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### Junonia

From a two-time Newbery Honor author. In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, 11-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida.

### Raising a Soul Surfer

Bethany Hamilton has become a fitness expert by virtue of being a professional athlete

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who has excelled—and she's done it while overcoming incredible challenges. Whether you know Bethany or not, whether you surf or not, everyone has challenges, and in *Surfer Style*, Bethany shares some of her core experiences with body, mind and spirit. Sharing her expertise as an athlete, *New You* helps young girls develop a healthy lifestyle, understand their changing bodies, gain confidence, and establish a pattern of healthy living starting at a young age. This book includes workouts specially developed for young girls by Bethany's personal trainer, recipes and information on healthy eating based on "Bethany's food pyramid," which follows the Mediterranean diet, and advice on deepening your spiritual health, for a total body wellness book perfect for growing girls. This isn't a book about Bethany, this is a book about wellness, becoming your best "you," through physical and spiritual balance, because spiritual health is just as important as physical health.

### [Crunch](#)

### [Moon Over Manifest](#)

From Bethany Hamilton's fan letters come these honest, sometimes gut-wrenching questions. Some questions you may have asked about yourself at some time. Bethany's sincere answers reflect her faith, and with some of her favorite Scripture

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versus, her answers will inspire you, let you into Bethany's heart, and possibly help you with some of your own life questions. This updated edition includes some new questions and answers, and lets readers see how she has grown and changed, and where she is today.

### Cold Water Souls

Filled with cool surf lingo, this sweet rhyming picture book is perfect for summer at the beach and for celebrating the love between a father and a daughter. Kirkus writes, "A most expressive chicken makes a splash in this winning title about learning to surf." - STARRED REVIEW

### Rise Above

Devotional insights drawn from the movie Soul Surfer, about Bethany Hamilton, a teenage surfer who lost her arm in a shark attack but returned to the sport.

### Clash

In Rise Above, a book of devotions, teen surfing star Bethany Hamilton shares with young girls her courage and enthusiasm for God, inspiring them to face life head on and

stand strong in their faith.

### **Be Unstoppable**

For fashion journalist Lauren (“LoLo”) Scruggs, a short flight to look at Christmas lights turned into a nightmare when she was struck by the plane’s spinning propeller blades. As Lauren was rushed to the hospital, the world watched in shock and horror. Several major surgeries and thousands of prayers later, Lauren was still alive. But she had suffered brain trauma and lost her left hand and left eye. And she had to face some incredibly difficult questions: What kind of future will I have? Where is God in all this pain? Will anyone ever be able to love me now? In *Still LoLo*, Lauren and her family reveal what really happened that night, what Lauren’s life is like today, what got them through their journey toward healing, and how they conquered all odds to persevere as a family. Containing exclusive photos and personal stories from Lauren and her family, *Still LoLo* is a compelling and fiercely beautiful account of faith, determination, and staying true to who you are—no matter what.

### **Swell**

The teenage surfer who lost her arm in a shark attack offers inspirational prayers and reflections on topics concerning teenage girls, including family, friendship, dating, love,

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peer pressure, sex, sports, and body image.

### Redefining Beautiful

It took real faith and courage to get Bethany back on a surfboard after losing her arm to a shark. In this new four-book fiction series based on the life of surfer star Bethany Hamilton, Bethany and her friends discover God's love and guidance as they tackle the waves that life hands them. Also available: Soul Surfer™ Bible, Ask Bethany, and Rise Above. In Clash, it's a challenge to their tight-knit group when a new girl with a secret crowds Bethany and her friends. Important heart issues lead to difficult decisions. In Burned, Bethany has a run-in with an unpleasant kid on a surf trip to Samoa and discovers something in the Samoan culture that brings healing and forgiveness. In Storm, Bethany helps a young family lost on the Kalalun trail. As Bethany's youth group struggles to raise funds for a mission trip, her small act of kindness blesses them all. In Crunch, Bethany meets a little girl at an orphanage in Mexico who must have her arm removed. Concerned by her condition, Bethany makes a promise to the child that threatens Bethany's opportunity to surf in a prestigious contest.

### Surfer Chick

Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936,

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sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past.

### [Ask Bethany, Updated Edition](#)

While writing Soul Surfer Johnny, the first book in this series, I was flooded with so many additional memories of “Puerto Tranquilo” that I knew a second book was waiting to be written. By the time the first book was finished, I had jotted down more than 125 other memorable episodes. I was challenged to write the book that became Soul Surfer Johnny by Joel Fotinos, vice president for spiritual books for Penguin-Putnam publishers, during a lunch we had in 2007. He had just read my Awakening The Soul: The Trilogy, and challenged me to write a novel incorporating the essence of that tome, ala the most successful novel of the millennium, Dan Brown’s The Da Vinci Code. While Soul Surfer Johnny is certainly no Da Vinci Code, it does carry forth that essence of spiritual growth, describing a young man’s soul awakening. The heart of the story, however, remains his many wild surfing adventures, most in Puerto. But it wasn’t planned that way. A number of years ago, I began compiling a list of topics for my Puerto book, which I knew I would write some day. But I had no plans of incorporating those memories into the book Fotinos challenged me to write, revealing how to create the spiritual awakening possible within each of us. However, when I started writing, it was immediately apparent where this story was going to Puerto, where my personal spiritual awakening occurred some 25 years earlier. Thus, the first Soul Surfer Johnny

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book had a serious underlying story of spiritual awakening that seemed out of place in a surfing adventure novel. But it really wasn't, because what was being portrayed as happening to Johnny really had happened to me, and has occurred to others, so I knew it was eminently possible. I had so much fun writing Soul Surfer Johnny that I immediately started writing this book, its direct sequel, but with a difference. This volume does not have that heavy underlying story of spiritual growth, but rather only occasional references to Johnny's continuing awakening. It's mostly outrageous tales of his many Puerto adventures and episodes. This book richly continues the adventures of Soul Surfer Johnny, the story of an East Coast bad boy who becomes a good kid as he learns to surf in the waves off Southern California. In the process, he joins his own sort of "gang," then ventures south to the big waves of Southern Mexico. He is guided to "Puerto Tranquilo" in the late 1970s by several of his fellow Tyrony Bros. "gang" members, who had discovered the fantastic surf break there several years before. There he is witness to and participates in a bizarre series of adventures. Unexpectedly, he begins to explore his spirituality, and discovers his true inner self for the first time, dramatically improving his life. Like its predecessor, this continuing wild tale is almost true, however sometimes the actual circumstances are slightly "enhanced," while conveying the basic truth. For example, a few wave heights may have been exaggerated occasionally – except in the "Big Wednesday" chapter, which is Johnny's true, eye-witness account. But most of the book's stories actually happened as described. It makes no claim toward being all-inclusive, or a legitimate history of the town. It's just a lot of mostly true stories about a wonderful little town in Southern Mexico. All stories

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are re-told as accurately as memory serves.

### [Fifty Acres and a Poodle](#)

Bethany Hamilton, a teenage surfer lost her arm in a shark attack off the coast of Kauai, Hawaii. Not even the loss of her arm keeps her from returning to surfing, the sport she loves.

### [This Is Me](#)

Surfer Bethany Hamilton answers common fan questions and explains how her faith has guided her throughout her career and life.

### [I Can Only Imagine](#)

The captivating story behind the bestselling single in the history of Christian music—and the man who wrote it MercyMe’s crossover hit, “I Can Only Imagine,” has touched millions of people around the world. But few know about the pain, redemption, and healing that inspired it. Now Bart Millard, award-winning recording artist and lead singer of MercyMe, shares how his dad’s transformation from abusive father to man of God sparked a divine moment in music history. Go behind the scenes of Bart’s life—and the

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movie based on it—to discover how God repaired a broken family, prepared Bart for ministry through music, and wrote the words on his heart that would change his life forever. *I Can Only Imagine* is a front-row seat to witnessing God's presence throughout Bart's life. Whether falling in love with his childhood sweetheart or mourning his father's death, founding MercyMe or flailing in the midst of its success, Bart continues to place his trust in God's plans—plans that continue to surprise and surpass what Bart could have ever imagined.

### [The Grand Plan to Fix Everything](#)

A new MG bio series presenting narrative and highly accessible accounts of some of the world's most courageous young women. Bethany overcame a vicious shark attack to become an accomplished surfer.

### [Surfing Rabbi](#)

'Reveals his poignant battle against the dark side of his return to the pool' - Donald McRae, *Guardian* By the age of 14, at a time when most boys are coming to terms with teenage life, Ian Thorpe was representing his country and becoming the youngest ever individual male world champion. The 'Thorpedo' was soon the most famous swimmer in the world, routinely picking up Olympic gold medals and setting record-breaking

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times. But behind the public face of success, there was the hardship of a life lived in the constant glare of media attention and rumour. As Thorpe continued to work for his fans, he hid away a secret battle against depression and was ushered into retirement at just 24 years of age. Raw, honest and compelling, Thorpe's memoir brilliantly unveils the costs that sometimes come with unimaginable success. 'Fans of his easy style are in for a shock with his book' - Giles Hattersley, Sunday Times

### Still LoLo

Not feeling very beautiful? Learn what beauty is from God's perspective. Revolve speaker Jenna Lucado has teamed up with her dad, Max Lucado, to bring girls a fresh perspective on what they need to live a life of peace, joy, and confidence. What does God see when He looks at them? And how does a girl catch that vision? Jenna reveals life accessories that are essential, and which single accessory is a real must-have to give teens a look they love—a look that says they are comfortable with who they are and secure and confident. What's the all-important accessory? Love from a father. But what happens when there is no loving father in sight, no daddy to tell them they are beautiful? Through conversational “girl time” Jenna reveals that when we look to God as our Father, He can change our focus, our look, and our lives. With affirmation from Max, *Redefining Beautiful* will change the way girls look at God, themselves, and the people around them.

### [Soul Surfer](#)

Cheri Hamilton, Bethany's mom, tells the inspiring story of the Hamilton Family. Bethany Hamilton's incredible story of surviving and thriving in the wake of a shark attack, told in her best-selling autobiography Soul Surfer, has sold more than 1.5 million copies. Yet her family's adventures started long before Bethany lost her arm and became a pro surfer. Now Cheri Hamilton, Bethany's mom, tells the inspiring story of the Hamilton Family. Raising a Soul Surfer invites readers to journey with the Hamiltons to the lush islands of Hawaii, to experience a worldwide news event, Bethany's shark attack, from her parents' point of view. Witness the many small steps of faith and how God stepped in and gave them a higher purpose.

### [The Wave](#)

Describes the devastating accident and case of mistaken identity that left one family grieving for the young woman they thought was their daughter while the wrong family cared for the lone survivor, and describes the healing journey of survivor Whitney Cerak.

### [Bethany Hamilton \(She Dared\)](#)

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From legendary writer Paul Theroux comes an atmospheric novel following a big-wave surfer as he confronts aging, privilege, mortality, and whose lives we choose to remember.

### Turtle in Paradise

Returning to the beach cottage—a cottage named Scallop—where she has always celebrated her birthday is a special occasion for Alice Rice. Who will see the first dolphin this time? The first pelican? What will have changed? Stayed the same? And will this be the year she finally finds a junonia shell? Alice's friends are all returning, too. And she's certain her parents have the best party planned for her. Alice can't wait. If Alice is lucky, everything will be absolutely perfect. Will Alice be lucky?

### Choosing to SEE

In a book with full-color photos, the author goes in search of surfing's cold-water pioneers and the world's most extreme surfing environments, from the wilds of Alaska to the frozen wastes of Nova Scotia, and from Scotland's storm-lashed north coast to Japan's Hokkaido Island. Original.

### Shark Girl

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A teenager struggles through physical loss to the start of acceptance in an absorbing, artful novel at once honest and insightful, wrenching and redemptive. (Age 12 and up) On a sunny day in June, at the beach with her mom and brother, fifteen-year-old Jane Arrowood went for a swim. And then everything -- absolutely everything -- changed. Now she's counting down the days until she returns to school with her fake arm, where she knows kids will whisper, "That's her -- that's Shark Girl," as she passes. In the meantime there are only questions: Why did this happen? Why her? What about her art? What about her life? In this striking first novel, Kelly Bingham uses poems, letters, telephone conversations, and newspaper clippings to look unflinchingly at what it's like to lose part of yourself - and to summon the courage it takes to find yourself again.

### [Soul Surfer Johnny Returns](#)

From Susan Casey, bestselling author of *The Devil's Teeth*, an astonishing book about colossal, ship-swallowing rogue waves and the surfers who seek them out. For centuries, mariners have spun tales of gargantuan waves, 100-feet high or taller. Until recently scientists dismissed these stories—waves that high would seem to violate the laws of physics. But in the past few decades, as a startling number of ships vanished and new evidence has emerged, oceanographers realized something scary was brewing in the planet's waters. They found their proof in February 2000, when a British research vessel was trapped in a vortex of impossibly mammoth waves in the North

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Sea—including several that approached 100 feet. As scientists scramble to understand this phenomenon, others view the giant waves as the ultimate challenge. These are extreme surfers who fly around the world trying to ride the ocean's most destructive monsters. The pioneer of extreme surfing is the legendary Laird Hamilton, who, with a group of friends in Hawaii, figured out how to board suicidally large waves of 70 and 80 feet. Casey follows this unique tribe of people as they seek to conquer the holy grail of their sport, a 100-foot wave. In this mesmerizing account, the exploits of Hamilton and his fellow surfers are juxtaposed against scientists' urgent efforts to understand the destructive powers of waves—from the tsunami that wiped out 250,000 people in the Pacific in 2004 to the 1,740-foot-wave that recently leveled part of the Alaskan coast. Like Jon Krakauer's *Into Thin Air*, *The Wave* brilliantly portrays human beings confronting nature at its most ferocious.

### [Soul Surfer: Catching God's Wave for Your Life: Your Faith Guide to Becoming a Soul Surfer](#)

Eleven-year-old Dini loves movies, and so when she learns that her family is moving to India for two years, her devastation over leaving her best friend in Maryland is tempered by the possibility of meeting her favorite actress, Dolly Singh.

### [Seabiscuit](#)

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**As a professional surfer who has overcome challenges, the author shares her expertise as an athlete and a Christian, showing girls how spiritual health is just as important as physical health.**

### **Body and Soul**

**Sailing Ten Years and 20,000 Miles In Search of Surf and Self**

### **The Psychedelic Explorer's Guide**

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### Body and Soul

They say Bethany Hamilton has saltwater in her veins. How else could one explain the tremendous passion that drives her to surf? How else could one explain that nothing - not even the loss of her arm in a horrific shark attack - could come between her and the waves? That Halloween morning in Kauai, Hawaii Bethany responded to the shark's stealth with a calmness beyond belief. Pushing pain and panic aside, she immediately thought: 'Get to the beach' Rushed to the hospital, where her father, Ted Hamilton, was about to undergo knee surgery, Bethany found herself taking his spot in the operating theatre. When the first thing Bethany wanted to know after surgery was 'When can I surf again?' it became clear that her unfaltering spirit and determination were part of a greater story - a tale of courage and faith that this modest and soft-spoken girl would come to share with the world.

### Ask Bethany

The amazing story of the thirteen-year-old surfer girl who lost her arm in a shark attack but never lost her faith -- and of her triumphant return to competitive surfing. They say Bethany Hamilton has saltwater in her veins. How else could one explain the tremendous passion that drives her to surf? How else could one explain that nothing -- not even the loss of her arm in a horrific shark attack -- could come between her and the

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waves? That Halloween morning in Kauai, Hawaii -- a glorious part of the world, where it's hard to deny the divine -- Bethany responded to the shark's stealth attack with the calm of a girl with God on her side. Pushing pain and panic aside, she immediately began to paddle with one arm, focusing on a single thought: "Get to the beach." Rushed to the hospital, where her father, Tom Hamilton, was about to undergo knee surgery, Bethany found herself taking his spot in the O.R. It's the kind of coincidence that isn't mere coincidence to the Hamilton family, a clan whose motto could easily be "the family that surfs and prays together stays together." To them it was a sign someone had a greater plan than the one they'd been working on themselves -- which had been to scrape together whatever resources they could to help Bethany rise to the top of her sport. When the first thing Bethany wanted to know after surgery was "When can I surf again?" it became clear that her unfaltering spirit and determination were part of a greater story -- a tale of courage and faith that this modest and soft-spoken girl would come to share with the world. Soul Surfer is a moving account of Bethany's life as a young surfer, her recovery in the wake of the shark attack, the adjustments she's made to her unique surfing style, her unprecedented bid for a top showing in the World Surfing Championships, and, most fundamentally, her belief in God. It is a story of girl power and spiritual grit that shows that the body is no more essential to surfing -- perhaps even less so -- than the soul.

### [Chords of Strength](#)

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Growing up under the spell of one of the world's most coveted surf spots. Norm "Shifty" Shifren risks missing his own bar mitzvah to take his first shaky ride at the mecca of surfdom -- Malibu Beach. An assimilated Jew who barely acknowledges his spiritual roots, Shifren pursues his dream of becoming a big-wave surfer, lifeguard and triathlete. Shifren's circuitous journey evolves into a spiritual quest that takes him from the pristine waves of Hawaii and Mexico, to an intermarriage in Germany and soldier duty in Israel, and finally, to a small orthodox shtetl in Israel, where he learns the mysteries of the Jewish ancients. His true-life saga is one of new-found Jewish consciousness and eye-opening self-revelation. Ultimately drawn to the insular, yet joyous ultra orthodox Lubavitcher Chassidim, Rabbi Nachurn Shifren's life comes full circle as he finds G-d not in the synagogue, but in the majesty of Jewish mysticism and the vast power of the ocean.

### [Unstoppable Me](#)

I've told my kids for years that God doesn't make mistakes," writes Mary Beth Chapman, wife of Grammy award winning recording artist Steven Curtis Chapman. "Would I believe it now, when my whole world as I knew it came to an end?" Covering her courtship and marriage to Steven Curtis Chapman, struggles for emotional balance, and living with grief, Mary Beth's story is our story--wondering where God is when the worst happens. In *Choosing to SEE*, she shows how she wrestles with God even as she has

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allowed him to write her story--both during times of happiness and those of tragedy. Readers will hear firsthand about the loss of her daughter, the struggle to heal, and the unexpected path God has placed her on. Even as difficult as life can be, Mary Beth Chapman Chooses to SEE. Includes a 16-page full color photo insert.

### Soul Surfer Devotions

Psychedelics for spiritual, therapeutic, and problem-solving use • Presents practices for safe and successful psychedelic voyages, including the benefits of having a guide and how to be a guide • Reviews the value of psychedelics for healing and self-discovery as well as how LSD has facilitated scientific and technical problem-solving • Reveals how microdosing (ultr-low doses) improve cognitive functioning, emotional balance, and physical stamina • This year 600,000 people in the U.S. alone will try LSD for the first time, joining the 23 million who have already experimented with this substance Called “America’s wisest and most respected authority on psychedelics and their use,” James Fadiman has been involved with psychedelic research since the 1960s. In this guide to the immediate and long-term effects of psychedelic use for spiritual (high dose), therapeutic (moderate dose), and problem-solving (low dose and microdose) purposes, Fadiman outlines best practices for safe, sacred entheogenic voyages learned through his more than 40 years of experience--from the benefits of having a sensitive guide during a session (and how to be one) to the importance of the setting and pre-session intention. Fadiman reviews the newest as well as the neglected research into the

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psychotherapeutic value of visionary drug use for increased personal awareness and a host of serious medical conditions, including his recent study of the reasons for and results of psychedelic use among hundreds of students and professionals. He reveals new uses for LSD and other psychedelics, including microdosing, extremely low doses, for improved cognitive functioning and emotional balance. Cautioning that psychedelics are not for everyone, he dispels the myths and misperceptions about psychedelics circulating in textbooks and clinics as well as on the internet. Exploring the life-changing experiences of Ram Dass, Timothy Leary, Aldous Huxley, and Huston Smith as well as Francis Crick and Steve Jobs, Fadiman shows how psychedelics, used wisely, can lead not only to healing but also to scientific breakthroughs and spiritual epiphanies.

### Soul Surfer

The New York Times bestseller-the inspiring personal story of American Idol's David Archuleta. In the New York Times bestseller Chords of Strength, American Idol favorite David Archuleta shares his unexpected and inspiring journey, including how he overcame vocal cord paralysis to achieve his dream of being a successful singer. David also opens up about the strength he draws from his unshakable faith and family. He pays tribute to those who continue to inspire him and, through their example, help him believe in himself, his talent, and his abilities. Intimate and uplifting, Chords of Strength allows a unique glimpse at the man behind the music and offers hope to anyone with a

passion and a dream.

### [Mistaken Identity](#)

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### [Burned](#)

In Be Unstoppable, New York Times bestselling author and champion surfer Bethany

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Hamilton shares how God's creation and never-failing promises inspire her to live her best life. Alongside breathtaking photos on each page, Bethany inspires readers to be bold, enjoy life, and take the risk of trusting God each day. No one knows where God will lead or what will happen along life's journey, but the sense of wonder and adventure found in biblical promises is enough to step out and live in faith. Life is full of what if's, but you can't let what happens in life hold you back. Known most notably for one of the biggest comeback stories of our era, Bethany Hamilton has since become synonymous with inspiration. Bethany is a sought-after public speaker, professional surfer, and spiritual icon. She is motivating audiences worldwide to live their lives with more tenacity, courage, and faith. She is motivating audiences worldwide to live their lives with more tenacity, courage, and faith. In this four-color photo book, inspiration is found on every page.

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Unstoppable Me, written by New York Times bestselling author and champion surfer Bethany Hamilton with husband, Adam Dirks, tells the story of Makana the lion, who loves to surf but loses her nerve when she wipes out. When her friend encourages her to go back out again, Makana summons up the courage and discovers the success that comes from believing in yourself and never giving up. As seen in the feature film Bethany Hamilton: Unstoppable, this playful book will have little ones cheering for Makana and inspire them to stay strong and keep trying, no matter what challenges

might come their way.

### Soul Surfer

Jeanne Marie Laskas had dreams of life on a farm that she couldn't get out of her head. A dream of fleeing her otherwise happy urban life for fresh air and open space. A dream she would discover was about something more profound than that. A dream she never ever expected to come true. Until a hot summer afternoon led to a drive in the country, where a place that had existed only in her fantasies turned out to be real--and for sale. **Fifty Acres And A Poodle** The place is almost too perfect to be believed, but there it is: a pretty-as-a-picture-postcard farm, with an Amish barn, a chestnut grove, and vistas so beautiful, they take her breath away. And in that moment she knows that this is the spot where her future begins. So she drags her boyfriend Alex, a committed urban dweller with zero agricultural awareness who owns a poodle, into her scheme, hoping that love will somehow conquer all. But buying a postcard--fifty acres of scenery--and living on it are two entirely different matters. The questions seem endless: How long before the barn roof collapses? Should they buy sheep? Will the place be good for her writing, and for her relationship with Alex? And is there any way to keep Betty the mutt and Marley the poodle from rolling in mud, leaves, and unidentified smelly remains? In this funny yet tender tale, Laskas shares what happens when you follow your dream--and what happens when it's almost snatched away. **Fifty Acres and a Poodle** is a charming and surprisingly poignant memoir of Jeanne Marie Laskas's first year on Sweetwater Farm.

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It is a journey peopled by unforgettable characters: Billy, the local contractor who bulldozes her briars, takes her shopping for tractors, and advises her on buying a mule; Tim, the FedEx driver whose truck becomes Marley's obsession and nearly his downfall; the local hunters who present her with an entire wardrobe of blaze-orange hats; and Bob the cat, whose valiant fight for life gives her the courage to love. Jeanne Marie Laskas writes with exhilarating wit and extraordinary wisdom about life, love, and finding your true self on a farm. It's hard to say how a dream forms. Especially one like mine, which at first seemed so utterly random. It could have been a sailing-a-boat-to-Tahiti dream, a quit-your-job-and-hitchhike-to-Alaska dream. It was a fill-in-the-blank dream, born of an urge, not content. An urge for something new. I was thirty-seven years old. I lived on Eleventh Street, the last house on the right, in South Side, a gentrified old mill town on the banks of the Monongahela River. I rented an office in downtown Pittsburgh, a fifteen-minute bike ride away, which is where I spent my days writing stories and magazine articles. I had a garden. I had a cat. I had a dog. And I had a farm dream, a fantasy swirling around in my head about moving to the country. Where in the world was this coming from? That's what I wondered. It might have made sense if I was a miserable person, sick of my life. But I was not. I had a good life; it had taken me a long time to get it that way. A farm dream would have made sense, I supposed, if I was at least the farm dream type. A person with some deep personal longing to churn butter. A person who had had city life forced upon her and now was determined to go be true to herself and live among the haystacks. A person who wore her hair in long braids, used Ivory soap, and liked to stencil her walls with pictures of little chickens and cows.

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A person who, at minimum, had a compost pile in her yard where she diligently threw lawn clippings and coffee grounds and eggshells and earned the right to use the word organic a lot. But I was not that person. I was not even sure what hay was, or why anyone would stack it. And if I composted anything, it was only by mistake.

### [Under the Wave at Waimea](#)

**#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** • From the author of the runaway phenomenon *Unbroken* comes a universal underdog story about the horse who came out of nowhere to become a legend. Seabiscuit was one of the most electrifying and popular attractions in sports history and the single biggest newsmaker in the world in 1938, receiving more coverage than FDR, Hitler, or Mussolini. But his success was a surprise to the racing establishment, which had written off the crooked-legged racehorse with the sad tail. Three men changed Seabiscuit's fortunes: Charles Howard was a onetime bicycle repairman who introduced the automobile to the western United States and became an overnight millionaire. When he needed a trainer for his new racehorses, he hired Tom Smith, a mysterious mustang breaker from the Colorado plains. Smith urged Howard to buy Seabiscuit for a bargain-basement price, then hired as his jockey Red Pollard, a failed boxer who was blind in one eye, half-crippled, and prone to quoting passages from Ralph Waldo Emerson. Over four years, these unlikely partners survived a phenomenal run of bad fortune, conspiracy, and severe injury to transform Seabiscuit from a neurotic, pathologically indolent also-ran into an American sports icon. **BONUS:**

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