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8 Stylish Guides to Dorm Room Décor



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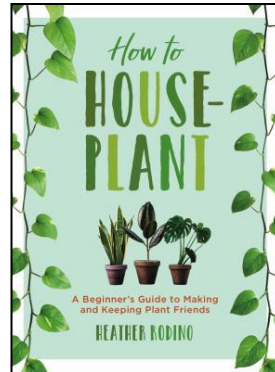
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My Small Space

by Anna Ottum

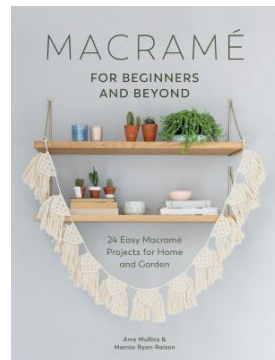
Make your dorm room feel like home! Because having a small space doesn't mean sacrificing style.



How to Houseplant

by Heather Rodino

Liven up your living space with greenery! This foolproof guide to houseplant care is great for beginners.



Macramé for Beginners and Beyond

by Amy Mullins

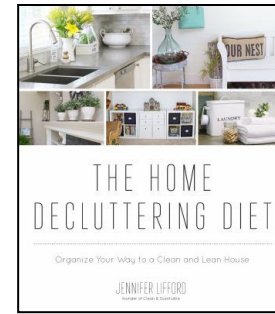
From hanging planters to wall decorations, learn to make your own macramé décor!



Your Creative Work Space

by Desha Peacock

Use colour and design in your workspace to inspire and soothe for your best work ever!



The Home Decluttering Diet

by Jennifer Lifford

Avoid cluttering your small space by building lifelong decluttering habits.



Shared Living

by Emily Hutchinson

Living with roomies? Decorate in harmony with the help of these inspiring shared living spaces.



Flea Market Chic

by Liz Bauwens

On a budget? Skip the pricey stores and head to the flea market to score some cheap, unique (and eco-friendly) finds!



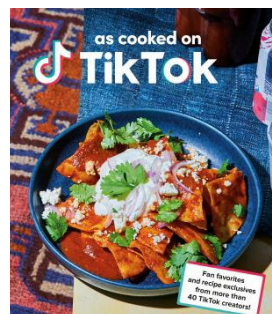
Pallet Style

by Nikkita Palmer

Delve into some cheap, easy DIY projects with recycled wood.

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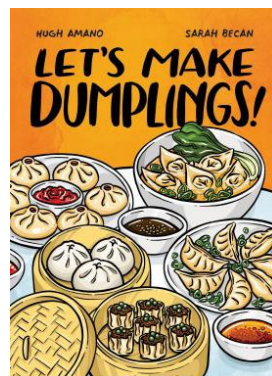
8 Cookbooks for Apprentice Chefs



As Cooked on TikTok

by Emily Stephenson

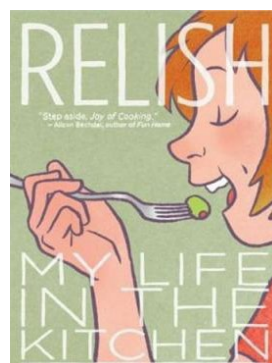
The power and appeal of 'FoodTok' is undeniable. Millions of people partake in these food crazes that take over the internet, and you can too!



Let's Make Dumplings!

by Hugh Amano

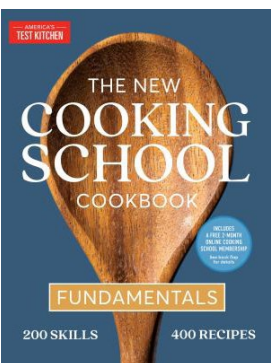
Everything you need to know to make scrumptious dumplings...in comic book format! Let the accomplished illustrations entice you to try different folds, fillings, and most importantly, flavours.



Relish

by Lucy Knisley

This memoir geared to ages fifteen and older pairs cartoons and recipes with chapters about a life spent marinated in all things food.



The New Cooking School Cookbook

by America's Test Kitchen

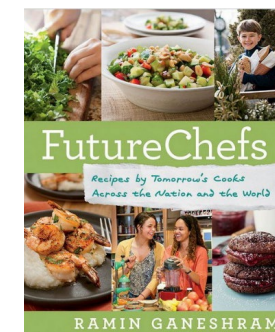
America's Test Kitchen is an excellent resource for anyone on the way to chefdom. This mammoth text contains 80+ 'courses' on a wide range of topics, from pizza to desserts.



The Teen Kitchen

by Emily Allen

With a foreword by Rachel Ray and instructions that break down bloggers The Kitchen Twins' favourite recipes step-by-step, how can you go wrong?



FutureChefs

by Ramin Ganeshram

Journalist and chef Ramin Ganeshram compiles 150 recipes and stories from young cooks across the globe.



Ottolenghi Test Kitchen

by Noor Murad

Yotam Ottolenghi has been a big name in the culinary world for some time now. This recent title puts an emphasis on building a pantry of flavourful sauces and condiments -- two essentials for any burgeoning cook!



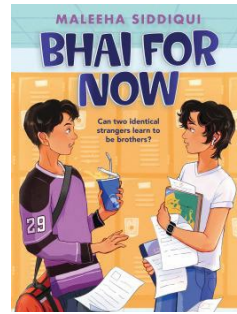
Cook Like a Pro

by Ina Garten

The Barefoot Contessa writes recipes with the home cook in mind, including those just starting out. Learn to cook like the professionals do with Ina.

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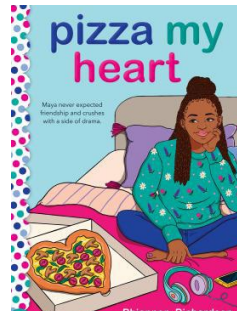
10 Middle Grade Books about Being the New Kid at School



Bhai for Now

by Maleeha Siddiqui

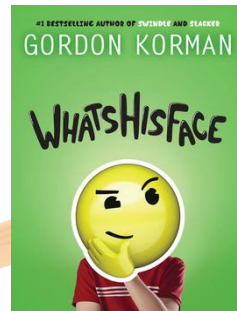
At his new school, Shaheer is shocked to meet his twin. Shaheer & Ashar work together to find out why they were separated at birth in this warm and uplifting remix of *The Parent Trap*.



Pizza My Heart

by Rhiannon Richardson

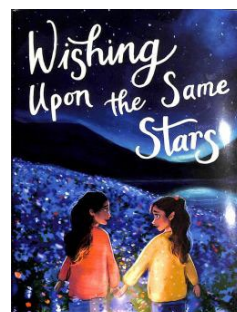
Maya struggles to balance working at her family's pizza place, making friends, and her new crush. A fast-paced novel about following your heart, complete with a slice of romance.



Whatshisface

by Gordon Korman

Cooper's life gets complicated when he discovers his new cell phone is haunted. A funny and feel-good story from popular Canadian author Gordon Korman.



Wishing upon the Same Stars

by Jacquetta Nammar Feldman

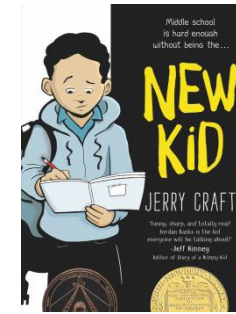
When Yasmeen moves to Texas, she feels isolated until she meets Ayelet. But Ayelet is Israeli, and Yasmeen worries her Palestinian family won't approve of her new friend. An emotional story about belonging.



Megabat

by Anna Humphrey

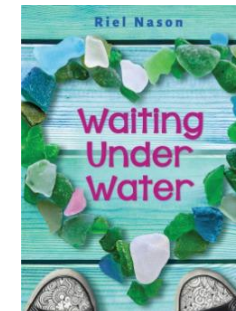
In this heartwarming friendship story, Daniel misses his old home. He cheers up when he encounters a talking bat, but Megabat is lonely, too. Can Daniel help his new friend?



New Kid

by Jerry Craft

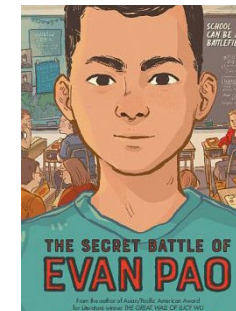
One of few BIPOC students at his new school, Jordan uses his sketchbook to chronicle the racism he faces. An authentic and moving story about overcoming adversity.



Waiting under Water

by Riel Nason

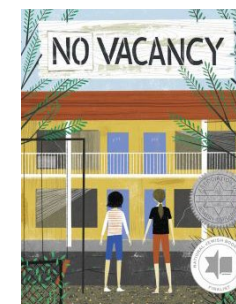
Hope is anxious about moving to Toronto, but first, she and her best friend, Willa, will spend the summer celebrating their small New Brunswick town. A charming story of friendship and community.



The Secret Battle of Evan Pao

by Wendy Wan Long Shang

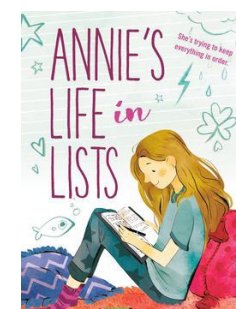
When Evan is bullied and excluded from his school's annual Civil War event, he finds a way to prove he belongs. A thoughtful look at assumptions and overcoming prejudice.



No Vacancy

by Tziporah Cohen

In this quirky and character-driven novel, Miriam and her new friend, Kate, come up with a scheme to draw tourists to Miriam's family's foundering hotel.



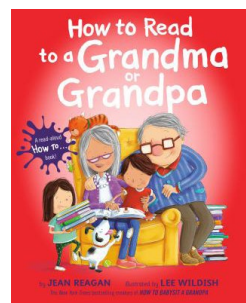
Annie's Life in Lists

by Kristin Mahoney

Annie fears it's her fault when her family has to move. Told through the lists Annie makes to cope with her feelings, this book is a relatable and sweet coming-of-age story.

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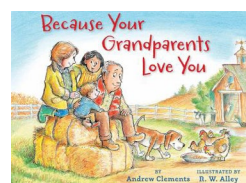
9 Heartwarming Picture Books for Grandparents' Day



How to Read to a Grandma or Grandpa

by Jean Reagan

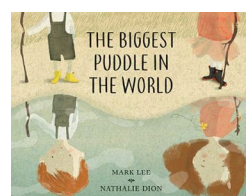
What can be more enjoyable than reading fun stories to your grandparents? Find out how to choose a good book and make your storytime extra special.



Because your Grandparents Love You

by Andrew Clements

Through insightful lessons, this story shows the unique ways in which grandparents express their unconditional love and make their grandchildren feel cherished.



The Biggest Puddle in the World

by Mark Lee

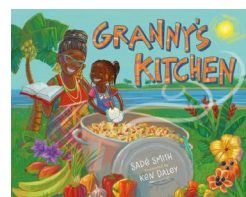
This charming book follows two siblings and their grandfather as they go in search of the biggest puddle in the world. A great introduction to the water cycle.



Sari-Sari Summers

by Lynnor Bontigao

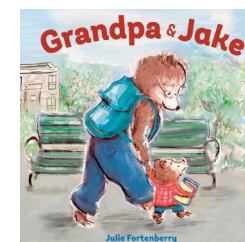
Nora is excited to help her grandmother at her busy store. But when the extreme heat drives their customers away, she'll need to come up with a plan to save the day.



Granny's Kitchen

by Sadé Smith

Learning to cook can be both fun and challenging. In this cute Jamaican story, Granny helps Shelly-Ann master the art of cooking and appreciate their culinary traditions.



Grandpa & Jake

by Julie Fortenberry

It's time to turn the TV off and embark on an exciting adventure. Packed with delightful artwork, the book follows Jake and his grandpa as they spend an unforgettable day together.



In the Red Canoe

by Leslie Davidson

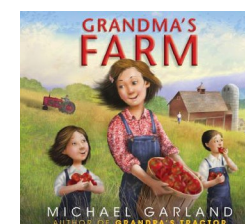
With rhyming text and vibrant illustrations, the story portrays a grandfather and his grandchild as they take a canoe ride to explore the wonders of nature. A soothing read not to be missed.



Just Like Grandma

by Kim Rogers

Becca deeply admires her grandma and wants to be just like her. Their bond grows stronger as they share their favorite activities and celebrate their culture.



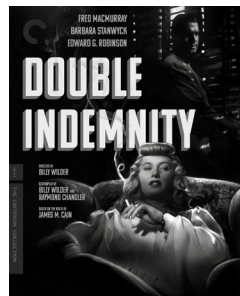
Grandma's Farm

by Michael Garland

Grandma Ginny and Timmy take a trip to their old farm. Through engaging storytelling, the book illustrates the beauty of rural life and the value of family connections.

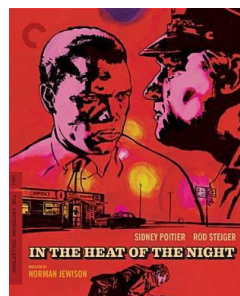
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10 Noteworthy Films from the Criterion Collection



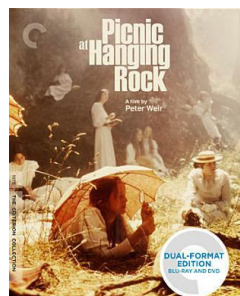
Double Indemnity

A staple of the noir genre with an iconic femme fatale, this film follows an insurance salesman and a wife who team up to kill her husband.



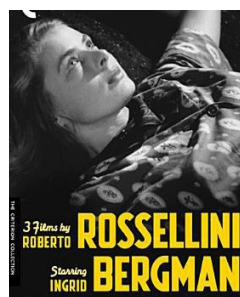
In the Heat of the Night

Sidney Poitier delivers a career-defining performance in this classic film about a Black detective who helps solve a murder in a racist town.



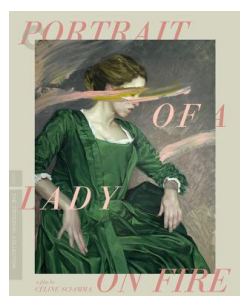
Picnic at Hanging Rock

This Australian classic follows a group of female college students and their chaperone who vanish after a summer outing.



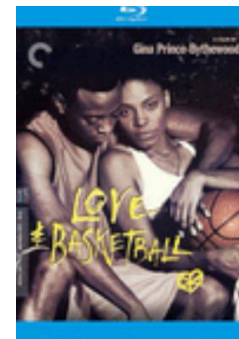
Journey to Italy

Roberto Rossellini directs Ingrid Bergman in this classic film about a couple facing the truth of their marriage in Naples.



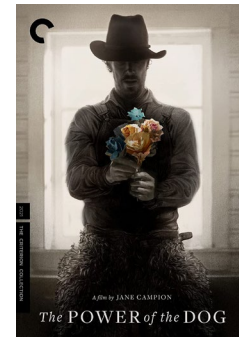
Portrait of a Lady on Fire

A young bride-to-be falls for the woman hired to paint her wedding portrait in this sublime French drama.



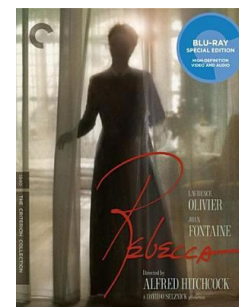
Love & Basketball

Basketball is a shared passion for childhood sweethearts Monica and Quincy, but the road to adulthood comes with pressures that challenge their relationship.



The Power of the Dog

The windswept plains of Montana are the setting of this modern Western that bends the usual tropes to eerie effect.



Rebecca

Hitchcock's defining adaptation of the classic novel about a young bride who is tormented by the ghost of her husband's first wife.



Mississippi Masala

An Indian woman falls in love with a Black man in Mississippi, igniting both passionate romance and racial prejudices in their community.



World of Wong Kar Wai

From *Chungking Express* to *In the Mood for Love*, this collection includes the masterworks of the famed Hong Kong director *Wong Kar Wai*.

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8 Books to Read If You've Got a Passion for Fashion



Anna

by Amy Odell

In this detailed and engaging look at the woman who inspired *The Devil Wears Prada*, Amy Odell provides a comprehensive biography of fashion mogul Anna Wintour.



Naturally Tan

by Tan France

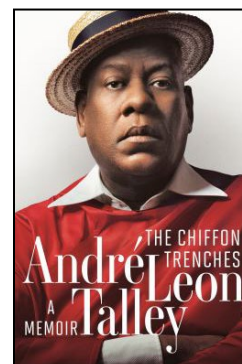
In this candid and funny memoir, Tan France reflects on growing up gay in a religious South Asian household, launching a clothing brand, and becoming the fashion adviser on the popular TV show *Queer Eye*.



Brazen

by Julia Haart

The fascinating and jaw-dropping story of how Julia Haart left the world of ultra-Orthodox Judaism to found a shoe company, serve as creative director of La Perla and co-owner and CEO of Elite World Group, and star in a Netflix reality series.



The Chiffon Trenches

by André Leon Talley

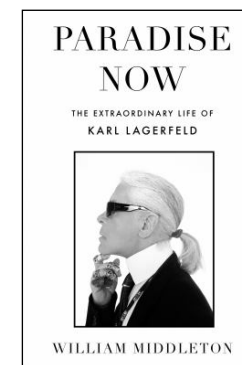
A frank and revealing look at the inner workings of the fashion industry from style icon and former creative director of *Vogue* the late André Leon Talley.



My Journey

by Donna Karan

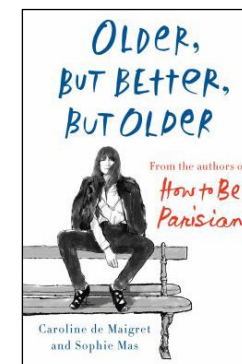
Fashion designer Donna Karan provides an honest and refreshing look at her professional and personal lives, from her early days as an intern at Anne Klein to the launch of her own fashion line with her timeless Seven Easy Pieces collection.



Paradise Now

by William Middleton

A well-researched tribute to the late Karl Lagerfeld, the controversial former creative director of Chanel known for his signature look and sometimes scathing opinions.



Older, but Better, but Older

by Caroline de Maigret

A witty and self-deprecating guide to being fabulous after 40 from French model Caroline de Maigret and film producer Sophie Mas.



Coco Chanel

by Justine Picardie

An interesting look at one of fashion's most famous names, this biography attempts to uncover the truth about enigmatic designer Coco Chanel.



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