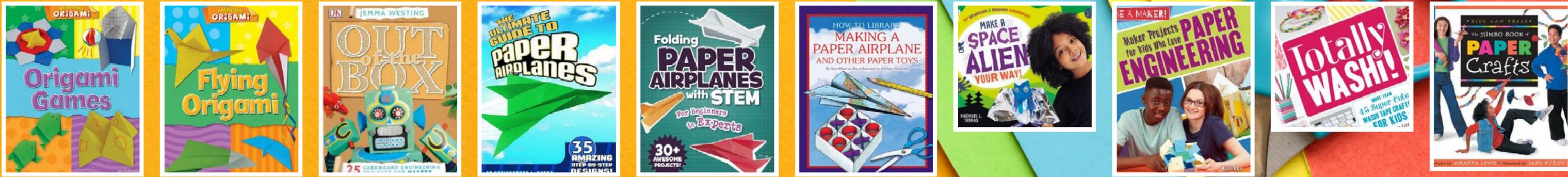
Would you go on a cross-country train trip with a complete stranger? Follow Hugo and Mae as they escape their regular lives and embark on an incredible journey to explore their dreams.

[Sunkissed](#)

by Kasie West

Avery is going to spend the entire summer at a remote family resort with no cell service. This may become her chance to discover her passion and have new experiences. A swoony romance about love and its wonders.





10 Papercraft Books for Rainy Days

Origami Games

by Joe Fullman

A fortune-teller, basketball hoop, and dominoes are just a few of the games you'll learn to fold out of paper in this introductory origami book.

Flying Origami

by Joe Fullman

While not all the objects you'll make will fly like a paper airplane, they still represent things that soar through the sky. Origami beginners and experts alike will enjoy the projects in this book.

Out of the Box

by Jemma Westing

Reuse materials you have around the house, including cardboard tubes and scrap paper, to make these crafty projects designed by a paper engineer.

The Ultimate Guide to Paper Airplanes

by Christopher L. Harbo

Whether you're new to paper airplanes or are an experienced pilot, this book has a design for you. How far can your creations fly?

Folding Paper Airplanes With STEM

by Marie Buckingham

Learn some physics as you fold and find out why some paper planes fly further than others. Once you know how they fly, can you design your own?

Making A Paper Airplane and Other Paper Toys

by Dana Meachen Rau

Some finished crafts are simply decorations, but the ones in this book can enhance play. Detailed inside with step-by-step instructions are more paper plane ideas and games like tic-tac-toe.

Make A Space Alien your Way

by Rachel L. Thomas

This one is a little different from others on this list in that it doesn't give a guided project as much as it teaches different techniques kids can use to make their own alien. Check it out for a bit of freestyle crafting fun.

Maker Projects for Kids Who Love Paper Engineering

by Rebecca Sjonger

Did you know that many engineers make paper models of their projects before building the real thing? Find out how that's accomplished and try your own paper projects with this maker-focused book.

Totally Washi!

by Ashley Ann Laz

Washi is a colourful Japanese paper tape, and it's a popular crafting material. This book can give some inspiration to jumpstart your designs.

The Jumbo Book of Paper Crafts

by Amanda West Lewis

A paper lantern, woven baskets, and paper beads are just a few of the 70 projects in this book. Some require more adult supervision than others, so be ready to make this a family affair.



10 Diverse Books to Read Before Kindergarten

B Is for Baby

by Atinuke

A lot of things start with the letter 'B,' including baby and others that surround this baby, like beads, banana, basket, and much more!

It's Okay to Be Different

by Todd Parr

This book introduces children to diversity and tolerance by showing how no two people are exactly alike - and that it is okay to be who you are.

Everybody in the Red Brick Building

by Anne Wynter

Everybody living in an apartment were sound asleep until a chain reaction of noises wakes up several children and a cat! But it is late, so, one by one, everyone goes back to sleep despite the disturbances.

Introducing Teddy

by Jessica Walton

A touching story about Errol and his teddy, Thomas, and what it means to be true to yourself and being a good friend.

We're All Wonders

by R. J. Palacio

A powerful story with a strong message about Auggie and his longing to belong and to be seen for who he truly is.

It's A Mitig!

by Bridget George

A colourful picture book that guides young children through the forest while introducing them to Ojibwe words about nature.

We Move Together

by Kelly Fritsch

A celebration of a mixed-ability group of kids as this book explores how they navigate everyday barriers and build relationships.

Bright Brown Baby A Treasury

by Andrea Davis Pinkney

A rhythmic celebration of the boundless love and joyful moments shared between children and their caregivers.

How Do You Love?

by Kellie Byrnes

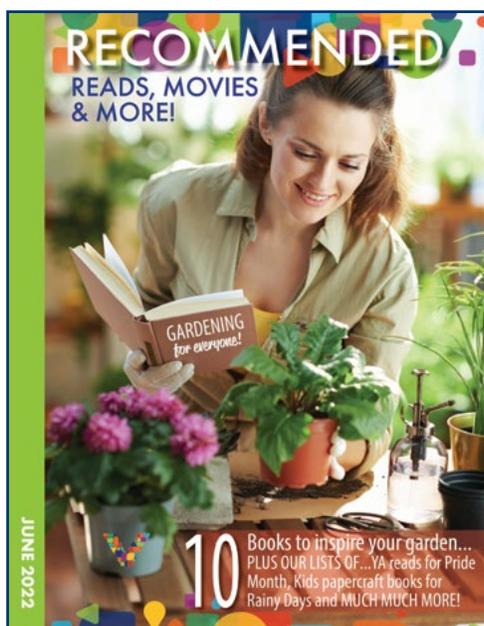
A heart-warming picture book that shows how children and adults express love in many different ways.

Lullaby (for a Black Mother)

by Langston Hughes

A sweet and tender story that celebrates the love between a moth.

Scan here to learn about 1000 Books Before Kindergarten!



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