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Memoir of the Sunday Brunch

Elizabeth, the cultured young schoolteacher from the East, has braved the western frontier and spent a year teaching in a one-room schoolhouse. How she and Wynn are planning their wedding and their new life together at his outpost in the far north. While Wynn is accustomed to life in the north, Elizabeth is

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not. Can their love for each other sustain them through a harsh winter, loneliness, and rigors of life without any of the conveniences they're used to? Book 2 of the bestselling Canadian West series.

Another Homecoming

All alone on the Kansas prairie, Summer Steadman has few options. With her husband and children lost to illness, she has no desire to continue on farther west to where she and her husband planned to build their future. Instead, she seeks employment in a small Mennonite community in order to be near the graves of her family. Widower Peter Ollenburger, the local gristmill owner, needs someone to teach his young son. When he hears of a "learned woman" in town, he believes she is the answer to his prayers. He soon discovers, however, that helping this outsider may have troublesome consequences. There is little this father will not do for his son, but as the boy begins to look at Summer as more than a teacher, Peter must make a choice. Does he marry this woman to give his son a new mother, or does he marry only for love? Will Summer's broken heart ever be able to love again?

Where the Wind Blows

In Dakota Territory in the 1880s, half-Chinese Hanna and her white father face racism and resistance to change as they try to make a home for themselves. Includes author's note.

Some Are Always Hungry

With Arizona Bride, Lawless Love, and last fall's Rapture's Gold to her credit, and the Romantic Times award for best western series in her pocket, F. Rosanne Bittner is leading the pack. Prairie Embrace is her most fast-paced, sensuous romance ever.

Valley of Dreams

Frank Lloyd Wright has long been known as a rank egotist who held in contempt almost everything aside from his own genius. Harder to detect, but no less real, is a Wright who fully understood, and suffered from, the choices he made. This is the Wright whom Paul Hendrickson reveals in this masterful biography: the Wright who was haunted by his father, about whom he told the greatest lie of his life. And this, we see, is the Wright of many other neglected aspects of his story: his close, and perhaps romantic, relationship with friend and early mentor Cecil Corwin; the eerie, unmistakable role of fires in his life; the connection between the 1921 Black Wall Street massacre in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the murder of his mistress, her two children, and four others at his beloved Wisconsin home. In showing us Wright's facades along with their cracks, Hendrickson helps us form a fresh, deep, and more human understanding of the man. With prodigious research, unique vision, and his ability to make sense of a life in ways at once unexpected, poetic, and undeniably brilliant, he has given us the defining book on Wright.

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Walks the Fire

4-in-1 Collection Completes Janette Oke's Most Beloved Series This special-value edition features books five through eight in the classic series that launched Janette Oke's popularity in inspirational fiction. These compelling prairie romances follow the Davis family in their journey through life's struggles and joys. The collection includes Love's Unending Legacy, Love's Unfolding Dream, Love Takes Wing, and Love Finds a Home. Join the generations of readers who have read and reread these landmark stories.

A Prairie Populist

Love Comes Softly introduced the characters of Marty and Clark Davis, whose tragic circumstances brought them to a "marriage of convenience" on the frontier prairies during the mid 1800s. The story of how Clark's patient, caring love mirrored that of the heavenly Father, drawing Marty to faith and to love, has captured the hearts and imaginations of over one million readers on Book One alone!

Love Comes Softly 5-8

Three orphaned immigrant children are separated, but long to find each other again. A prairie story in the tradition of Janette Oke.

Caroline

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Continuing the story from Love Comes Softly, the granddaughter of the Davis's experiences a tragedy, she has a crisis of faith.

My Heart Remembers (My Heart Remembers Book #1)

As the U.S. descends into the Civil War, photographer Brenton Baldwin travels west with his sister Jordana, taking pictures of the developing lands and in search of their sister. Along for the trip is young Caitlan O'Connor, who has just arrived from Ireland. Will they make it to California to find their family despite the danger that looms ahead? And can early romance grow into love in the face of trials and tragedy?

Miracle Man

When Cassie Lockwood's father dies and the manager of his Wild West show drives it into debt before taking off with the remaining money, she decides to look for the hidden valley where her father dreamed of settling.

The Tender Years (Prairie Legacy Book #1)

Haunted by the memories of life with an adoring husband, widowed Della Ward lives on a run-down farm near a small Texas town. Once a carefree soul, Della now only has memories for company--until lawman James Cameron rides across the prairie toward her house. It's taken him ten years to arrive at

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her door and his presence not only awakens Della's heart, but changes both their lives forever. Original.

Prairie Moon

Prairie Son is the true story of a boy who was adopted out of an orphanage in the early 1920's and raised on a Midwestern farm to be more of a worker than a son for his adoptive family. The story is told through the point of view of Lloyd Clausen, the author's father. Lloyd survived the Great Depression, drought years, and spirit-crushing poverty. On his adoptive parents' farm, Lloyd was denied basic dental care, an education, decent clothing except for what he bought with his own trapping money, and support for his emerging singing talents. He was also left at home or on the shore when other fathers took their sons fishing or to community outings. When his adoptive mother made it clear that she did not even want him around, the parental void in Lloyd's life was filled by a hired man and a huge police dog named Buster. Ivar, the hired man, taught Lloyd the many skills he would need to survive later in life, and Buster was his constant companion and protector. Delores, another adopted child who lived on a neighboring farm and had a mysterious past, was his other companion and protector. The friendship the two adopted children shared eventually turned into youthful, adolescent love until fate separated them. Yet, Lloyd survived and eventually located his biological parents through a series of extraordinary coincidences and the assistance of others who sympathized with his plight and helped him find his ancestral roots. When Prairie

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Son was first published in 1999, it became somewhat of a national, statewide, and regional publishing sensation. Dave Woods, Past Vice-President of the National Book Critics Circle, wrote that *Prairie Son*, the winner of the 1999 First Series Creative Nonfiction Award, attracted "all manner of national attention, a consummation devoutly to be wished for by a small publisher." *Prairie Son* was also nominated for several national book awards, and the University of Minnesota voted it one of the five most favorite books published in 1999 by a University of Minnesota alumnus. Since it was first published in 1999, *Prairie Son* has become a voice for many other children who were adopted to be workers and later struggled during their adult years with the legacy of those early life experiences. *Goodbye to Main Street*, a recently published sequel to *Prairie Son*, chronicles Lloyd Clausen's son's quest to answer the lingering questions still remaining in his family history and the people who made his own life possible.

Prairie Day

When Calls the Heart

In our fast-paced world of technology, where populations are becoming more urbanized and life is increasingly experienced on electronic screens, people are losing their connection to nature. Yet nature is all around us, especially if you live in the Chicago area. Unfortunately, few Chicagoans know it's there. In *My Journey into the Wilds of Chicago*,

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photographer and humorist Mike MacDonald takes you on a trip to Chicago's wild side--a verdant, untamed Chicago that has been there all along, just waiting to be explored. Combining breathtaking images and imaginative prose, MacDonald leads you on an adventure into wondrous, enchanted lands located just up the road from home, work, and school. From kaleidoscopic tallgrass prairies to the open canopies of rare oak savannas, from the free-flying expanse of the butterfly to the mysterious world of the coyote, startling photographs of a vast and scenic Chicago evoke astonishment and delight with every turn of the page. MacDonald's contagious enthusiasm and decades of comedy experience are channeled into inventive essays, captions, and poetry that engage the imagination and add richness to your journey. This inspirational volume invites readers to cross the threshold, to get off their couches and abandon their screens, to come out into nature and play.

When Comes the Spring (Canadian West Book #2)

A collection of 80 comforting recipes from the star of Little House on the Prairie. From prairie breakfasts and picnic lunches to treats inspired by Nellie's restaurant, these simple and delicious dishes—crispy fried chicken, pot roasts, cornbread, apple pie, and more—present Bonnet Heads (aka die-hard Little House fans) with the chance to eat like the Ingalls family. Actress Melissa Gilbert's personal recollections and memorabilia, including behind-the-scenes stories,

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anecdotes, and more than 75 treasured scrapbook images, accompany the recipes. With answers to the most-asked questions from fans—on topics such as the biggest bloopers, on-set romances, and what Michael Landon was really like—My Prairie Cookbook is a cherished memento for fans of Little House and Laura Ingalls Wilder, as well as anyone who loves hearty, simple home cooking. “Melissa’s writing is so warm and personal that it makes me feel like I’m being wrapped in a big, warm blanket, and the recipes are approachable and delicious.” —Jennifer Garner

My Journey Into the Wilds of Chicago

USA Today Bestseller! One of Refinery29's Best Reads of September In this novel authorized by the Little House Heritage Trust, Sarah Miller vividly recreates the beauty, hardship, and joys of the frontier in a dazzling work of historical fiction, a captivating story that illuminates one courageous, resilient, and loving pioneer woman as never before—Caroline Ingalls, "Ma" in Laura Ingalls Wilder’s beloved Little House books. In the frigid days of February, 1870, Caroline Ingalls and her family leave the familiar comforts of the Big Woods of Wisconsin and the warm bosom of her family, for a new life in Kansas Indian Territory. Packing what they can carry in their wagon, Caroline, her husband Charles, and their little girls, Mary and Laura, head west to settle in a beautiful, unpredictable land full of promise and peril. The pioneer life is a hard one, especially for a pregnant woman with no friends or kin to turn to for comfort or

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help. The burden of work must be shouldered alone, sickness tended without the aid of doctors, and babies birthed without the accustomed hands of mothers or sisters. But Caroline's new world is also full of tender joys. In adapting to this strange new place and transforming a rough log house built by Charles' hands into a home, Caroline must draw on untapped wells of strength she does not know she possesses. For more than eighty years, generations of readers have been enchanted by the adventures of the American frontier's most famous child, Laura Ingalls Wilder, in the Little House books. Now, that familiar story is retold in this captivating tale of family, fidelity, hardship, love, and survival that vividly reimagines our past.

Westward the Dream (Ribbons West Book #1)

Describes the early childhood and life of Grace Snyder, whose family owned a Nebraska homestead in the late nineteenth century and endured the hardships and dangers of the prairie.

New Prairie Kitchen

A delicate, stunning account of life on the prairie from Newbery medalist Patricia MacLachlan. Cool summer mornings begin with the rose orange sun and the smell of earth, and fade into hot summer nights with a yellow moon, covered in a quilt of stars. There are wagon rides, farm dogs, trips into town, and games of kick the can. These are prairie days. Patricia

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MacLachlan applies her lyrical, sparse voice and vibrant, tender art from Micha Archer to transport readers to the prairie of her youth in this stunning celebration of the beauty in the world.

Prairie Fires

In the wake of her husband's presumed death, a young war bride makes a desperate choice to give her baby a better life. However, her choice will have unforeseen ramifications for more lives than she ever expected. The baby girl, named Kyle by her adoptive parents, grows up with no knowledge of her humble beginnings. When a heartbreaking loss pits Kyle against her high society mother, secrets from Kyle's past come to light. Suddenly, she finds herself searching for the family she never knew and a faith she's only beginning to understand. With all that has come before, will Kyle ever be able to find home?

Pioneer Girl

"Profiles of 25 chefs, farmers, and artisans in Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota. Featuring more than 50 seasonal recipes and color photography throughout"--

Waiting for Summer's Return (Heart of the Prairie Book #1)

Readers rabid for the sweet historical romances of Tracie Peterson and Tamara Alexander will flock to best-selling author Kim Vogel Sawyer's prairie-set

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heartwarmer of high society cast-off and the western town that welcomes her. Abigail Brantley grew up in affluence and knows exactly how to behave in high society. But when she is cast from the social registers due to her father's illegal dealings, she finds herself forced into a role she never imagined: tutoring rough Kansas ranchers in the subjects of manners and morals so they can "marry up" with their mail-order brides. Mack Cleveland, whose father was swindled by a mail-order bride, wants no part of the scheme to bring Eastern women to Spiveyville, Kansas, and he's put off by the snooty airs and fastidious behavior of the "little city gal" in their midst. But as time goes by, his heart goes out to the teacher who tries so diligently to smooth the rough edges from the down-to-earth men. How can he teach her that perfection won't bring happiness?

Plagued by Fire

Prairie Days

Virginia, the granddaughter of Marty and Clark Davis (from Love comes softly series) is caught in that difficult period between childhood and adulthood and struggles against what she considers to be unreasonable restrictions and expectations.

Prairie Lotus

The author shares her initiation, at the age of twelve, into the rite of the Sunday brunch at her father's

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Milwaukee-based restaurant where she and her siblings learned life lessons that would shape them for all the years to come.

Ben's Adventures

WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE WINNER OF THE NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD ONE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW'S 10 BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR The first comprehensive historical biography of Laura Ingalls Wilder, the beloved author of the Little House on the Prairie books Millions of readers of Little House on the Prairie believe they know Laura Ingalls—the pioneer girl who survived blizzards and near-starvation on the Great Plains, and the woman who wrote the famous autobiographical books. But the true saga of her life has never been fully told. Now, drawing on unpublished manuscripts, letters, diaries, and land and financial records, Caroline Fraser—the editor of the Library of America edition of the Little House series—masterfully fills in the gaps in Wilder's biography. Revealing the grown-up story behind the most influential childhood epic of pioneer life, she also chronicles Wilder's tumultuous relationship with her journalist daughter, Rose Wilder Lane, setting the record straight regarding charges of ghostwriting that have swirled around the books. The Little House books, for all the hardships they describe, are paeans to the pioneer spirit, portraying it as triumphant against all odds. But Wilder's real life was harder and grittier than that, a story of relentless struggle, rootlessness, and poverty. It was only in her sixties, after losing nearly everything in the Great

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Depression, that she turned to children's books, recasting her hardscrabble childhood as a celebratory vision of homesteading—and achieving fame and fortune in the process, in one of the most astonishing rags-to-riches episodes in American letters. Spanning nearly a century of epochal change, from the Indian Wars to the Dust Bowl, Wilder's dramatic life provides a unique perspective on American history and our national mythology of self-reliance. With fresh insights and new discoveries, *Prairie Fires* reveals the complex woman whose classic stories grip us to this day.

Hannah's Choice

Funny, poignant, and deeply moving, *The Line Tender* is a story of nature's enduring mystery and a girl determined to find meaning and connection within it. Wherever the sharks led, Lucy Everhart's marine-biologist mother was sure to follow. In fact, she was on a boat far off the coast of Massachusetts, collecting shark data when she died suddenly. Lucy was seven. Since then Lucy and her father have kept their heads above water--thanks in large part to a few close friends and neighbors. But June of her twelfth summer brings more than the end of school and a heat wave to sleepy Rockport. On one steamy day, the tide brings a great white--and then another tragedy, cutting short a friendship everyone insists was "meaningful" but no one can tell Lucy what it all meant. To survive the fresh wave of grief, Lucy must grab the line that connects her depressed father, a stubborn fisherman, and a curious old widower to her

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mother's unfinished research on the Great White's return to Cape Cod. If Lucy can find a way to help this unlikely quartet follow the sharks her mother loved, she'll finally be able to look beyond what she's lost and toward what's left to be discovered.

★"Confidently voiced."—Kirkus Reviews, starred
★"Richly layered."—Publishers Weekly, starred ★"A hopeful path forward."—Booklist, starred ★"Life-affirming."—BCCB, starred ★"Big-hearted."
—Bookpage, starred ★"Will appeal to just about everyone." - SLC, starred ★"Exquisitely, beautifully real."—Shelf Awareness, starred

My Prairie Cookbook

In this bestselling novel, Virginia must learn the priorities that God has in mind for her as she makes plans for college.

A Prairie Legacy

Her name is Omakayas, or Little Frog, because her first step was a hop, and she lives on an island in Lake Superior. One day in 1850, Omakayas's island is visited by a group of mysterious people. From them, she learns that the chimookomanag, or white people, want Omakayas and her people to leave their island and move farther west. That day, Omakayas realizes that something so valuable, so important that she never knew she had it in the first place, could be in danger: Her way of life. Her home.

The Tender Years

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June 10, 2016, Todd Greiner and his friend John Alleman took off from Williamson County Regional Airport in southern Illinois. When they had engine problems the plane fell from the sky and crashed to the ground killing John Alleman, but miraculously Todd survived. Todd was airlifted to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri where he stayed for four months.

The Line Tender

Jesse King loses her husband on the Oregon Trail, and when Sioux rescue her, she adopts the tribe until she falls in love with a missionary.

Prairie Son

A Searching Heart (Prairie Legacy Book #2)

Winner of the Prairie Schooner Book Prize in Poetry, *Some Are Always Hungry* chronicles a family's wartime survival, immigration, and heirloom trauma through the lens of food, or the lack thereof. Through the vehicle of recipe, butchery, and dinner table poems, the collection negotiates the myriad ways diasporic communities comfort and name themselves in other nations, as well as the ways cuisine is inextricably linked to occupation, transmission, and survival. Dwelling on the personal as much as the historical, *Some Are Always Hungry* traces the lineage of the speaker's place in history and diaspora through mythmaking and cooking, which is to say, conjuring.

Beneath a Prairie Moon

Josh Jones realizes his family isn't typical, but it's the only life he's ever known. Aunt Lou, Gramps, Uncle Charlie, Grandpa--they all have shaped the young man he has become. But as he grows into manhood, Josh begins to face important questions about life, love, and faith. Three million books sold in the series!

Once Upon a Summer (Seasons of the Heart Book #1)

Join Laura and her family on their journey across the flat Kansas prairie. There are gophers and rabbits to play with in the daytime, and a cozy camp awaits at night. Renée Graef's enchanting full-color illustrations, inspired by Garth Williams' classic artwork, bring Laura and her family lovingly to life in this ninth title in the My First Little House Books series, picture books adapted from Laura Ingalls Wilder's beloved storybooks.

Prairie Embrace

A gifted writer aims to help readers uncover many misconceptions they have picked up, which have damaged their prayer life over the years, in an enlightening and inspiring guide to an entire new prayer journey. Original.

Love Comes Softly (Love Comes Softly Book #1)

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A guide for westward-bound pioneers traveling across the American frontier outlines necessary preparations for the journey and what to expect in the open country, offering a portrait of life in the West more than one hundred years ago

The Game of Silence

Populist singer, Mid-Roader, editor, publisher, wife, mother of eleven, Luna Kellie was a well-informed, fervent member of the Farmers' Alliance movement in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Radicalized by railroad monopolies, corrupt government, recurring drought, heavy mortgages, and a desperate combination of rising costs and falling returns, prairie farmers were turning their energy toward raising "less corn and more hell." Kellie actively sought to organize Nebraska into cooperatives and educate rural people about land, transportation, and money reform. Her compelling, often heartbreaking memoirs--written on the backs of ornate red-and-gold Farmers' Alliance certificates in 1925--give us her own description of how she became motivated to join the Alliance and participate in the Populist party. Kellie writes of her homesteading and political life from the age of eighteen to forty, of failed crops, mortgaged fields, intense hardships, and her devastation at the death of her children. One of the most complete accounts of the Mid-Road political faction available, relevant in many ways to the plight of today's farmers, A Prairie Populist should be read by anyone with an interest in national politics, the farm protest movement, women's studies, and American cultural history.

Confessions of a Prayer Slacker

Cowboy Chase Logan has been in plenty of touchy situations, but pretending to be the husband of a recent widow and father to her adopted children is the most difficult job he's had yet. Original.

The Prairie Traveler

A lovely schoolteacher faces the frontier with the firm resolve to never marry a rowdy adventurer of the West. Canadian West book 1.

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