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Atlas of Poetic Botany-Francis Hallé 2018-11-02 Botanical encounters in the rainforest: trees that walk, a leaf as big as an awning, a plant that dances. This Atlas invites the reader to tour the farthest reaches of the rainforest in search of exotic--poetic--plant life. Guided in these botanical encounters by Francis Hallé, who has spent forty years in pursuit of the strange and beautiful plant specimens of the rainforest, the reader discovers a plant with just one solitary, monumental leaf; an invasive hyacinth; a tree that walks; a parasitic laurel; and a dancing vine. Further explorations reveal the *Rafflesia arnoldii*, the biggest flower in the world, with a crown of stamens and pistils the color of rotten meat that exude the stench of garbage in the summer sun; underground trees with leaves that form a carpet on the ground above them; and the biggest tree in Africa, which can reach seventy meters (more than 200 feet) in height, with a four-meter (about 13 feet) diameter. Hallé's drawings, many in color, provide a witty accompaniment. Like any good tour guide, Hallé tells stories to illustrate his facts. Readers learn about, among other things, Queen Victoria's rubber tree; legends of the moabi tree (for example, that powder from the bark confers invisibility); a flower that absorbs energy from a tree; plants that imitate other plants; a tree that rains; and a fern that clones itself. Hallé's drawings represent an investment in time that returns a dividend of wonder more satisfying than the ephemeral thrill afforded by the photograph. The Atlas of Poetic Botany allows us to be amazed by forms of life that seem as strange as visitors from another planet.

In Praise of Plants- 2002 Looks at such topics in botany as plant manipulation of animals, ecological genocide, and biologists' bias against plants.

Remarkable Birds-Mark Avery 2016-09-13 Everything you didn't know about the avian world: a fascinating compendium showcasing the extraordinary wonders of birds, illuminated with exquisite ornithological illustrations, prints, and drawings Humans share the Earth with more than 10,000 species of birds and have always been enchanted by them. Birds can be a sign of the changing seasons, a symbol of freedom, or simply a breathtaking vision of beauty. Remarkable Birds approaches these fascinating creatures thematically across eight sections covering all aspects of humans' relationship with birds. "Songbirds" celebrates the greatest bird virtuosi, such as the nightingale, while "Birds of Prey" includes majestic hunters such as the harpy eagle. "Feathered Travelers" describes astounding journeys made by birds including tiny hummingbirds that migrate huge distances. "The Love Life of Birds" illuminates the most brilliant displays upon which different species rely to find a mate—notably the extravagant plumage and dances of birds of paradise. "Avian Cities" explores the spectacular, large colonies of species such as the flamingo, while "Useful to Us" examines the diverse ways we find birds valuable, such as the turkey or the canary. "Threatened & Extinct" describes some species that have been lost forever, and others on the brink. Birds have also had great mystical significance and "Revered & Adored" considers such species as the sacred ibis, believed by the ancient Egyptians to represent the god Thoth.

Tropical Trees and Forests-F. Halle 2012-12-06

The Botanical Atlas,.-Daniel McAlpine 1883

Photographic Atlas of Botany and Guide to Plant Identification-James L. Castner 2004 This book is divided into two primary sections. The first covers plant anatomy and the second covers plant taxonomy.

Orchids-Alex D. Hawkes 1961

Animal Beauty-Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard 2019-04-19 An illustrated exploration of colors and patterns in the animal kingdom, what they communicate, and how they function in the social life of animals. Are animals able to appreciate what humans refer to as "beauty"? The term scarcely ever appears nowadays in a scientific description of living things, but we humans may nonetheless find the colors, patterns, and songs of animals to be beautiful in apparently the same way that we see beauty in works of art. In *Animal Beauty*, Nobel Prize-winning biologist Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard describes how the colors and patterns displayed by animals arise, what they communicate, and how they function in the social life of animals. Watercolor drawings illustrate these amazing instances of animal beauty. Darwin addressed the topic of ornament in his 1871 book *The Descent of Man and Selection in Relation to Sex*, and did not hesitate to engage with criteria of beauty, convinced that animals experienced color and ornament as attractive and agreeable in the same way that we do, and that the role this played in mate choice pointed to a "sexual selection" distinct from natural selection. Nüsslein-Volhard examines key examples of ornament and sexual selection in the animal kingdom and lays the groundwork for biological aesthetics. Noting that color patterns have not been a research priority—perhaps because they appeared to be nonessential luxuries rather than functional necessities—Nüsslein-Volhard looks at recent scientific developments on the topic. In part because of Nüsslein-Volhard's own research on the zebrafish, it is now possible to decipher the molecular genetic mechanisms that lead to production of colors in animal skin and its appendages and control its pattern and distribution.

Baby Seeds To Big Plants: Botany for Kids | Nature for Children Edition-Baby Professor 2017-02-15 The first step to getting your child involved in gardening is to learn about the principles of botany. This is where this book will come in handy. As an excellent introduction to the subject, this book comes complete with pictures and texts. It has been formatted in a way that would easily capture and absorb a child's attention. Secure a copy now!

Yorkshire Ditties-John Hartley 2020-07-29 Reproduction of the original: Yorkshire Ditties by John Hartley

Botany Coloring Book (Plants and Flowers Edition)-Speedy Publishing LLC 2015-05-25 The concepts in Botany can be easily absorbed by young children given the right approach and resources. This information-laden coloring book is filled with exciting pictures that make information absorption so easy. Coloring is a form of active learning that also helps your child's hand and eye coordination and fine motor skills. Grab a copy today

Strange Trees-Bernadette Pourquié 2016-04-05 Have you ever heard of the Strangler Tree? The Bubblegum Tree? The Upside-Down Tree? How about trees with horns, bottles, sausages, crowns, and ones that walk or even explode? Crazy, maybe, but true. Find out more about these, and many others, in this colorfully illustrated collection of the most bizarre—but real—trees from around the world, once again reminding us that the art of nature is far stranger than fiction. The perfect book for inquisitive naturalists with imaginations, *Strange Trees* also includes a map of the world showing where the trees grew.

Flora-DK 2018-10-23 Let the experts at the Royal Botanic Gardens guide you around the beautiful and mysterious world that is the plant kingdom. From regulating the air we breathe to providing food, clothes, fuels, and medicines - plants are fundamental to our lives. Discover an extraordinary diversity of species, which includes a grass that grows a meter a day, roots that breathe air, and "queen of the night" cactuses whose rare blooms vanish before dawn. In a combination of art and science, *Flora* celebrates

plants from majestic trees to microscopic algae, explaining how they germinate, grow, and reproduce. It presents species that have evolved to accommodate pollinating insects such as the foxglove, and plants that have adapted to flourish in even the most hostile of habitats. Pierre-Joseph Redoute in the 18th-century was described as the "Raphael of flowers". Flora showcases his botanical paintings as well as those of Georg Ehret and others in this gorgeous visual celebration of plants through the ages. Whether you are a keen gardener, naturalist, or botany student, this beautiful book is a treat that will entice, inform, and amaze.

Wild Arum-Lynden Swift 2017-04 A modern retelling of the entire history of the British plant; Wild Arum, or Lords and Ladies. Looking at its cultural history, its culinary uses, its mythology and role in fashion, art and literature. Illustrated with beautiful colour photographs of this most graceful of plants.

Challengers, Competition, and Reelection-Jonathan S. Krasno 1997-02-01 Why do US Senators have a harder time winning re-election than members of the House of Representatives? This text argues that Senate challengers are more likely to be experienced politicians who wage intense, costly media campaigns than are those who take on House incumbents.

Savvy-Ingrid Law 2008-05-01 A vibrant new voice . . . a modern classic. For generations, the Beaumont family has harbored a magical secret. They each possess a "savvy"—a special supernatural power that strikes when they turn thirteen. Grandpa Bomba moves mountains, her older brothers create hurricanes and spark electricity . . . and now it's the eve of Mibs's big day. As if waiting weren't hard enough, the family gets scary news two days before Mibs's birthday: Poppa has been in a terrible accident. Mibs develops the singular mission to get to the hospital and prove that her new power can save her dad. So she sneaks onto a salesman's bus . . . only to find the bus heading in the opposite direction. Suddenly Mibs finds herself on an unforgettable odyssey that will force her to make sense of growing up—and of other people, who might also have a few secrets hidden just beneath the skin.

An Atlas of Natural Beauty-Victoire de Taillac 2018-11-13 The perfect gift book from Paris's iconic apothecary L'Officine Universelle Buly captures the elegance and sophistication of the Parisian beauty standard in a beautifully illustrated and detailed guide—with easy-to-follow recipes—to retaining and enhancing natural beauty. "Nothing is simpler, more enjoyable, more self-evident, or more efficient than taking good, natural care of yourself." This is the philosophy of L'Officine Universelle Buly, a reincarnation of the legendary Parisian beauty emporium established in 1803. Since then, it has brought natural skin and body care to seven cities across the world, offering clays, oils, plant-based powders, and other gifts from nature collected by Victoire de Taillac and Ramdane Touhami over the course of their international travels. An Atlas of Natural Beauty is the result of their research and passion: an encyclopedic guide to simple recipes and protocols that will help anyone retain and enhance their natural beauty. This exquisitely designed book allows you to sample Buly's unique aesthetic heritage as a French apothecary, as well as discover the modern uses, properties, and home beauty recipes for more than eighty exotic and diverse range of seeds, flowers, oils, trees, fruits, and herbs. From apricot and avocado to argan oil, jasmine, and jojoba, each ingredient is accompanied by a gorgeous illustration, its providence, its primary use, and recipes for how to use it as a beauty solution now. These ingredients are easy to find, and the recipes are easy to replicate, whether it's making a simple oat bath to smooth skin, a sake lotion for your scalp, or a lemon "shine water" to brighten blonde hair. An Atlas of Natural Beauty is the perfect gift for newcomers and obsessives alike, empowering us all to take care of ourselves and feel confident in our skin.

The California Field Atlas-Obi Kaufmann 2017-09 "[A] gorgeously illustrated compendium."--Sunset This lavishly illustrated atlas takes readers off the beaten path and outside normal conceptions of California, revealing its myriad ecologies, topographies, and histories in exquisite maps and trail paintings. Based on decades of exploring the backcountry of the Golden State, artist-adventurer Obi Kaufmann blends science and art to illuminate the multifaceted array of living, connected systems like no book has done before. Kaufmann depicts layer after layer of the natural world, delighting in the grand scale and details alike. The effect is staggeringly beautiful: presented alongside California divided into its fifty-eight counties, for example, we consider California made up of dancing tectonic plates, of watersheds, of wildflower gardens. Maps are enhanced by spirited illustrations of wildlife, keys that explain natural phenomena, and a clear-

sighted but reverential text. Full of character and color, a bit larger than life, The California Field Atlas is the ultimate road trip companion and love letter to a place.

Cloud Atlas-Donald Platt 2002 How can there be a book that maps these continents of clouds that drift apart, reshape their puzzle pieces, and coalesce into new geographies of air within one windblown hour? Donald Platt delights in enticing his readers with unique thoughts and questions such as this in Cloud Atlas. Being his second published book of poetry, the collection comes alive with elegance and refinement. Poems from this collection originally appeared in publications including The New England Review, The Best American Poetry 2000, Paris Review, New Republic, and The Kenyon Review.

The Revolutionary Genius of Plants-Stefano Mancuso 2018-08-28 "Fascinating...full of optimism...this quick, accessible read will appeal to anyone with interest in how plants continue to surprise us." —Library Journal Do plants have intelligence? Do they have memory? Are they better problem solvers than people? The Revolutionary Genius of Plants—a fascinating, paradigm-shifting work that upends everything you thought you knew about plants—makes a compelling scientific case that these and other astonishing ideas are all true. Plants make up eighty percent of the weight of all living things on earth, and yet it is easy to forget that these innocuous, beautiful organisms are responsible for not only the air that lets us survive, but for many of our modern comforts: our medicine, food supply, even our fossil fuels. On the forefront of uncovering the essential truths about plants, world-renowned scientist Stefano Mancuso reveals the surprisingly sophisticated ability of plants to innovate, to remember, and to learn, offering us creative solutions to the most vexing technological and ecological problems that face us today. Despite not having brains or central nervous systems, plants perceive their surroundings with an even greater sensitivity than animals. They efficiently explore and react promptly to potentially damaging external events thanks to their cooperative, shared systems; without any central command centers, they are able to remember prior catastrophic events and to actively adapt to new ones. Every page of The Revolutionary Genius of Plants bubbles over with Stefano Mancuso's infectious love for plants and for the eye-opening research that makes it more and more clear how remarkable our fellow inhabitants on this planet really are. In his hands, complicated science is wonderfully accessible, and he has loaded the book with gorgeous photographs that make for an unforgettable reading experience. The Revolutionary Genius of Plants opens the doors to a new understanding of life on earth.

The Man Who Would Be King-Rudyard Kipling 2013-02-19 Features five of the author's best early stories: title selection plus "The Phantom Rickshaw," "Wee Willie Winkie," "Without Benefit of Clergy" and "The Strange Ride of Morrowbie Jukes."

Trees-Bruce Albert 2020-01-07 Omnipresent and essential to life, trees have been underestimated by biologists. But in recent years, they have been the subject of scientific discoveries that have allowed us to see these oldest and largest members of the community of living beings in a new light. Capable of sensory perception, showing complex communication skills, living in symbiosis with many other species and influencing the climate, trees are equipped with unexpected faculties whose discovery confirms what indigenous, traditional and local communities had long acknowledged. Featuring works by contemporary artists including forest people, scientific imagery, films, photographs and sound installations, the exhibition at the Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain, Paris, strives to highlight the beauty, ingenuity and biological richness of trees, allowing us to see and hear these impressive protagonists of the living world that now find themselves also under increasing threat. Through paintings, drawings, photographs, scientific images, maps and texts by specialists, the catalogue published to accompany the exhibition invites the reader to dive into the fascinating and beautiful world of trees.

Quantum Space-Jim Baggott 2018-11-08 Today we are blessed with two extraordinarily successful theories of physics. The first is Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity, which describes the large-scale behaviour of matter in a curved spacetime. This theory is the basis for the standard model of big bang cosmology. The discovery of gravitational waves at the LIGO observatory in the US (and then Virgo, in Italy) is only the most recent of this theory's many triumphs. The second is quantum mechanics. This theory describes the properties and behaviour of matter and radiation at their smallest scales. It is the basis for the standard model of particle physics, which builds up all the visible constituents of the universe out of collections of quarks, electrons and force-carrying particles such as

photons. The discovery of the Higgs boson at CERN in Geneva is only the most recent of this theory's many triumphs. But, while they are both highly successful, these two structures leave a lot of important questions unanswered. They are also based on two different interpretations of space and time, and are therefore fundamentally incompatible. We have two descriptions but, as far as we know, we've only ever had one universe. What we need is a quantum theory of gravity. Approaches to formulating such a theory have primarily followed two paths. One leads to String Theory, which has for long been fashionable, and about which much has been written. But String Theory has become mired in problems. In this book, Jim Baggott describes "Loop Quantum Gravity": an approach which takes relativity as its starting point, and leads to a structure called Loop Quantum Gravity. Baggott tells the story through the careers and pioneering work of two of the theory's most prominent contributors, Lee Smolin and Carlo Rovelli. Combining clear discussions of both quantum theory and general relativity, this book offers one of the first efforts to explain the new quantum theory of space and time.

The Essential Writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson-Ralph Waldo Emerson 2009-09-30 Introduction by Mary Oliver Commentary by Henry James, Robert Frost, Matthew Arnold, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and Henry David Thoreau The definitive collection of Emerson's major speeches, essays, and poetry, *The Essential Writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson* chronicles the life's work of a true "American Scholar." As one of the architects of the transcendentalist movement, Emerson embraced a philosophy that championed the individual, emphasized independent thought, and prized "the splendid labyrinth of one's own perceptions." More than any writer of his time, he forged a style distinct from his European predecessors and embodied and defined what it meant to be an American. Matthew Arnold called Emerson's essays "the most important work done in prose." INCLUDES A MODERN LIBRARY READING GROUP GUIDE

Infidel-Ayaan Hirsi Ali 2008-04-01 The author of *The Caged Virgin* recounts the story of her life, from her traditional Muslim childhood in Somalia and escape from a forced marriage to her efforts to promote women's rights while surviving numerous threats to her safety. Reprint. 100,000 first printing.

Bone Poems-Jeffrey Moss 1997-01-01 A collection of poems about dinosaurs, Ice Age mammals, prehistoric people, and other ancient creatures.

Lost Souls of Gettysburg-Michael Spencer 2013-04 It started when four scruffy Civil War re-enactors walk into a bar in Gettysburg, get into a fight with a local patron, then run outside and disappear. The police suspect the eye witnesses drank too much until one of them sees the men later that night and watches them disappear. A full scale investigation starts and soon instead of four soldiers there are thousands. Are they ghosts? *Lost Souls*? No one really knows. What they do know is that they're not ordinary ghosts because the bullets from their guns are real - and kill. This is a story about how a small community deals with an army of lost souls from the Civil War who are trying to find peace with each other as well as God. They are in search of forgiveness and a final blessing so that their souls are freed to rest in peace until they are called home. It's also about how love can blossom anywhere and how our friends and family are truly one of the most valuable things in our lives.

Patient, Heal Thyself-Robert M. Veatch 2009 "The change is in how we think about medical decision-making. Whereas modern medicine's core idea was that medical decisions should be based on the cold, hard facts of science-the province of the doctor-the "new medicine" reflects the notion that all medical decisions must impose value judgments. Since physicians can claim no expertise on making those value judgments, the pendulum has swung greatly toward the patient in evaluating alternatives and making decisions about their treatment." "Veatch uses a range of fascinating contemporary and historical examples to reveal how values underlie almost all medical procedures, and illustrate his case that this change is inevitable and a positive trend for patients."--BOOK JACKET.

How Do Plants Grow?-G. Andre Sealy 2017-09-29 Kelvin and his Dad were taking a walk, looking at the trees and flowers in the park. When Kelvin asked his Dad "How do trees grow?" To which his dad replied, "Do you really want to know?" In this story, children will learn about the process of photosynthesis and why it is important to life on Earth. Look out for this and other titles in *The Young Scientist Series* of books which "Teaches Young Minds through Science and Rhymes".

The Botanic Garden-Erasmus Darwin 1799

Dr. Montessori's Own Handbook-Maria Montessori 2012-03-07 DIVValuable guidelines for turning a child's home into an effective learning environment, plus useful suggestions for stimulating and honing a youngster's visual, auditory, and tactile perceptions. 43 illustrations. /div

Yellow Rose Notebook-Creative Writing Cottage 2017-06-13 This 6 x 9" paperback notebook features a stunning photograph of a yellow rose on a glossy cover. Inside, there is plenty of room for writing and ideas. The notebook may be used for a diary, journal, poetry, creative writing, log book, or composition book. There are 300 pages (150 sheets) of ruled, cream paper. Ruling measurement is 5/16" (7.9 mm), which is right between college and wide-ruled. Let this beautiful rose inspire your thoughts -- Enjoy!~ Created by Creative Writing Cottage.

Suffering and Salvation in Ciudad Juárez-Nancy Pineda-Madrid 2011 Nancy Pineda-Madrid re-conceives traditional Christian notions of salvation by closing attending to the experience of the embattled women of Ciudad Juárez in Mexico, where hundreds have been slain and where survivors have found healing and salvation in solidarity and community practices that resist rather than acquiesce in the violence.

The Facts and Fictions of Minna Pratt-Patricia MacLachlan 2013-06-25 Minna wishes for many things. She wishes she understood the quote taped above her mother's typewriter: Fact and fiction are different truths. She wishes her mother would stop writing long enough to really listen to her. She wishes her house were peaceful and orderly like her friend Lucas's. Most of all, she wishes she could find a vibrato on her cello and play Mozart the way he deserves to be played. Minna soon discovers that some things can't be found-they just have to happen. And as she waits for her vibrato to happen, Minna begins to understand some facts and fictions about herself.

The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet-David Mitchell 2010-06-29 By the New York Times bestselling author of *The Bone Clocks* and *Cloud Atlas* | Longlisted for the Man Booker Prize In 2007, *Time* magazine named him one of the most influential novelists in the world. He has twice been short-listed for the Man Booker Prize. The New York Times Book Review called him simply "a genius." Now David Mitchell lends fresh credence to the Guardian's claim that "each of his books seems entirely different from that which preceded it." *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet* is a stunning departure for this brilliant, restless, and wildly ambitious author, a giant leap forward by even his own high standards. A bold and epic novel of a rarely visited point in history, it is a work as exquisitely rendered as it is irresistibly readable. The year is 1799, the place Dejima in Nagasaki Harbor, the "high-walled, fan-shaped artificial island" that is the Japanese Empire's single port and sole window onto the world, designed to keep the West at bay; the farthest outpost of the war-ravaged Dutch East Indies Company; and a de facto prison for the dozen foreigners permitted to live and work there. To this place of devious merchants, deceitful interpreters, costly courtesans, earthquakes, and typhoons comes Jacob de Zoet, a devout and resourceful young clerk who has five years in the East to earn a fortune of sufficient size to win the hand of his wealthy fiancée back in Holland. But Jacob's original intentions are eclipsed after a chance encounter with Orito Aibagawa, the disfigured daughter of a samurai doctor and midwife to the city's powerful magistrate. The borders between propriety, profit, and pleasure blur until Jacob finds his vision clouded, one rash promise made and then fatefully broken. The consequences will extend beyond Jacob's worst imaginings. As one cynical colleague asks, "Who ain't a gambler in the glorious Orient, with his very life?" A magnificent mix of luminous writing, prodigious research, and heedless imagination, *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet* is the most impressive achievement of its eminent author. Praise for *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet* "A page-turner . . . [David] Mitchell's masterpiece; and also, I am convinced, a masterpiece of our time."—Richard Eder, *The Boston Globe* "An achingly romantic story of forbidden love . . . Mitchell's incredible prose is on stunning display. . . . A novel of ideas, of longing, of good and evil and those who fall somewhere in between [that] confirms Mitchell as one of the more fascinating and fearless writers alive."—Dave Eggers, *The New York Times Book Review* "The novelist who's been showing us the future of fiction has published a classic, old-fashioned tale . . . an epic of sacrificial love, clashing civilizations and enemies who won't rest until whole family lines have been snuffed out."—Ron Charles, *The Washington Post* "By any standards, *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet* is a formidable marvel."—James Wood, *The New Yorker* "A beautiful novel, full of life and authenticity, atmosphere and characters that breathe."—Maureen Corrigan, NPR Look for special

features inside. Join the Random House Reader's Circle for author chats and more.

A Botanist's Vocabulary-Susan K. Pell 2016-05-25 For anyone looking for a deeper appreciation of the wonderful world of plants! Gardeners are inherently curious. They make note of a plant label in a botanical garden and then go home to learn more. They pick up fallen blossoms to examine them closer. They spend hours reading plant catalogs. But they are often unable to accurately name or describe their discoveries. A Botanist's Vocabulary gives gardeners and naturalists a better understanding of what they see and a way to categorize and organize the natural world in which they are so intimately involved. Through concise definitions and detailed black and white illustrations, it defines 1300 words commonly used by botanists, naturalists, and gardeners to describe plants.

Introducing Catholic Social Thought-J. Milburn Thompson 2015-02-26

City People Notebook-Will Eisner 2007-11-27 "A symphony of character sketches and timeless snapshots of the eccentric denizens of the American city ... explores three integral parts of city living-- time, space, and smell"--P. [4] of cover.

One-man Boat-George Hitchcock 2003 Poetry, fiction, and drama by George Hitchcock, a -major American writer/editor of the 20th century. Foreword by Philip Levine. Introduction by Robert McDowell. In 1960 George Hitchcock founded the San Francisco Review. In 1964, he launched Kayak magazine and press. Both established the work and careers of Robert Bly, Raymond Carver, Charles Simic, James Tate, Kathleen Fraser, Anne

Sexton, John Haines, W. S. Merwin, Carolyn Kizer, and many others. Hitchcock also authored several books of distinctive, Surrealist poetry, widely produced plays, and fiction. This book includes work from all three genres, and a section on Kayak. George Hitchcock, at 86, divides his time between Harrisburg, Oregon, and La Paz, Mexico.

Stones for Words-Sara M. Robinson 2014-03 In *Stones for Words*, Sara Robinson takes the reader through five distinct levels of an evolutionary journey of her writing and philosophy of life. Like the stratification of the earth's mantle, her personal development is in layers of hard and soft rock, which she must mine for definition and clarity. She is not afraid or reluctant to involve the reader in the intimacy of her thoughts and self-doubts. Using simple, but powerful imagery, mixed with abundant use of metaphor and simile, she presents her observations and attempts at logical conclusions. In some poems there is a sense of inner debate about what is true and what is not; but at the end she either accepts what she sees or leaves the thought for future imagination. As with Sara's first collection of poetry, *Two Little Girls in a Wading Pool* (Cedar Creek Publishing, 2013), her poetic quest for identity is still influenced by the emotional ties to where and how she grew up in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. SARA M. ROBINSON, founder of the Lonesome Mountain Pros(e) Workshop and instructor of a course on Contemporary Women Poets at UVA-OLLI, is poetry columnist for *Southern Writers Magazine* and poetry editor for the premier issue of the *Virginia Literary Journal*. In addition to publication in various anthologies and journals, she is poet and author of *Love Always, Hobby and Jessie* (2009), *Two Little Girls in a Wading Pool* (2012), and *A Cruise in Rare Waters* (2013).