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Swimming with Faith-Natalie Davis Miller 2016-05-10 Missy Franklin is one of the most talented swimmers in the world. She is a four-time Olympic gold medalist and currently holds the world record in the 200-meter backstroke and American records in both the 100-meter and 200-meter backstroke. She was Swimming World's World Swimmer of the Year and was awarded the American Swimmer of the Year award in 2012. Swimming with Faith: The Missy Franklin Story details her rise in fame as a swimmer and humbleness in the sport and in her personal life.

Relentless Spirit-Missy Franklin 2016-12-06 What does it take to become a champion? Gold medalist Missy Franklin, along with her parents, D.A. and Dick, tell the inspirational and heartwarming story of how Missy became both a legendary athlete and a happy and confident woman, something they accomplished by doing things their own way and making the right choices for their family. The word relentless has many meanings for swimmer Missy Franklin. In the pool, it reminds her to remain steady and persistent, unyielding in intensity and strength. In life, it tells her to reach down for her very best, even when it feels like there's nothing left. The motto "don't quit" doesn't do it for Missy, but relentless gets her where she needs to be. And when Missy faces a challenge or a setback, her relentless spirit is what empowers her to learn, adapt, and move forward into the future. In Relentless Spirit, Missy and her parents, D.A. and Dick Franklin, share the story of how Missy became the athlete she is today, a six-time Olympic medalist, five of them gold. Since her Olympic debut in London's 2012 games—when Missy was just seventeen—people who have met the Franklins or seen them on TV have wondered what it was like to raise such a champion. What was the training like? How did Missy handle school? How did the family find the right facilities, coaches, and support network? The story that Missy, and her parents, share inside is both inspiring and heartwarming, explaining how she became both a legendary athlete and a happy and confident woman, something they accomplished by doing things their own way and making the right choices for their family, which includes Missy's faith journey, something she writes about with inspirational candor. Including the highs, the tough moments, and everything in-between, Relentless Spirit tells the story of a woman—and a family—full of love, heart, faith, and resilience.

Golden Girl-Michael Silver 2006-04-18 An Olympic medalist recounts the events of her career, describing her successes at the U.S. Nationals at the age of fifteen, the shoulder injury that hampered her swimming style, and her training under University of California coach Teri McKeever.

Swimming for Freedom-Tera Bradham 2020-06-02 Tera Bradham was born to prove people wrong. The fastest swimmer her age in the United States by age ten, many believed "Tera the Terror" was destined for the Olympics. Her fiercely competitive spirit and unmatched intensity knew no limits until Tera suffered a sudden, devastating shoulder injury that derailed her promising career. Although she trusted in God, she also wrestled with doubts of his goodness throughout subsequent years of misdiagnoses, chronic pain, and crippling disappointment. Her injury finally forced her to fully surrender to God. Then her miracle came, or so she thought. Her shoulder was successfully reconstructed, and after two more years of grueling recovery, Tera found the courage to swim again and pursue her dreams with renewed faith. Swimming for Freedom tells the story of Tera's unconventional comeback and shows that through God, all things are possible. What started as an Olympic dream ended in her

true miracle: the freedom of a life in Christ. Tera's story will inspire you to rise up, dream again, and fight for his calling on your life.

Reaching New Heights-Natalie Davis Miller 2012-10-16 Reaching New Heights Snowboarder and Olympic Gold Medalist Kelly Clark had accomplished her life's goals by the age of 18. Yet, success didn't leave her feeling fulfilled. Two years later, at an event in Salt Lake City, Kelly stood at the bottom of the pipe, listening to one snowboarder console another who had just crashed: "It's alright. God still loves you." These words led Kelly on a new journey from an Olympian snowboarder into an awesome relationship with Jesus. This story of one of the world's greatest snowboarders will encourage readers young and old to reach for the next level, knowing that God will be with them, win or lose.

No Limits-Michael Phelps 2012-08-08 In No Limits, Michael Phelps - perhaps the greatest Olympic competitor the world has ever seen - will show us the secrets to his remarkable success, from training to execution. Behind his tally of Olympic gold medals - more than any athlete throughout history - lies a consistent approach to competition, a determination to win, mental preparation, and a straightforward passion for his sport. One of his mottos is 'Performance is Reality', and it typifies his attitude about swimming. No Limits goes behind the scenes to explore the hard work, sacrifice, and dedication that catapulted Phelps into the international spotlight. Phelps will share remarkable anecdotes about family, his coach, his passion for the sport, and the wisdom that he has gained from unexpected challenges and obstacles. Highlighting memorable races and valuable lessons from throughout his career, Phelps offers candid insight into the mind and experiences of a world champion. No Limits will inspire anyone to follow their passion straight to the finish line.

Swim to Win-Vallery Hyduk 2011-04-04 Talented swimmer Lasha Boyko finds that she needs to balance her sport with other aspects of her life, as well as learn to deal with the pressure of training competitively, if she is going to live up to her potential.

Missy Franklin: Swimming Sensation: Y Not Girl-Christine Dzidrums 2013-04 A biography of the swimming champion, Missy Franklin.

Unsinkable-Jessica Long 2018-06-26 The top Paralympic swimmer in the world, Jessica Long delivers an inspirational photographic memoir. Born in Siberia with fibular hemimelia, Jessica Long was adopted from a Russian orphanage at thirteen months old and has since become the second most decorated U.S. Paralympic athlete of all time. Now, Jessica shares all the moments in her life—big and small, heartbreaking and uplifting—that led to her domination in the Paralympic swimming world. This photographic memoir, filled with photographs, sidebars, quotes, and more, will thrill her fans and inspire those who are hearing her story for the first time.

Heart of a Champion-Kim Washburn 2012-05-22 Story of Olympic gymnast and motivational speaker Dominique Dawes. She knew what she wanted—a gold medal in the Olympics—and she worked to make it happen, winning

her first at age 19. With her personal motto, "Determination, dedication, and desire," Dominique went on to win two more Olympic gold medals in gymnastics. And today she carries her message to kids and adults as a motivational speaker with a passionate message—Never give up on your dreams!

Beneath the Surface-Michael Phelps 2016-10-04 Prepare to peek into the mind of a champion, known as the most decorated Olympian of all time with 28 medals, including 23 gold, with this newly updated edition of Michael Phelps's autobiography, *Beneath the Surface*. In this candid memoir, Phelps talks openly about his battle with attention deficit disorder, the trauma of his parents' divorce, and the challenges that come with being thrust into the limelight. Readers worldwide will relive all the heart-stopping glory as Phelps completes his journey from the youngest man to ever set a world swimming record in 2001, to an Olympic powerhouse in 2008, to surpassing the greatest athlete of ancient Greece, Leonidas of Rhodes, with 13 triumphs in 2016. Athletes and fans alike will be fascinated by insights into Phelps's training, mental preparation, and behind-the-scenes perspective on international athletic competitions. A chronicle of Phelps's evolution from awkward teenager to record-breaking powerhouse, *Beneath the Surface* is a must-read for any sports fan.

Game Changer-Kirk Cousins 2013-06-25 "This game means a lot to me, and by the grace of God, I'll never lose sight of the privilege it is to play it." —Kirk Cousins Kirk's book is a reflection of who he is—not just a football player, but someone who is committed to making those around him better in every walk of life. —Mike Shanahan, head coach, Washington Redskins In 2011, the NFF selected 16 college football players as "National Scholar Athletes", one of the highest honors a college football player can receive ... Kirk was one of these distinguished 16, which says everything you need to know about him. —Archie Manning, chairman, National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Kirk Cousins is a lot more than an outstanding quarterback. He walks the talk. Few people I've met can inspire like he does. —Jon Gruden, ESPN announcer and former head coach, Tampa Bay Buccaneers In a world with far too many bad examples, Kirk is a bright light of hope, inspiration, and leadership for a new generation. —Bill Huizenga, United States Congressman, Michigan What's it really like for a person of strong character to live in the spotlight of pressure and fame? Sit down with Kirk Cousins, record-setting Michigan State quarterback and 2012 draft pick of the NFL's Washington Redskins. In *Game Changer*, Cousins gives readers an inside look at his life—as experienced under the bright lights of college and professional football—and how he put his faith and values into action, both on and off the field. Featuring: Personal stories and struggles of a competitive Christian athlete Truthful discussion of media hype and modern sports culture Reflections on honesty, humility, hard work, privilege, and responsibility Life principles for winning choices on and off the field

Simone Manuel-Heather E. Schwartz 2018-01-01 Simone Manuel is one of the country's best female athletes. Learn about her childhood, the challenges she has overcome, and this swimmer's greatest accomplishments. Get the inside scoop on gold-medal-winning Olympic appearance.

Katie Ledecky: Swimming's Golden Girl-Mario Pettrino 2016-05-01 "Katie Ledecky: Swimming's Golden Girl" narrates the extraordinary story of the young US swimmer who stunned the world by capturing gold at the 2012 Olympics. Since the London Games, the popular role model has dominated ladies swimming with her powerful swimming and winning attitude. A children's biography accompanied by breathtaking illustrations, "Katie Ledecky: Swimming's Golden Girl" offers an in-depth look at the swimmer who is expected to reign at the 2016 Rio Olympics. The stirring story of Ledecky's meteoric rise to the top will captivate and inspire young readers.

Katie Ledecky-Katie Lajiness 2016-12-15 Meet Olympic swimmer Katie Ledecky! Ledecky's life story is examined from her childhood in Maryland where she began swimming at age six, to three US Junior Championships. Learn about Ledecky's Olympic career in the London and Rio de Janeiro games throughout which she won five gold and one silver medals. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Big Buddy Books is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

In the Water They Can't See You Cry-Amanda Beard 2013-04-16 "A seven-time Olympic medalist describes her battles with depression, eating disorders and substance abuse in spite of her successful career, recounting how she hid her struggles from her loved ones before seeking help and finding renewal in the birth of her son. 75,000 first printing."

Speed to Glory-Natalie Davis Miller 2012 Presents the story of Olympian swimmer Cullen Jones, who nearly drowned at age five yet went on to swim on the USA Olympic swim team alongside such greats as Michael Phelps.

Forever and Ever, Amen-Randy Travis 2019-05-14 The long-awaited, deeply personal story of one of American music's greatest icons, a remarkable tale of the utmost heights of fame and success, the deepest lows of life's sorrows, and a miraculous return from the brink of death—told as only Randy Travis can. Beloved around the world, Randy Travis has sold more than 25 million albums in both country and gospel and is considered one of the finest performers of his generation, admired by superstars across the musical landscape, from Garth Brooks to Mick Jagger. From a working-class background in North Carolina to a job as a cook and club singer in Nashville to his "overnight success" with his smash 1986 album *Storms of Life*—which launched the neotraditional movement in country music—Randy's first three decades are a true rags-to-riches story. But in 2009, this seemingly charmed life began a downward spiral. His marriage dissolved, he discovered that his finances had unraveled, and his struggles with anger led to alcohol abuse, public embarrassment, and even police arrest in 2012. Then, just as he was putting his life back together, Randy suffered a devastating viral cardiomyopathy that led to a massive stroke which he was not expected to survive. Yet he not only survived but also learned to walk again and in 2016 accepted his induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame by singing the hymn that explains his life today: "Amazing Grace." Filled with never-before-told stories, *Forever and Ever, Amen* is a riveting tale of unfathomable success, great joy, deep pain, and redemption that can come only from above.

Goldfish-Nat Luurtsema 2016-06-07 I am Lou Brown: Social outcast, precocious failure, 5'10" and still growing. I was on the fast track to the Olympic superstardom. Now, I'm training boys too cool to talk to me. In a sport I just made up. In a fish tank. My life has quickly become very weird. Nat Luurtsema's YA debut is side-splittingly funny and painfully true to anyone who's just trying to figure out how they fit into the world.

The Admiral-Gregg Lewis 2012-09-18 *Disciplined Life, Determined Athlete, Devoted Christian Kids* will be inspired by the compelling story of David "The Admiral" Robinson, who went from the Navy to the NBA, becoming MVP center for the San Antonio Spurs. When David Robinson became MVP center for the San Antonio Spurs, he seemed to have it all—fame, success, wealth, and a wonderful family—but he didn't feel complete until he found his faith. This is the true story of one man's disciplined life, how he excelled in academics and sports, and who isn't afraid to share his utter devotion to God.

Fever 1793-Laurie Halse Anderson 2011-08-16 It's late summer 1793, and the streets of Philadelphia are abuzz with mosquitoes and rumors of fever. Down near the docks, many have taken ill, and the fatalities are mounting. Now they include Polly, the serving girl at the Cook Coffeehouse. But fourteen-year-old Mattie Cook doesn't get a moment to mourn the passing of her childhood playmate. New customers have overrun her family's coffee shop, located far from the mosquito-infested river, and Mattie's concerns of fever are all but overshadowed by dreams of growing her family's small business into a thriving enterprise. But when the fever begins to strike closer to home, Mattie's struggle to build a new life must give way to a new fight—the fight to stay alive.

The Road-Cormac McCarthy 2007-03-20 NATIONAL BESTSELLER WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE The searing, post-apocalyptic novel about a father and son's fight to survive. A father and his son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. It is cold enough to crack stones, and when the snow falls it is gray. The sky is dark. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing; just a pistol to defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food—and each other. *The Road* is the

profoundly moving story of a journey. It boldly imagines a future in which no hope remains, but in which the father and his son, "each the other's world entire," are sustained by love. Awesome in the totality of its vision, it is an unflinching meditation on the worst and the best that we are capable of: ultimate destructiveness, desperate tenacity, and the tenderness that keeps two people alive in the face of total devastation. A New York Times Notable Book One of the Best Books of the Year The Boston Globe, The Christian Science Monitor, The Denver Post, The Kansas City Star, Los Angeles Times, New York, People, Rocky Mountain News, Time, The Village Voice, The Washington Post

Linspired-Mike Yorkey 2013-02-12 No athletic scholarships, ignored by the NBA draft, waived by team after team, yet Jeremy Lin remained positive and never doubted God's plan. Finally picked up by the New York Knicks, a teammate's injury placed Lin on the court after weeks on the bench. Since then, Lin has captivated the sports world with his incredible basketball skills as a New York Knick and now a Houston Rocket. This is his remarkable story.

This Outside Life-Laurie Ostby Kehler 2019-03-12 Step Into Wonder Has your breath ever caught at the sight of a sunset? Have you ever stopped in your tracks to listen to a birdsong? When was the last time you stood in awe of the world around you? If it's been so long you can't remember, living life at a sprint might be leaving you nature blind. If you're feeling stressed, disconnected from God, and disenchanting with life, this book will help you find solace for your scattered soul. Through storytelling, practical application, and reflective questions, Laurie Kehler invites you on a journey of discovery to... escape the crazy and reset your spiritual compass to explore pathways of peace seek connections with nature and others—starting in your own backyard recognize God's work in creation and in your life as you live in expectation of his promises Are you ready to set out on a new kind of adventure? Consider this your trail guide for uncovering God's signposts in the world and revealing his fingerprints on your life.

Michael Phelps-Jon M. Fishman 2017 "US swimmer Michael Phelps was the most decorated Olympic athlete in history before the 2016 Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Winning an additional five golds and a silver in Rio for a total of 28 career medals, Phelps has a list of accomplishments in the pool that may never be matched. Learn all about Phelps's Olympic victories, how he maintains a world-class swimmer's body, what he does for fun, his plans for the future, and much more ovided by publisher.

Gold in the Water-P. H. Mullen, Jr. 2015-12-15 In California, a team of talented young men begin pursuing the most elusive dream in sports, the Olympic Games. The pressure steadily increases as two best friends (a mentor and his protégé) reach the top of the world rankings and unexpectedly find themselves direct competitors. Their teammates include an emerging star methodically plotting to retrace his father's path to Olympic glory, as well as a super-extraordinary athlete desperate to walk away from it all. Led by one of the most passionate coaches in sports, a brilliant and explosive strategist on a personal quest for redemption, this team of dark horses and Olympic favorites works through escalating rivalries, joyous triumphs, and heartbreaking setbacks. Author P. H. Mullen chronicles their journey to the 2000 Olympic Games and presents one of the most powerful and moving sports books ever written. Boldly sweeping in literary power and pace, this startling book will permanently change how you view the Olympic athlete. It is a fascinating world of suspense and emotion where human desire for excellence rules over all, and where there are no second chances for glory. But above all, Gold in the Water is a triumph of the human spirit.

A Strong Right Arm-Michelle Y. Green 2004-03-01 Fueled by her passion For The game and buoyed by the inspiration of Jackie Robinson, Mamie Johnson is determined to be a professional baseball pitcher.

Linspired-Mike Yorkey 2013-02-12 Linspired reveals the remarkable journey of the ultimate underdog, Jeremy Lin, formerly of the New York Knicks, current superstar point guard of the Houston Rockets, and the first American-born player of Chinese/Taiwanese descent to play in the National Basketball Association. In spite of

being cut by two NBA teams before he signed with the Knicks, Lin always trusted that God had a plan for his life and his talents. In an interview with Mike Yorkey, Lin says, "I'm not exactly sure how it is all going to turn out, but I know for a fact that God has called me to be here now in the NBA." After weeks of sitting at the end of the bench, a teammate's injury finally placed Lin on the court. Since then, he has captivated sports fans throughout the world with his tremendous skill and humble response to all the acclaim. Weighing in on this phenomenon are tennis's Michael Chang, the first notable Asian-American athlete, Lin's pastor, Stephen Chen, and Pat Williams, senior vice president of the Orlando Magic. Other features include eight pages of full-color photos and in-depth interviews with Lin himself, as well as an entirely new chapter detailing Jeremy's move to the Rockets.

The Mayflower Bride-Kimberley Woodhouse 2018-02-01 Can a religious separatist and an opportunistic spy make it in the New World? A brand new series for fans of all things related to history, romance, adventure, faith, and family trees. Mary Elizabeth Chapman boards the Speedwell in 1620 as a Separatist seeking a better life in the New World. William Lytton embarks on the Mayflower as a carpenter looking for opportunities to succeed—and he may have found one when a man from the Virginia Company offers William a hefty sum to keep a stealth eye on company interests in the new colony. The season is far too late for good sailing and storms rage, but reaching land is no better as food is scarce and the people are weak. Will Mary Elizabeth survive to face the spring planting and unknown natives? Will William be branded a traitor and expelled? Join the adventure as the Daughters of the Mayflower series begins with The Mayflower Bride by Kimberley Woodhouse. More to come in the Daughters of the Mayflower series: The Mayflower Bride by Kimberley Woodhouse - set 1620 Atlantic Ocean (February 2018) The Pirate Bride by Kathleen Y'Barbo - set 1725 New Orleans (April 2018) The Captured Bride by Michelle Griep - set 1760 during the French and Indian War (June 2018) The Patriot Bride by Kimberley Woodhouse - set 1774 Philadelphia (August 2018) The Cumberland Bride by Shannon McNear - set 1794 on the Wilderness Road (October 2018) The Liberty Bride by MaryLu Tyndall - set 1814 Baltimore (December 2018)

Like Moonlight at Low Tide-Nicole Quigley 2012-10-09 When high school junior Melissa Keiser returns to her hometown of Anna Maria Island, Florida, she has one goal: hide from the bullies who had convinced her she was the ugliest girl in school. But when she is caught sneaking into a neighbor's pool at night, everything changes. Something is different now that Melissa is sixteen, and the guys and popular girls who once made her life miserable have taken notice. When Melissa gets the chance to escape life in a house ruled by her mom's latest boyfriend, she must choose where her loyalties lie between a long-time crush, a new friend, and her surfer brother who makes it impossible to forget her roots. Just as Melissa seems to achieve everything she ever wanted, she loses a loved one to suicide. Melissa must not only grieve for her loss, she must find the truth about the three boys who loved her and discover that joy sometimes comes from the most unexpected place of all.

My People, the Amish-Joe Keim 2017-06-01 In My People, the Amish, Joe Keim paints a detailed picture of life behind the bonnets and buggies. More than a biography, this is an honest look at the heart-warming traditions that mingle with the deep-rooted legalism of the Amish community in Ashland, Ohio. Born, raised, and baptized in an Old Order Amish church, from childhood Joe Keim was taught that if he didn't follow the twenty-two-page ordinance letter that governed his community, there was no way he could get to heaven. What started as a path of rebellion led Joe and his wife Esther to a caring group of Englisher Christians who would love them like family and show them how to live out their new found faith in Jesus Christ. Nine months after their traditional Amish wedding, Joe and Esther left family and friends forever to live openly for Christ, and endured shunning and excommunication with bold faith. Since then, the Lord has brought many former Amish people to Joe and Esther for help. Because of their passion for the Amish people and with the support of fellow believers, they have brought biblical truth to thousands of Amish through the ministry they founded in 2000, Mission to Amish People (MAP).

Middlemarch-George Eliot 1871

The Tower of Songs-Casey Barrett 2019-08-27 Embracing an improbable stretch of sobriety, unlicensed P.I. Duck Darley has proven himself stronger than the temptations that loom in the shadows of New York City. But the familiar pull of self-destruction lingers like garbage in July when Layla Soto, a sharp-tongued Park Avenue

teenager with a family as screwed up as his own, presents a twisted missing-persons case he can't refuse . . . Layla saw video evidence of her billionaire father being abducted from their home—at the top of the tallest residential tower on earth. She suspects her grandmother, a Chinese social climber on husband number three, orchestrated the act to silence her only son. Duck agrees to investigate the hedge funder's disappearance, if only for the rush of a new thrill—and an excuse to reconcile with Cass Kimball, his leather-clad sometime partner who nearly got him killed . . . As the unlikely duo become immersed in a high-stakes ransom linked to the international drug trade and the delicate relations between the two most powerful nations on earth, survival means trusting no one. Because when confronting absolute power, certain forces will stop at nothing to bury the truth.

The Book of Jerry Falwell-Susan Friend Harding 2000 Examines the 1980s resurgence in born-again Christianity, trends in contemporary Christian fundamentalism, and the role played by Reverend Jerry Falwell and his associates, focusing on how Falwell used biblical language to inspire and transform his followers. Reprint.

The Shack-William P. Young 2014-07-02 Four years after his daughter was abducted and evidence of her murder was found in an abandoned shack, a man returns to the shack in response to a note claiming to be from God, and has a life-changing experience.

Silver Lining-Beth Fehr 2020-01-22

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil-John Berendt 2010-05-12 Shots rang out in Savannah's grandest mansion in the misty, early morning hours of May 2, 1981. Was it murder or self-defense? For nearly a decade, the shooting and its aftermath reverberated throughout this hauntingly beautiful city of moss-hung oaks and shaded squares. John Berendt's sharply observed, suspenseful, and witty narrative reads like a thoroughly engrossing novel, and yet it is a work of nonfiction. Berendt skillfully interweaves a hugely entertaining first-person account of life in this isolated remnant of the Old South with the unpredictable twists and turns of a landmark murder case. It is a spellbinding story peopled by a gallery of remarkable characters: the well-bred society ladies of the Married Woman's Card Club; the turbulent young redneck gigolo; the hapless recluse who owns a bottle of poison so powerful it could kill every man, woman, and child in Savannah; the aging and profane Southern belle who is the "soul of pampered self-absorption"; the uproariously funny black drag queen; the acerbic and arrogant antiques dealer; the sweet-talking, piano-playing con artist; young blacks dancing the minuet at the black debutante ball; and Minerva, the voodoo priestess who works her magic in the graveyard at midnight. These and other Savannahians act as a Greek chorus, with Berendt revealing the alliances, hostilities, and intrigues that thrive in a town where everyone knows everyone else. *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* is a sublime and

seductive reading experience. Brilliantly conceived and masterfully written, this enormously engaging portrait of a most beguiling Southern city has become a modern classic.

Parables from Nature-Mrs. Alfred Gatty 1893

Ramona Blue-Julie Murphy 2017-05-09 From Julie Murphy, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Dumplin'* and *Side Effects May Vary*, comes another fearless heroine, Ramona Blue, in a gorgeously evocative novel about family, friendship, and how sometimes love can be more fluid than you first think. Perfect for fans of Rainbow Rowell and Morgan Matson. Ramona was only five years old when Hurricane Katrina changed her life forever. Since then, it's been Ramona and her family against the world. Standing over six feet tall with unmistakable blue hair, Ramona is sure of three things: she likes girls, she's fiercely devoted to her family, and she knows she's destined for something bigger than the trailer she calls home in Eulogy, Mississippi. But juggling multiple jobs, her flaky mom, and her well-meaning but ineffectual dad forces her to be the adult of the family. Now, with her sister, Hattie, pregnant, responsibility weighs more heavily than ever. The return of her childhood friend Freddie brings a welcome distraction. Ramona's friendship with the former competitive swimmer picks up exactly where it left off, and soon he's talked her into joining him for laps at the pool. But as Ramona falls in love with swimming, her feelings for Freddie begin to shift too, which is the last thing she expected. With her growing affection for Freddie making her question her sexual identity, Ramona begins to wonder if perhaps she likes girls and guys or if this new attraction is just a fluke. Either way, Ramona will discover that, for her, life and love are more fluid than they seem.

The Young Traveler's Gift-Andy Andrews 2004-05-11 Before David Ponder ever visited Truman in *The Traveler's Gift*, Michael Holder began his journey as the last young traveler to receive the unique gifts of wisdom offered by historical greats. In his senior year of high school, Michael hits rock bottom. Having been caught in the wrong place at the wrong time, he has now been suspended from the track team and lost his college scholarship. His coach is angry, his parents are disappointed, and he's diving headfirst into a downward spiral. Facing the bleak future ahead, he sees no way out and wonders if life is really worth living. But with some divine intervention, he's given a second chance when he's offered a once-in-a-lifetime journey of discovery. Rewritten to engage the minds of teens and tweens, *The Young Traveler's Gift* is sure to encourage and enlighten young men and women as they prepare to face the journeys that lie ahead.