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The Politics of Multiple Belonging

Provides advice for mothers whose children are past the toddler stage and finally have some free time but don't remember what to do with it, with anecdotes from other mothers in similar situations.

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

Chicagos East Side and its Fox Valley suburbs form the backdrop for Growing Up and Finding Her, a memoir told with the poignancy that only a true story can deliver. Authors Brad and Mary Buettner recount how their lives stream together following the difficult challenges of the 1950s and 60s when their families struggled to overcome poverty, misfortune, and mental illness. The contrast between Brad Buettners small-town environment and Mary Ellen Janowskis big-city experience is one aspect of the story. However, when Brad is six, the death of his sister, Bobby, plunges his family into a spiral of grief and anguish. Meanwhile, Mary battles personal insecurities after being rejected by her closest friend. The pair grapple with life independently until red corduroy, of all things, provides the nudge that blends them together in a union lasting more than forty-five years. In this moving tale, Richard Nixon and Dwight Eisenhower make a brief appearance, and the Vietnam War poses an unexpected obstacle three days before the couples wedding. Growing Up and Finding Her is a story of pain, friendship, and love which unfolds with sincere warmth and humor.

When Will My Grown-up Kid Grow Up?

The Grown Ups

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Rejuvenate Yourself with Mira Tasich's Self-Renewal Inspirations Sincerely and candidly, Mira Tasich writes of her personal rollercoaster journey from fear and self-doubt to power and rejuvenation. Goodbye Job, Hello Life never lectures readers but offers them lessons on how to re-invent and discover their hidden powers.

Grown-Up Pose

With a little help—and a little kink—from her friend, she might just get her man. Skylar Redmond's Sky Bar is regularly wall-to-wall hot soldiers. Yet she is alone—and getting tired of it. Forget about finding a man who'll rock her world in the bedroom. She'll settle for a guy who's stable, kind and compassionate. Too bad that guy still sees her as the pigtailed girl from their youth, not the strong woman she is today. But maybe, with a little help, that'll change. As an ex-military field ambulance technician, Matt James excels at performing under pressure. Pretending to be interested in Skylar to help her capture the attention of his best friend? Piece of cake—because he won't be faking it. He's been in love with her since their school yard days, but never pushed it. She deserves someone who can offer her more. A touch leads to a kiss, and a kiss to a night that throws a kink—or three—into Sky's plan. Leaving her wondering if she's going for the wrong man...and letting the right one slip through her fingers. Warning: The book contains a girl with her eyes on the wrong prize, and a half-cocked plan--but definitely not a half-cocked hero.

Little Book of Great Dates

How to Be a Grown-Up

Ultimate Mom is a moving collection of stories about the joys and hurdles of motherhood, laden with must-know advice from experts about all facets of motherhood--how to discover and polish an emerging parenting style; how to balance passion and hobbies with family; how be an effective mother-father team, and much more. Ultimate Mom offers readers: Practical, time-tested lessons from mothers about how to navigate smoothly through the ups-and-downs of motherhood More than 60 eye-catching photographs, featuring outstanding mothers and the milestones that span generations With insightful stories, practical ideas, sage advice, Ultimate Mom is a great gift book for the Mother's Day book launch.

Mean Girls All Grown Up

Do you long for a true friend? "Isn't that what we all want? To be seen, in all our glory, for better or worse, the good, the bad, and the ugly and still be embraced?" If only such friendships were easy to find. And keep. For Lisa Whelchel and millions of others, friendship is a challenge. The vulnerability, trust, balance, grace, and time required to develop and maintain strong friendships do not come easily. Growing up as an actress in Hollywood, there were few people Lisa could trust, and even fewer to guide her. By the time she reached adulthood, she had learned to be self-sufficient. She was strong, she was "safe," and she was lonely. One day, Lisa

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found that “the desire to experience connection was stronger than the desire to be safe.” She determined right then to finally understand friendship: how to create one, sustain it, and experience the sheer joy of having it. But it wasn’t easy. Since then, she has traveled the ups and downs of friendship, learning about herself, others, and the kinds of friendship God designed. A speaker, teacher, and compelling storyteller, Lisa writes from her heart and her head, sharing her story and helping women understand how to cope with the strengths and weaknesses of friendship, and basing all her advice on the foundation of our ultimate relationship with the Savior.

Friendship for Grown-Ups

What are toys? What do they represent beyond the literal image? Do they affect growth- are they learning tools, baby sitters, trivial objects with no particular significance? This book is the first systematic analysis of the role of toys in contemporary society. Employing history, anthropology, and psychology, as well as the first-hand accounts of players themselves, the author explores the myriad of meanings behind the toy.-- Book Jacket.

Dads and Daughters

An inspiring and humorous celebration of the special bond of friendship.

New Books on Women and Feminism

This international collection examines how ethnic identity and belonging are created and used politically in Europe and East Asia. The contributors respond to debates about whether and how regional, supranational, transnational, and multicultural identities may compromise nation states, and how nation states deal with such centrifugal forces. The issues are discussed from various perspectives: diasporic communities; the State and its role in inventing and influencing national belonging; and societies and communities with a strongly engineered multicultural structure. Two central theoretical chapters examine the current debates on 'belonging' and 'multiculturalism', bringing together this complex field and developing new perspectives. In particular, the volume improves our understanding of how people 'belong' in different contexts; by examining how they give shape to 'belonging' it is possible to understand how these diverse trends cohere within nation states and across continents.

The Emperor Far Away

Raising Up Dreamers

Lies about marriage are rampant in our culture and the church. They're killing marriages. But the corresponding truths can strengthen marriages and even save the most troubled relationships. In this book, marriage experts Greg Smalley and Robert Paul identify the lies, explain how they work to destroy marriages, and reveal the truths that not only can improve marriages but rescue those that are

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floundering. Hope Restored, the renowned crisis marriage program created for Focus on the Family, is the basis for the discovery and understanding of these specific lies and their impact. Dr. Greg Smalley, a general marriage expert, and Robert Paul, the therapeutic director of a program that resuscitates nearly dead marriages, bring an unusual but powerful combination of perspectives that restore hope and healing in any marriage. 9 Lies That Will Destroy Your Marriage includes several self-tests to help you assess the extent to which your own marriage has been affected by each of the nine lies.

Girlfriends

This essential go-to guide reveals how women can enhance their lives by creating valuable friendships in today's busy, mobile world, from nationally recognized friendship expert and CEO of GirlFriendCircles.com. Every woman is searching for a happier, healthier, more fulfilling life. Many realize the significant role that an intimate, tightly knit circle of friends plays in creating a more fulfilling life, but with hectic schedules, frequent moves, and life changes, it's more important than ever for women to establish natural, meaningful friendships that will contribute to their overall wellbeing. In Friendships Don't Just Happen!, Shasta Nelson, friendship expert and CEO of GirlFriendCircles.com, reveals the most important proven steps, processes, and secrets vital to establishing the five different levels of friendships, or Circles of Connectedness, that women—no matter their age or relationship status—are longing for in today's stressful and mobile culture. This revolutionary, engaging guide will also benefit women who already feel rooted to fabulous friends, with insightful principles that will help them maintain and enhance their current friendships. Full of practical how-to tips, fun activities, guiding questions, and step-by-step instructions, Friendships Don't Just Happen! highlights several areas of developing lasting friendships, teaching women how to: Evaluate their current circle of friends Recognize what types of friends they are seeking based on career, interests, location, and relationship status Create a prioritized friendship action plan Find extraordinary friends—where to look and how to approach them Take initiative to jumpstart friendships and face fears of rejection Establish “frientimacy,” trust, and happiness through conversation and activities Maintain meaningful friendships and determine which ones are worthwhile Excerpt from Friendships Don't Just Happen: There is a lie out there that real friendship just happens. When I was new to San Francisco eight years ago, I remember standing at a café window on Polk Street watching a group of women inside, huddled around a table laughing. Like the puppy dog at the pound, I looked through the glass, wishing someone would pick me to be theirs. I had a phone full of far-flung friends' phone numbers, but I didn't yet know anyone I could just sit and laugh with in a café. It hit me how very hard the friendship process is. I'm an outgoing, socially comfortable woman with a long line of good friendships behind me. And yet I stood there feeling very lonely. And insecure. And exhausted at just the idea of how far I was from that reality. I knew I couldn't just walk in there and introduce myself to them. “Hi! You look like fun women, can I join you?” I would have been met with stares of pity. No one wants to seem desperate, even if we are. We don't have platonic pick-up lines memorized. Flirting for friends seems creepy. Asking for her phone number like we're going to call her up for a Saturday night date is just plain weird. All the batting of my eyelashes wasn't going to send the right signals. And so I turned away from the scene of laughter and walked away. No, unfortunately,

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friendships don't just happen. We Value Belonging Friendships may not happen automatically, but what we crave about them sure seems to! We all want to belong—that need to be connected to others is an inherent desire. We live our entire lives trying to fit in, be known, attract acceptance, and experience intimacy. We desperately want to have others care about us. This book is about that hunger. And more pointedly, it is about listening to it and learning how to fulfill it.

Crushing Codependency and Relational Idolatry

Even when life is hectic and harried, every woman has a God-given longing for relationship, and her female friends play an important role in filling that. Oliver and Smalley help women distinguish between self-centered, insecure, childish relationships and other-centered, healthy, “grown-up” relationships. Using personal anecdotes and scriptural principles, they explain ten characteristics of a grown-up friend and offer ideas on how readers can develop these attributes in themselves. Finally, they tackle the tough issues of friendships, such as how to support a friend in crisis, how to work toward forgiveness when a friend has injured you, and how to determine when it is best to let a friendship go.

The Girlfriend's Guide to Getting Your Groove Back

Mean girls don't stay in high school forever. They're at college, at work, and even at church. The hurt from gossip, insults, and cutthroat competition doesn't stop after high school, either. In fact, the kind of meanness experienced by adult women can cut to the core just as quick, if not quicker, than it did when they were teenagers. Because teens aren't the only ones struggling with mean girls, popular author Hayley DiMarco now offers a book that will help women of all ages get rid of mean. In *Mean Girls All Grown Up*, she helps women deal with the mean of their past, understand the different kinds of mean, realize the beauty of positive friendships with other women, and much more. Quizzes, Bible verses, and inspirational quotes will have women looking at themselves and each other in a whole new light.

Growing up and Finding Her

"Date Like a Grownup: Anecdotes, Admissions of Guilt & Advice Between Friends" examines the impact of loneliness and social obsolescence on men and women in their second single lives and provides punctuating proof that looking for love from a place of isolation is as unwise as grocery shopping on an empty stomach. Unlike many other relationship manuals, this book is not a guide to game playing and winning temporary partners. Instead, readers will develop a personalized strategy for building a life foundation that facilitates growing a "right fit" relationship. Topics include: effective filtering, navigating social media and online dating, avoiding isolation and how to strategically grow a larger social network. Engaging narratives such as "The Percocet Proposal" and "Need Meets Greed" underline specific dating principles outlined in the book and affirm that none of us are immune to bad choices. With at least half of the adult population attempting a "do-over" on their most committed relationship--and many getting it wrong yet a second time--these proven "do's and don'ts" are first date gold for men and women navigating midlife

dating in hopes of building a bigger, better life.

The One Year Book of Inspiration for Girlfriends

Black Girls Must Die Exhausted

After years of living behind walls to hide her guilt and shame, author Mary Lehman describes her journey from shame-based religion to a grace-based relationship with the Three In One. For God to get her attention, it took the death of her husband and the separation from someone with whom she had developed an unhealthy codependent friendship. Because, in the past, Mary had fallen into an inappropriate relationship, she recognized the slippery slope she was on. Amid the months of grief and desperation, she made the decision to never go down that road again. Seeking God, she came to realize He had put her on a path where she could receive His deliverance from codependency and relational idolatry. Since then, Mary has overcome the spiritual abuse, internalized shame, and habits of risk-taking that kept her in bondage for decades; she has renewed her mind with the gospel of grace. As her new identity, she has put on Christ. Now, applying the story of David and Goliath, Mary shares her journey in detail and describes her newfound peace and freedom. This is the narrative of a woman who has found transformation within her faith, escaping the mental and emotional traps that had kept her from healing and joy.

Grown and Flown

“Delicious, sustaining, sweet and salty, and a keeper in the library of your heart.”
–Naomi Rhode, author of *More Beautiful than Diamonds: The Gift of Friendship*
“The stories in this lovely book offer endless opportunities for reaching out to others in friendship, care, laughter, and prayer.” –Lucinda Secrest McDowell, author of *Dwelling Places* and *Ordinary Graces Filled with Inspiring Stories* that will touch your heart and tickle your funny bone, *Let’s Be Friends* is one woman’s journey of what happened when she opened the doors of her home and her heart and said yes to making new friends in new ways. Chapter by chapter, you’ll meet dozens of women of all ages, whose lives became entwined with Elizabeth’s through book clubs and Bible studies and neighborhood parties and lunches that lasted long past dessert. Where two or three are gathered, food is certain to make an appearance, so you’ll also find delicious original recipes sprinkled throughout the pages of *Let’s Be Friends*. More than simply a collection of entertaining stories, *Let’s Be Friends: What My Sister-Friends Taught Me about Faith, Food, and Fun* offers practical ways to nurture meaningful friendships that will enrich your life and deepen your faith, including creative ideas to try with your own friends and new traditions to make each season bright.

Play Dates for Women

Today more people than ever are suffering from emotional distress. Whether they are dealing with depression, anxiety, obsessiveness, fear, worry, or stress, their lives are limited and compromised by the ill-effects. People who suffer from

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emotional distress often feel isolated and unloved, either by God or by others, and often believe that there is no hope and no way out. There is good news, however! A truly biblical approach to healing emotional distress focuses on a holistic cure that integrates the mind, body, and spirit. Even when we feel truly alone, God is holding us in His hand. Even when we feel truly hopeless, God offers comfort and purpose. And even when we feel like we will never escape the pit of emotional distress, God sets our feet on firm ground and promises to never let us go. No matter what we have been through or what we are going through now, God can bring critically needed healing and transformation into our lives when we adjust what the authors refer to as “stinkin’ thinkin’.”

Grown-Up Girlfriends

All of us find ourselves, at one time or another facing the unexpected and asking "How did I get here?" Whether because of disappointments in love, crises in health, family or finances, professional dissatisfaction, or events beyond your control, life doesn't look like you expected or intended it to. HOW DID I GET HERE? is a groundbreaking inspirational handbook for anyone of any age going through change, challenge or reevaluation in any aspect of their lives. It is about finding your way to renewed hope and happiness from wherever you are. Renowned transformational teacher Barbara De Angelis masterfully guides you through an understanding of your own life lessons, and teaches you how to successfully use whatever you're going through as a springboard for regeneration and rebirth. We live in turbulent times of profound change, and many of us find ourselves at emotional and spiritual crossroads. HOW DID I GET HERE? offers illuminating teachings and practical, innovative techniques that free you to move forward into a life of renewed optimism, true contentment and courageous awakening. With her remarkable blend of timeless wisdom, practical techniques and down-to-earth advice, Barbara De Angelis helps you to : *Recognize and understand the significant transitions, turning points, and wake-up calls on your path *Transform fear into courage, confusion and into vision, and self-doubt into confidence *Turn what appear to be dead ends into doorways *Reclaim your passion and purpose for living and loving *Discover freedom, fulfillment and authenticity from the inside out Written with Barbara De Angelis' trademark eloquence, honesty and compassion, and containing the treasures of her own thirty-five year quest for enlightenment, HOW DID I GET HERE is a more than uplifting, intimate and moving--it is a true transformational manual for achieving emotional and spiritual rebirth that will change your life.

Girlfriends

"Hilarious[Nugent] documents her journey to feminism while skewering misogynist tropes and delivering some painful truths." –Publishers Weekly (starred review) "Feminist" is not a four-letter word, but Alida Nugent resisted it for a long time. She feared the "scarlet F" being thrust upon her for refusing to laugh at misogynistic jokes at parties; she withered under the judgmental gaze of store clerks when buying Plan B, and she swore that she was "not like other girls." But eventually, like so many of us, she discovered that feminism is an empowering identity to take on. It's okay to criticize beauty standards but still love dark lipstick, investing in female friendships is the most rewarding thing ever, and no one should

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feel pressured to eat an “unseasoned chicken breast the size of a deck of playing cards” as every sad dinner for the rest of eternity. With sincerity, intelligence, and wit, Nugent invites readers in to her most private moments of personal growth. From struggling with an eating disorder for most of her teen years to embracing all aspects of her biracial identity, she tackles tough topics with honest vulnerability. Smartly-written, unapologetic, and laugh-out-loud funny, *You Don't Have to Like Me* is perfect for readers of Roxane Gay, Rebecca Skolnit, and Sloane Crosley. From the Trade Paperback edition.

Reconnected

From the author of *The Summer We Fell Apart*, an evocative and emotionally resonant coming-of-age novel involving three friends that explores what it means to be happy, what it means to grow up, and how difficult it is to do both together. The summer he's fifteen, Sam enjoys, for a few secret months, the unexpected attention of Suzie Epstein. For reasons Sam doesn't entirely understand, he and Suzie keep their budding relationship hidden from their close knit group of friends. But as the summer ends, Sam's world unexpectedly shatters twice: Suzie's parents are moving to a new city to save their marriage, and his own mother has suddenly left the house, leaving Sam's father alone to raise two sons. Watching as her parents' marital troubles escalate, Suzie takes on the responsibility of raising her two younger brothers and plans an early escape to college and independence. Though she thinks of Sam, she deeply misses her closest friend Bella, but makes no attempt to reconnect, embarrassed by the destructive wake of her parents as they left the only place Suzie called home. Years later, a chance meeting with Sam's older brother will reunite her with both Sam and Bella—and force her to confront her past and her friends. After losing Suzie, Bella finds her first real love in Sam. But Sam's inability to commit to her or even his own future eventually drives them apart. In contrast, Bella's old friend Suzie—and Sam's older brother, Michael—seem to have worked it all out, leaving Bella to wonder where she went wrong. Spanning over a decade, told in alternating voices, *The Grown Ups* explores the indelible bonds between friends and family and the challenges that threaten to divide them.

Grown-Up Marriage

If you're living a perfect, charmed life . . . well, then this book isn't for you. But if, like the rest of us, you are at times broken, confused, lonely, or scared—if you're struggling with problems that you think “good Christians” don't have—then welcome, girlfriend, and pull up a chair! This quirky, friendly, and gut-honest devotional comes straight from the heart of Ellen Miller (CEO, marketing executive, mom, and unapologetic “glorious mess”). Despite the serious struggles she's faced, Ellen today lives a life of profound joy, and *The One Year Book of Inspiration for Girlfriends* contains 365 days' worth of the principles and philosophies that have gotten her there. There's no subject she's afraid to tackle! Her quick, daily doses of encouragement will make you laugh, give you something to look forward to, help you to stay (somewhat!) sane . . . and remind you that you're never alone.

Good Bye Job, Hello Life

Friendships Don't Just Happen!

Helps parents of adult children understand the stage of development called "emerging adulthood" and explains how to lead young adults who are going through a period of self-focus and instability into successful adulthood.

Chicken Soup for the Girlfriend's Soul

Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents and his family that he has never asked before.

How Did I Get Here?

The Little Book of Great Dates will help build romance and fun into any marriage with its creative ideas for a year's worth of weekly affordable dates. This book—a simpler, gift version of Focus on the Family's The Date Night Challenge campaign—will help couples to proactively and intentionally build their relationship, showing how everyday activities can become "dates" that strengthen the marriage relationship. It includes plans for special-occasion dates, such as the couple's anniversaries (first date, engagement, wedding), birthdays, etc. Couples can get to know each other better by sharing fun times and discover dating again in their marriage with this great little book of ideas!

His Best Friend's Girl

Remember when finding time to spend with friends was easy. Hanging out at each others house after school and going to the mall together was all we needed to create a sisterhood with our BFF's. Now that we are grown women, sitting around on the couch, watching movies is a boring waste of time, and the last thing we want to do is walk around the mall together. Our lives have become centered around our husbands, children and jobs and we have become so busy that our friendships have dropped low on our priority lists. We need to break away from that way of thinking. It is time to create PLAY DATES with our girlfriends. -Things that are interesting, easy, inexpensive and fun to do. -PLAY DATES that we look forward to and allow us to welcome new friends to join along in. This book spells out many unique and fun events to do with your grown-up girlfriends that will create hours of laughter and good-times and help re-ignite your friendships and build lasting memories.

Walking on Water When You Feel Like You're Drowning

Rory McGovern is entering the ostensible prime of her life when her husband, Blake, loses his dream job and announces he feels like 'taking a break.' Rory was already spread thin and now she is single-parenting two kids. Her only hope is to accept a full-time position working for two full-time twenty-somethings.

Toys as Culture

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Far from the glittering cities of Beijing and Shanghai, China's borderlands are populated by around one hundred million people who are not Han Chinese. For many of these restive minorities, the old Chinese adage 'the mountains are high and the Emperor far away', meaning Beijing's grip on power is tenuous and its influence unwelcome, continues to resonate. Travelling through China's most distant and unknown reaches, David Eimer explores the increasingly tense relationship between the Han Chinese and the ethnic minorities. Deconstructing the myths represented by Beijing, Eimer reveals a shocking and fascinating picture of a China that is more of an empire than a country.

You Don't Have to Like Me

Over time, the business of life creeps in and even the most deeply committed couples can feel like they're living parallel lives rather than enjoying life together. Their once happily-ever-after can quickly turn into an endless grind of work, chores, errands and carpool. And the pull of social media becomes more compelling than engaging with one's spouse. In this book, Dr. Greg and Erin Smalley offer practical ways to rekindle the passionate, intimate, heart-to-heart spark of connection between husbands and wives.

New Books on Women, Gender and Feminism

Although marriage is for grown-ups, very few of us are grown up when we marry. Here, the bestselling author of *Suddenly Sixty* and *Necessary Losses* presents her life-affirming perspective on the joys, heartaches, difficulties, and possibilities of a grown-up marriage -- and no, that's not an oxymoron! Featuring interviews with married women and men, the findings of couples therapists, the truths offered by literature and movies, and a bemused exploration of her own marriage, Judith Viorst illuminates the issues couples struggle with from "I do" through "till death do us part." Examining marital rivalry, marital manners, marital sex (extramarital, too), marital fighting and apologies, what kids do for (and to) marriage, and the boredom and bliss of everyday married life, Viorst leaves no marital stone unturned. From the early years when we wonder "Who is this person?" and "What am I doing here?" to the realities of divorce, remarriage, and growing older (and old) together, Viorst offers insights and advice with honesty, humanity, and humor -- all the while recognizing how tough it is to be married and, when it works, how very precious it can be.

9 Lies That Will Destroy Your Marriage

"Black girls must die exhausted" is something that 33-year-old Tabitha Walker has heard her grandmother say before. Of course, her grandmother (who happens to be white) was referring to the 1950's and what she observed in the nascent times of civil rights. With a coveted position as a local news reporter, a "paper-perfect" boyfriend, and a standing Saturday morning appointment with a reliable hairstylist, Tabitha never imagined how this phrase could apply to her as a black girl in contemporary times - until everything changed. An unexpected doctor's diagnosis awakens Tabitha to an unperceived culprit, threatening the one thing that has always mattered most - having a family of her own. Stress has caused a premature

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burnout of Tabitha's egg reserve, and time is running out on her options to become a wife and mother. With the help of her best friends, the irreverent and headstrong Laila and Alexis, the former "Sexy Lexi," Tabitha must explore the reaches of modern medicine and test the limits of her relationships. Will she risk every comfort to address the complications of her dysfunctionally-blended family and the uncertainty of a future with Marc? Tabitha's journey brings into view the internal experience of race, relationships, and generational patterns, and how each contributed to this crossroads. She must leverage the power of laughter, love, and courageous self-care to bring a healing stronger than she ever imagined - before the phrase "black girls must die exhausted" takes on a new and unwanted meaning in her own life.

The Girlfriends Guidebook

PARENTING NEVER ENDS. From the founders of the #1 site for parents of teens and young adults comes an essential guide for building strong relationships with your teens and preparing them to successfully launch into adulthood The high school and college years: an extended roller coaster of academics, friends, first loves, first break-ups, driver's ed, jobs, and everything in between. Kids are constantly changing and how we parent them must change, too. But how do we stay close as a family as our lives move apart? Enter the co-founders of Grown and Flown, Lisa Heffernan and Mary Dell Harrington. In the midst of guiding their own kids through this transition, they launched what has become the largest website and online community for parents of fifteen to twenty-five year olds. Now they've compiled new takeaways and fresh insights from all that they've learned into this handy, must-have guide. Grown and Flown is a one-stop resource for parenting teenagers, leading up to—and through—high school and those first years of independence. It covers everything from the monumental (how to let your kids go) to the mundane (how to shop for a dorm room). Organized by topic—such as academics, anxiety and mental health, college life—it features a combination of stories, advice from professionals, and practical sidebars. Consider this your parenting lifeline: an easy-to-use manual that offers support and perspective. Grown and Flown is required reading for anyone looking to raise an adult with whom you have an enduring, profound connection.

The Publishers Weekly

How do you raise Christian kids who have dreams that seem beyond their reach? Parenting is an important task, but the pressure doesn't need to be on us. As parents, we simply need to follow the leading of the Lord with the understanding that our children's natural abilities are actually the Lord working out their destiny. When we give Christ unlimited control of our parenting, we learn that Jesus is a better parent to our children than we can ever hope to be. As Sheila Erwin shares personal stories of raising two successful filmmakers and delves into biblical principles, you will be encouraged to cultivate your children's gifts and help them reach their dreams—no matter how impossible they seem. By parenting from a position of trust and rest in God, you can guide your children to chase their God-given dreams and channel their talents to glorify God instead of being gripped by the world.

Date Like a Grownup: Anecdotes, Admissions of Guilt & Advice Between Friends

From the nation's leading crusader for strengthening father-daughter relationships comes a solutions-oriented handbook for every dad or stepdad who wants to connect more fully with his daughter.

The Ultimate Mom

A biblically-based look at how women can improve their friendships with other women by focusing more on honesty and love rather than competition, manipulation, etc. Includes book club questions.

Let's Be Friends

A delightfully modern look at what happens for a young woman when tradition, dating, and independence collide, from acclaimed author Sonya Lalli. Adulting shouldn't be this hard. Especially in your thirties. Having been pressured by her tight-knit community to get married at a young age to her first serious boyfriend, Anu Desai is now on her own again and feels like she is starting from the beginning. But Anu doesn't have time to start over. Telling her parents that she was separating from her husband was the hardest thing she's ever done—and she's still dealing with the fallout. She has her young daughter to support and when she invests all of her savings into running her own yoga studio, the feelings of irresponsibility send Anu reeling. She'll be forced to look inside herself to learn what she truly wants.

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