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When the train arrived in Cottondale, the summer at Bigmama's house in Florida began. Donald Crews brilliantly evokes the sights, sounds, and emotions of a memorable childhood experience. \ "A very special book by a superb artist and storyteller.\ " --Horn Book.

Big Mama's Baby

Having raised Baby, a bull calf, since just after he was born, Big Mama has a hard time accepting that he is getting too big for her yard.

Bigmama Didn't Shop at Woolworth's

Sunny Nash was Bigmamma's granddaughter, and through her young eyes she saw not only the indignities and economic hardships her family and friends suffered - unpaved roads, mosquito-infested drainage ditches and outdoor toilets, back stairs to balcony seating in the movies - but also the love and warmth of everyday life in the segregated neighborhood.

Big Mama's Little Black Jesus

Many books have been written about the Southern lifestyle during the 1930's through the 1940's, but sit back and lend your ear (eyes) to a personal account of how a young man grew up under these trying conditions. Not only were the conditions trying, but getting an education was bleak and almost impossible, not just due to the segregation, but from the internal conflicts among the families. See how the hand of God moved to help this family over-come hardships and calamities, but how He touched the life of this young man when he was determined to better himself, his sisters and brothers, mother and father and to make a life outside the Racial Southern expectations of young black men. These are issues that I experienced growing up as a black person in the South in the USA. I want my children and grandchildren to know the things I experienced and how I was able to overcome and make a better life for my family. Currently I am living in Southern California, and I have lived quite a long life. I am currently on the downside of being a septagenarian. Unfortunately, I have lost my eyesight due to a disease called diabetic retinopathy. I am dependent on my wife and my sister to assist me in getting this book completed. I have been trying to get the book finished for the past fifteen years. I hope this book gives insight to not only my family, but to all that would care to read it.

Sparkly Green Earrings

“There is really no better indicator you’re a mother than acquiring the ability to catch throw-up in a plastic bag, disinfect your hands, and immediately ask your friend to pass the beef jerky as you put on another Taylor Swift song and act as if nothing has happened.” This is the type of insight Melanie Shankle offers in this quirky memoir of motherhood. Written in the familiar, stream-of-consciousness style of her blog, *Big Mama*, *Sparkly Green Earrings* is a heartwarming and hilarious look at motherhood from someone who is still trying to figure it all out. Filled with personal stories—from the decision to become a mother to the heartbreak of miscarriage and ultimately, to the joy of raising a baby and living to tell about it—*Sparkly Green Earrings* will make you feel like you’re sitting across the table from your best friend. A must-read for anyone who’s ever had a child or even thought about it.

Big Mama Thornton

You ain't nothing but a "Hound Dog" ... with these words shouted into the microphone she will always be remembered: Big Mama Thornton. Who is this woman who sang the megahit "Hound Dog" before Elvis Presley and who wrote "Ball & Chain," the song that catapulted Janis Joplin to sudden fame? The story begins with her first musical attempts in the Hot Harlem Revue as a girl of 14. Then the book follows her journey into the Mecca of Texas Blues, Houston, where Big Mama Thornton met Johnny Otis, with whom she recorded her greatest success--"Hound Dog." With the slowdown of the blues in the early sixties this book follows Big Mama Thornton's way to California, discusses her struggle to survive and celebrates her impressive musical comeback in the course of the blues revival and the hippie movement. With the end of the sixties, facing a declining interest in the old school blues, the book shows how Big Mama Thornton found her niche in clubs and festivals in the U.S. and Europe. The book then follows Big Mama Thornton through the seventies and eighties until her untimely death.

Stories from

Reminiscence with the author and live out her childhood experiences with her grandmother. The woman that taught her compassion and gave her the belief that she could do and be anything she set her mind too. Going back down memory lane with relatives and friends that also cultivated her experiences in rural life exploring the depths of what she became today. An herbalist, gardener and naturalist using mother nature to explain every day life complexities.

Freight Train Board Book

Colour concept book. 0-3 yrs.

School Bus

What is large (or small), bright yellow, and filled with students? School Bus! Climb aboard and let Donald Crews take you to school -- and home again.

Church of the Small Things

Is my ordinary, everyday life actually significant? Is it okay to be fulfilled by the simple acts of raising kids, working in an office, and cooking chicken for dinner? It's been said, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the number of moments that take our breath away." The pressure of that can be staggering as we spend our days looking for that big thing that promises to take our breath away. Meanwhile, we lose sight of the small significance of fully living with every breath we take. Melanie Shankle, New York Times bestselling author and writer at The Big Mama Blog tackles these questions head on in her fourth book, Church of the Small Things. Easygoing and relatable, she speaks directly to the heart of women of all ages who are longing to find significance and meaning in the normal, sometimes mundane world of driving carpool to soccer practice, attending class on their college campus, cooking meals for their family, or taking care of a sick loved one. The million little pieces that make a life aren't necessarily glamorous or far-reaching. But God uses some of the smallest, most ordinary acts of faithfulness—and sometimes they look a whole lot like packing lunch. Through humorous stories told in her signature style, full of Frito pie, best friends, the love of her Me-Ma and Pa-Pa, the unexpected grace that comes when we quit trying to measure up, and a little of the best TV has to offer, Melanie helps women embrace what it means to live a simple, yet incredibly meaningful life and how to find all the beauty and laughter that lies right beneath the surface of every moment.

The 12 Days of a Soul Food Christmas

Everyone is welcome at Big Mama's house for the holidays! Come in and celebrate with Big Mama's family and enjoy a tasty new tradition of mouthwatering main courses and scrumptious side dishes shared with smiles and seconds everyone! A whimsical new version of the traditional Christmas carol written by LaShonda M. Stewart and illustrated by JL Straw.

Telling Time with Big Mama Cat

A cat describes her activities at various times throughout the day from morning to night. Features a clock with movable hands.

Night at the Fair

It's time! The gates are open, the rides are spinning-come to the fair! Nighttime at the fair is magic with Caldecott Honor-winning author-artist Donald Crews. The sky goes dark and the colored lights begin to flash and sparkle. There are games to play and treats to eat. From the top of the Ferris wheel you can see where you've been-and where you have yet to go. So much to do and see. Hurry!

Soul City

Soul City is an urban utopia, where the local house of worship is St. Pimp's House of Baptist Rapture, and the candidates for mayor are locked in a fierce battle for DJ supremacy. Into this wonderful place comes Cadillac Jackson, a journalist who falls for the beautiful Mahogany Sunflower--whose family possesses the ability to fly. Challenged by his dazzling surroundings, Cadillac looks deep within himself and begins to understand his true character.

O's Little Book of Happiness

With a sprightly dose of insightful inspiration, a sprinkling of practical advice, and a bounty of exuberant stories by great writers, O's Little Book of Happiness features some of the best work ever to have appeared in O, The Oprah Magazine. Inside you'll find Elizabeth Gilbert's ode to the triumph of asking for what you want, Jane Smiley's tribute to the animal who taught her about lasting fulfillment, Roxane Gay's sure-fire cure for complaining, Brené Brown's celebration of the powers of play, Neil deGrasse Tyson's take on the joyful participation in the universe, and much more. Revisiting fifteen years of the magazine's rich archives, O's editors have assembled a collection as stunning as it is spirit-lifting.

Big Bob Gibson's BBQ Book

Winners of the World Championship BBQ Cook-Off for six years in a row and with hundreds of other contest ribbons as well, nobody does barbecue better than Big Bob Gibson Bar-B-Q in Decatur, Alabama. Chris Lilly, executive chef of Big Bob Gibson Bar-B-Q and great-grandson-in-law of Big Bob himself, now passes on the family secrets in this quintessential guide to barbecue. From dry rubs to glazes and from sauces to slathers, Lilly gives the lowdown on Big Bob Gibson Bar-B-Q's award-winning seasonings and combinations. You'll learn the unique flavors of different woods and you'll get insider tips on creating the right heat—be it in a charcoal grill, home oven, or backyard ground pit. Then, get the scoop on pulled pork, smoked beef brisket, pit-fired poultry, and, of course, ribs. Complete the feast with sides like red-skin potato salad and black-eyed peas. And surely you'll want to save room for Lilly's dessert recipes such as Big Mama's Pound Cake. Loaded with succulent photographs, easy-to-follow instructions, and colorful stories, Big Bob Gibson's BBQ Book honors the legacy of Big Bob Gibson—and of great barbeque.

Sail Away

Sail Away It's a perfect day for sailing. Motor under the bridge, putt . . . putt . . . putt past the lighthouse, put up the sails, and whoosh! But watch out for a change in the weather. Seas will swell and waves will crash before you sail back home.

Grandbaby Cakes

“Spectacular cake creations [that] are positively bursting with beauty, color, flavor, and fun . . . this book will ignite the baking passion within you!” —Pioneer Woman Ree Drummond, #1 New York Times–bestselling author Grandbaby Cakes is the debut cookbook from sensational food writer, Jocelyn Delk Adams. Since founding her popular recipe blog, Grandbaby Cakes, in 2012, Adams has been putting fresh twists on old favorites. She has earned praise from critics and the adoration of bakers both young and old for her easygoing advice, rich photography, and the heartwarming memories she shares of her grandmother, affectionately nicknamed Big Mama, who baked and developed delicious, melt-in-your-mouth desserts. Grandbaby Cakes pairs charming stories of Big Mama’s kitchen with recipes ranging from classic standbys to exciting adventures—helpfully marked by degree of difficulty—that will inspire your own family for years to come. Adams creates sophisticated flavor combinations based on Big Mama’s gorgeous centerpiece cakes, giving each recipe something familiar mixed with something new. Not only will home bakers be able to make staples like yellow cake and icebox cake exactly how their grandmothers did, but they’ll also be preparing impressive innovations, like the Pineapple Upside-Down Hummingbird Pound Cake and the Fig-Brown Sugar Cake. From pound cakes and layer cakes to sheet cakes and “baby” cakes (cupcakes and cakelettes), Grandbaby Cakes delivers fun, hip recipes perfect for any celebration. “[Adams] offers up her greatest hits alongside sweet stories of her family’s generations-old baking traditions.” —People.com “There is a heritage of love and tradition steeped in her recipes . . . A trip down memory lane that ends with delicious treats on your table.” —Carla Hall, TV chef and author of Carla Hall’s Soul Food

A Thirst for Home

Perfect for common core, this story based on the true events of a young girl's transition from the poverty of Ethiopia to life in America will be an inspiration for young readers Alemitu lives with her mother in a poor village in Ethiopia, where she must walk miles for water and hunger roars in her belly. Even though life is difficult, she dreams of someday knowing more about the world. When her mother has no choice but to leave her at an orphanage to give her a chance at a better life, an American family adopts Alemitu. She becomes Eva in her new home in America, and although her life there is better in so many ways, she'll never forget her homeland and the mother who gave up so much for her. Told through the lens that water connects all people everywhere, this eye-opening, emotional story will get readers thinking about the world beyond their own.

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Visiting Bigmama's house in the country, young Donald Crews finds his relatives full of news and the old place and its surroundings just the same as the year before.

Dumbo Live Action Picture Book

A gorgeous picture book that captures the heart and stunning visuals of Tim Burton's Dumbo. The picture book will feature gorgeous, stylized illustrations that will welcome readers into the wonderful world of Walt Disney studios' live action Dumbo.

Dressed in Dreams

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Freida Pinto and Gabrielle Union \"A perfect time to look at the ethos of black hair in America — and the perfect person to do it is Tanisha Ford\" —Changing America \"Everyone from the shopaholic to the clearance rack queen will see themselves in [Ford's] pages.\" —Essence \"Takes you not only into the closet, but the inner sanctum of an ordinary extraordinary Black girl who discovered herself through clothes.\" —Michaela Angela Davis, Image Activist and Writer \"[A] delightful style story.\" —The Philadelphia Inquirer From sneakers to leather jackets, a bold, witty, and deeply personal dive into Black America's closet In this highly engaging book, fashionista and pop culture expert Tanisha C. Ford investigates Afros and dashikis, go-go boots and hotpants of the sixties, hip hop's baggy jeans and bamboo earrings, and the #BlackLivesMatter-inspired hoodies of today. The history of these garments is deeply intertwined with Ford's story as a black girl coming of age in a Midwestern rust belt city. She experimented with the Jheri curl; discovered how wearing the wrong color tennis shoes at the roller rink during the drug and gang wars of the 1980s could get you beaten; and rocked oversized, brightly colored jeans and Timberlands at an elite boarding school where the white upper crust wore conservative wool shift dresses. Dressed in Dreams is a story of desire, access, conformity, and black innovation that explains things like the importance of knockoff culture; the role of “ghetto fabulous” full-length furs and colorful leather in the 1990s; how black girls make magic out of a dollar store t-shirt, rhinestones, and airbrushed paint; and black parents' emphasis on dressing nice. Ford talks about the pain of seeing black style appropriated by the mainstream fashion industry and fashion's power, especially in middle America. In this richly evocative narrative, she shares her lifelong fashion revolution—from figuring out her own personal style to discovering what makes Midwestern fashion a real thing too.

I Went Walking

During the course of a walk, a young boy identifies animals of different colors.

Ten Black Dots

First published in 1968, Ten Black Dots is a counting book, a book of simple rhymes, and a book of everyday objects.

Mr. George Baker

George Baker and Harry don't seem the likeliest of friends. But sitting together waiting for the school bus in the morning, the hundred-year-old musician and the young schoolboy have plenty in common. They're both learning to read, and it's hard. What's easy is the warm friendship they share. In an inspired pairing, a best-selling author and illustrator pay quiet tribute to the power of language and intergenerational bonds.

450 More Story Stretchers for the Primary Grades

Activities to expand children's favorite books. Primary grades.

Shades of People

Cocoa, tan, rose, and almond—people come in lots of shades, even in the same family. A celebration of the diversity of everyday life, this exploration of one of our most noticeable physical traits pairs simple text with vibrant photographs. At school, at the beach, and in the city, diverse groups of children invite young readers both to take notice and to look beyond the obvious. Combining lively action shots and candid portraits, Shelley Rotner's photographs showcase a wide variety of kids and families—many shades, and many bright smiles. For even younger readers, this title has also been adapted as a board book, All Kinds of People. An ALA Notable Book.

The Ember Stone

Perodia is threatened by Thorn, a powerful vulture, who is using magic to spread a terrible darkness--but when a young owl named Tag, and his best friend, the squirrel Skyla, rescue a golden egg from Thorn's Tiger bats they may have found the key to Perodia's salvation: the last firehawk, guardian of the ember stone.

Yoruba Girl Dancing

"Yoruba Girl Dancing is at once acerbic and moving and painfully honest about the cost of emigration and adjustment."--The Washington Post Born into a privileged Nigerian family, Remi Foster has a life in Africa that is a celebration of love and family, eccentricity and ritual. But at the age of six she is uprooted when her father sends her to a posh all-girls boarding school in England. There, the only black in a school of perfect English girls, she navigates the labyrinth of race, caste, and culture, enduring taunting classmates and foreign holidays celebrated with strangers. Finally, caught between two cultures, Remi must discover who she truly is--a Yoruba girl dancing. "Effortless, elegant, charming . . . Bedford has created a gutsy girl . . . of naturally hot temper, undercut by a canny survival instinct, a cool number, yet all too capable of bewilderment and hurt."--Chicago Tribune

The Biggest, Best Snowman

For use in schools and libraries only. Little Nell's family thinks she's too small to really accomplish anything. Then one snowy day, with the help of her forest friends, Nell proves that she is capable of accomplishing anything she puts her mind to.

Each Orange Had 8 Slices

An illustrated introduction to counting and simple addition

Soccer Game!

Brief rhyming text follows a group of children through some exciting plays during a soccer game

Chato And The Party Animals

Chato decides to throw a "pachanga" for his friend Novio Boy, who has never had a birthday party, but when it is time to party, Novio Boy cannot be found.

The Leaving Morning

Leaving home is hard when to you have to say goodbye to everyone you know. A boy and his sister experience moving day: saying goodbye to shopkeepers, friends, cousins; watching men in blue load the truck; giving a last glance around their rooms; and driving off to their new home.

The Salamander Room

A boy finds a salamander in the woods and imagines the many things he can do to turn his room into a perfect salamander home. Together, Anne Mazer and Steve Johnson have created a woodland paradise that any salamander would love to share with a child.

My Steps Sound Like Big Mama's

This is a rhyming story about an African-American granddaughter and her grandmother whom she calls Big

Mama. It highlights the interaction between them beginning from the childhood of the granddaughter on until the granddaughter reaches adulthood. Memories about Big Mama remain fresh well into the senior years of her granddaughter's life and long after Big Mama has passed away.

Big Mama's Storm Cellar

Examines the latest applications of photochemistry to generate important intermediates Presenting the latest breakthroughs in the field of organic photochemistry, this book offers tested and proven photochemical approaches to synthesis, creating promising new possibilities and applications for photochemical reactions. It focuses on photoreactions involving an intermediate where mechanistic aspects control the course of the reaction and its synthetic value. Readers will discover new insights into the mechanisms and nature of photo-produced reactive intermediates for organic synthesis as well as the methods to generate them. Moreover, by focusing on highly efficient techniques for producing such species, the authors enable researchers to design and perform photoreactions within the framework of green, sustainable chemistry. Photochemically-Generated Intermediates in Synthesis begins with a discussion of the principles and practice of photo-generated intermediates. Next, the book explores: Photogeneration of carbon-centered radicals Photogeneration of heteroatom-centered radicals Photogeneration of biradicals and radical pairs Photochemical generation of radical ions Photogeneration of carbocations and carbanions Photogeneration of carbenes and nitrenes The book's final chapter is dedicated to the photochemical manipulation of intermediates. Each chapter includes key kinetic data for typical intermediates as well as detailed case examples, giving readers all the tools needed to perform their own photochemical reactions. Comparisons to non-photochemical methods are offered whenever possible. Photochemically-Generated Intermediates in Synthesis sets the stage for greater collaboration among photochemists and synthetic organic chemists, enabling these two research communities to fully leverage photochemistry in order to generate key intermediates needed for a broad range of synthetic reactions in organic chemistry.

Like a Diamond in Black Oil

In 2009, Allisiana felt that she needed to share her poetry and creative talents with the world to see. With very little experience and only a high school diploma at the time, Allisiana began to write and craft her story into a novel. After three failed publishing companies, Allisiana locked away her book and closed the idea of ever becoming an author again. In 2018, Allisiana revisited the idea after tragically losing her grandmother suddenly. "\"I just felt she wanted me to release my work, she always told me to follow my dreams,\"\" Allisiana wrote in a recent interview. "\"Like a Diamond in Black Oil,\"\" is a compelling story of a young woman who faced the unthinkable... but became the unexpected. Allisiana gained the attention of surrounding cities and local peers when she first released LADIBO late 2018. Now, feeling more confident than ever -- Allisiana wants her readers from near and far to just know... "\"...you are and will always be a diamond. Find your light.\"\" Enjoy.

Stringbean's Trip to the Shining Sea

Dear Reader, Here are the postcards and snapshots that Stringbean Coe and his brother Fred sent home from the long trip they made one summer in Fred's truck. Their grandfather made this album for the family--and for you. Enjoy yourselves! Love, Vera and Jennifer Stringbean Coe, his big brother, Fred, and their dog, Potato, are driving from Kansas to California in a pickup truck with a little house built on the back. Reading the postcards they send home every day is the next best thing to having a cross-country adventure all your own. \"A good-hearted celebration of life and experience, and a gift to the public.\"--School Library Journal

Bookpeople

Fifteen units focus on authors who speak about their ethnic heritage through their books and those who write or illustrate multicultural materials. Each unit includes a full-size photograph and a brief biography

containing bits of background information that will fascinate students. Activities that reinforce the multicultural theme and bibliographies of related books and films are also featured. Ideal for the media center and the integrated curriculum. Grades 1-6.

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