

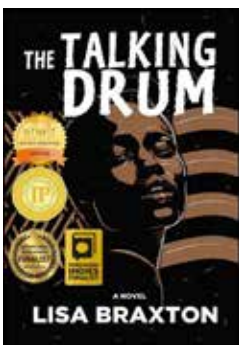


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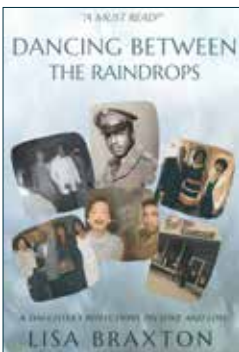
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### **The Talking Drum, by Lisa Braxton**

Displacement/gentrification has been going on for generations, yet few novels have been written with the themes of gentrification, which makes this book unusual. It is 1971. The fictional city of Bellport, Massachusetts, is in decline with an urban redevelopment project on the horizon expected to transform this dying factory town into a thriving economic center. This planned transformation has a profound effect on the residents who live in Bellport as their own personal transformations take place.

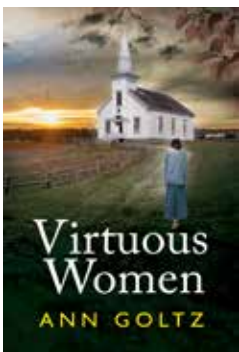
*Inanna Publications (2020). ISBN: 9781771337410, \$22.95. Awards from IPPY, NABJ, Shelf Unbound; International Book Awards finalist.*



### **Dancing Between the Raindrops: A Daughter's Reflections on Love & Loss, by Lisa Braxton**

A powerful meditation on grief, this deeply personal memoir speaks to anyone who has lost a loved one and is trying to navigate the world without them. Lisa Braxton's parents died of cancer within two years of each other. While caring for her mother she was stunned to find out that she, herself, had a life-threatening illness—breast cancer. In this intimate, lyrical memoir-in-essays, Lisa Braxton takes us to the core of her loss and extends a lifeline of comfort to those who need to know that in their grief they are not alone.

*Sea Cow Press (2024). ISBN: 9781961864061, \$19.99. Literary Titan Award*



### **Virtuous Women, by Ann Goltz**

Raised and homeschooled in her family's home, isolated from the world except for their insular church community, Hope Wagner has little exposure to people and environments outside of her father's beliefs. That changes when her father marries the worldly newcomer to their church. When Jennifer finally rejects Michael's authority over her, she launches the family into a crisis. To escape the future her father has planned for her, Hope must find the courage to leave the only world she's ever known and pursue a life she's never been given the tools to manage. This book shows the terrible price paid by women who have no choice but to be virtuous.

*Quiet Publications (2024). ISBN: 9780999521519; \$19.99. AnnGoltz.com*

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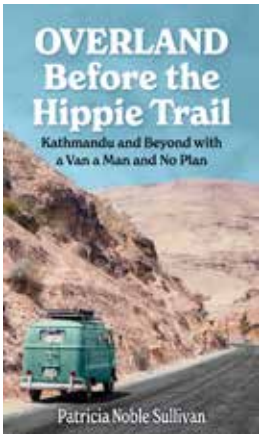
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John Hamilton  
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## Overland Before the Hippie Trail: *Kathmandu and Beyond with a Van, a Man, and No Plan*

**Patricia Sullivan, Author**

This captivating memoir opens in 1965, when Patricia and her new husband set off to Europe on their honeymoon. Little did she know that this trip would stretch into a two-year journey that would take them around the world on a bare-bones budget.

While living rarely more than an arm's distance apart in their VW van, they make their way from Europe and West Asia to South Asia, then continue across East Asia by train, bus, and hitchhiking.

*Noble Press (2022-2023), ISBN: 9798985751901; \$16.95.*



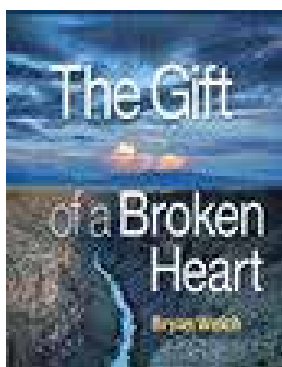
## Katie's Really Bad Day: *A Story About Test Anxiety*

**Kathleen Jeffrey, Author**

It's spelling test day and Katie feels anxious. Cheerful, fun-loving Katie sometimes gets anxious before tests, even when she knows the answers. One day Katie's feelings were so enormous, she panics and can't seem to do the test at all. She

even disrupts the entire class. Luckily, with the guidance of her teacher, Katie discovers calming tools to soothe her nerves. Pretty soon the whole class is joining Katie to beat that test stress! A beautifully illustrated relatable story with teaching points and practical advice for anxious kids.

*Children's Fiction. ISBN: 9798218968427; \$18.99.*



## The Gift of a Broken Heart

**Bryan Welch, Author**

In this memoir, Welch recounts his journey through deep grief at the loss of his 25-year-old son to addiction. In searing detail, he describes the pain of a parent grappling with an adult child's mental illness and finally, his death in the throes of the disease.

As he begins to recover from devastating grief, Welch realizes that his new vulnerability gives him unexpected feelings of warmth, kinship and compassion toward his fellow human beings.

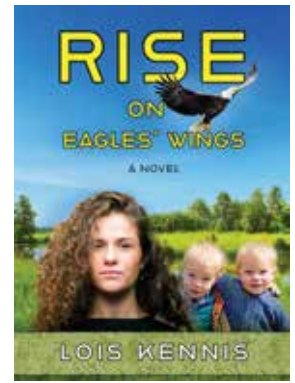
*B&A Books (2024). ISBN: 9798335392471; \$14.99. Religion & Spirituality; Memoir*

## Rise on Eagles' Wings

**Lois Kennis, Author**

After surviving loss and hardship at a tender age, Talitha was drawn into teen marriage to a man who isn't afraid to break the law to get what he wants. She now must fight to provide a life rich in love and integrity for her two sons. Set in America's Heartland during the final decade of the twentieth century, *Rise on Eagles' Wings* is the hopeful story of a young mother's tenacity, the ever-changing definition of family, and the redemptive power of community.

*Elk Lake Publishing (2023). ISBN: 97816494999202; \$19.99. NYC Big Book Award Winner 2023. loiskennis.net. Christian Fiction*

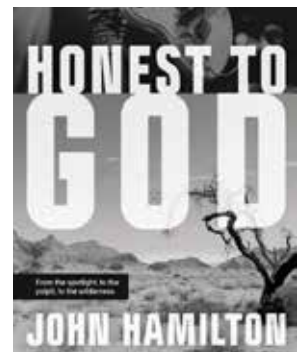


## Honest to God

**John Hamilton, Author**

A riveting spiritual journey; an exploration of faith, excess, success, and the search for transcendence. This book takes the reader on a raucous ride from rock clubs where liquor and cocaine flowed freely, to the boardrooms of multi-national corporations where millions of dollars rested on creative ideas, to an ivy-covered campus, and finally to a suburban parish. A poignant narrative that speaks to the contemporary exodus from traditional faith, this book transcends conventional genres, offering a profound reflection on the complexities of belief, success, and the eternal quest for transcendence.

*Wildhouse Publishing (2024). ISBN: 9781961741126; \$24.99. Spiritual Fiction.*

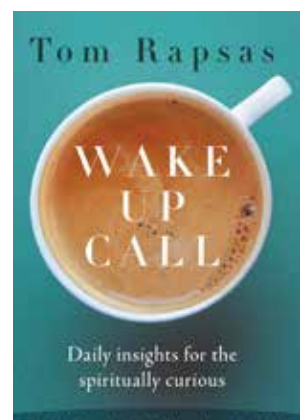


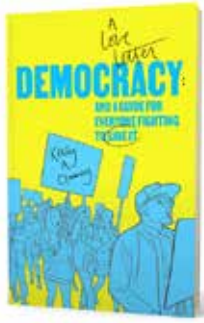
## Wake Up Call: *Daily Insights for the Spiritually Curious*

**Tom Rapsas, Author**

For virtually all of his adult life, Tom Rapsas worked a nine-to-five job in an office. Yet, like many, he's been on a spiritual quest since he was in his twenties; always wondering if there might be more to life than the daily cycle of work-home-sleep-repeat. Eventually, Tom realized that true wisdom is not found in a single magical book or a particular religion or one enlightened spiritual teacher, and wrote this collection.

*Wildhouse Publishing (2024). ISBN: 9781961741041; \$24.99. Spiritual Non-Fiction.*





## Democracy: A Love Letter

Kelly Clancy, Author

Truly a book for the times! In this funny and accessible guide to political activism, Kelly A. Clancy tackles the most vexing question of our time: what kind of world do we want to live in, and how can we make it happen? Based on hundreds of interviews with activists and organizers, as well as Kelly's personal experience

teaching political science and raising politically savvy kids, this book provides insights into what makes change happen. Part memoir and part handbook, Democracy: A Love Letter is written for busy people with complicated lives. It will inspire you to change your corner of the world—and then give you the tools you need to do it.

EpiloguePublishing.com (2024). ISBN: 9798990681903; \$16.99.

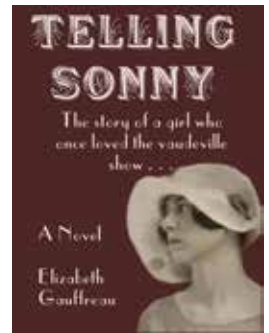
## Telling Sonny

Liz Gauffreau, Author

*"Beautifully written, heartbreaking portrayal of innocence lost and the love of family."*

Telling Sonny is a coming-of-age novel set in the 1920s, when much of vaudeville had devolved into the Small Time. Not so for Faby Gauthier, a naïve girl from the small village of Enosburg Falls, Vermont. For Faby, the annual vaudeville show that comes to the village is worthy of the Great White Way itself.

PaulStreamPress.com (2023). 9781735929255, \$4.99-\$15.99 depending on format.



## Oceans Alive!

Sheryl Davis, Author

The latest book in the *Mystical Magical Abracadabracal Daniel McDougal McDouglas McFly* trilogy, *Oceans Alive!* features our kilt-clad environmental superhero Daniel, and his friends during a magical, teachable moment about plastics and other pollutants in oceans and waterways, and empowers the children to organize their local community to work together on a crusade to clean up the environment of which they are a part.

Introduction by famed oceanographer Sylvia Earle

Includes 10 ocean-related kids' activities.

Pierce Press (2022). ISBN: 9780997068108; \$26.95.

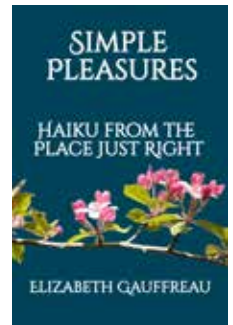
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## Simple Pleasures: Haiku from the Place Just Right

Liz Gauffreau, Author

The simple pleasures of our favorite places in nature are gifts of the spirit to be shared with others. In this collection of 53 haiku, each paired with a nature photograph, poet Liz Gauffreau invites readers to come with her to some of her favorite places in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. Some places are long-time favorites going back years; others have become favorites by virtue of inspiring poetry.

PaulStreamPress.com (2023). ISBN: 9781735929293: \$2.99- \$12.99 depending on format.



## Tales of the Wandering Mists

first book in the trilogy

Oleg Veretskiy, Author

Brace yourself! You are about to dive into the fantastical tale of precocious girl named Lisa. As she embarks on a quest to save her mother using an enchanted music box that she must learn how to fix, Lisa braves heart-pounding encounters with fantastical creatures. While on the run from malevolent forces that wish to take her down in order to steal her supernatural powers, she unlocks secrets in ancient wisdom, and forges her own identity.

Books 2 & 3 continue the saga: The Man with Four Shadows and The House of Deceit.

When Russia attacked Ukraine in February 2022, Oleg Veretskiy immediately put his writing career on hold to support his country's fight for freedom and rebuilding, eventually joining the military at the age of 48. Pierce Press is honored to publish this first book in his trilogy and contribute all net proceeds to the author and his heroic work. This is first in a list of books from talented Ukrainian authors. Slava Ukraini!

Pierce Press (Feb. 2025). ISBN: 9780996097550; \$26.95. Pre-orders at OlegVeretskiy.com.



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