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pilot in the days before his first and only mission. He believes he is ready to die for his country . . . until he meets Hana. Hana hasn't been the same since the day she was buried alive in a collapsed trench during a bomb raid. She wonders if it would have been better to have died that day . . . until she meets Taro. A song will bring them together. The war will tear them apart. Is it possible to live an entire lifetime in eight short days? Sherri L. Smith has been called an author with astonishing range and a stellar storyteller by E. Lockhart, the New York Times-bestselling author of *We Were Liars*, and a truly talented writer by Jacqueline Woodson, the National Book Award-winning author of *Brown Girl Dreaming*. Here, with achingly beautiful prose, Smith weaves a tale of love in the face of death, of hope in the face of tragedy, set against a backdrop of the waning days of the Pacific War.

The arrival of grieving Mennonite widow Amy Knackstedt and her three children, who have come to Kansas in search of a new start, upsets their neighbor, Tim Roper, who is struggling to forget the faith he left years earlier. This collection of pop-up paper bouquets from the creator of the bestselling *Paper Blossoms* celebrates the beauty of the four seasons. Each breathtaking arrangement—spring daffodils, summer sunflowers, autumn foliage, and a winter wreath—makes a distinctive centerpiece and brings surprise to any décor. A unique gift for any occasion, *Paper Blossoms for All Seasons* delights with color, joy, and beauty throughout the year. Gail Tsukiyama's *The Street of a Thousand Blossoms* is a powerfully moving masterpiece about tradition and change,

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loss and renewal, and love and family from a glorious storyteller at the height of her powers. It is Tokyo in 1939. On the Street of a Thousand Blossoms, two orphaned brothers dream of a future firmly rooted in tradition. The older boy, Hiroshi, shows early signs of promise at the national obsession of sumo wrestling, while Kenji is fascinated by the art of Noh theater masks. But as the ripples of war spread to their quiet neighborhood, the brothers must put their dreams on hold—and forge their own paths in a new Japan.

Meanwhile, the two young daughters of a renowned sumo master find their lives increasingly intertwined with the fortunes of their father's star pupil, Hiroshi.

A beautiful gift book commemorating the nation's most cherished springtime tradition, the National Cherry Blossom Festival, through original works of art from the Library of Congress collections Experience the splendor of the annual spring viewing of the nation's sakura (cherry blossoms) with this stunning keepsake book. Original artwork, photographs, and objects from the Library of Congress collections illuminate the story of these landmark trees and how they came to the nation's capital as a symbol of friendship with Japan. More than one million visitors from the US and abroad gather each year to enjoy Washington's glorious profusion of cloud-like blossoms and join in the festivities. Cherry Blossoms: Sakura Collections from the Library of Congress showcases exquisite watercolor drawings of blossom varieties among the original cherry trees, Japanese woodblock prints by such master artists as Kiyonaga and Hiroshige, early 3-D stenographs and contemporary photos of the Tidal Basin cherry blossoms, mementos from a former cherry blossom princess, posters of the festival, and more. These works offer the opportunity to explore Japanese culture while celebrating Washington's beloved cherry blossoms.

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Ava Miles, author of the #1 National Bestseller *The Chocolate Garden*, brings you another uplifting page-turner about hope, the will to start over, and the power of friendship. In this first *Friends & Neighbors* novel, meet a woman determined to realize her dreams and revitalize a beloved neighborhood with two things she believes most in: hope and chocolate. From the time she was a little girl with a chocolate stand instead of lemonade, Alice Bailey dreamt of opening a chocolate shop. After all, chocolate heals everything, from heartache to woes. If Alice has learned anything recently, it's that life is precious. It's now or never—*carpe diem* time. She's ready to put down roots and live her dreams. Only opening up a chocolate shop in this close-knit community proves harder than she imagined, especially when other neighborhood businesses are experiencing hard times. She's not only an outsider, but resentment over her circumstances breeds distrust among some of the other business owners. But Alice believes in one absolute: chocolate can heal anything and it's a great way to make new friends—even a neighborhood hit hard by illness, despair, and financial troubles. And as she struggles to heal and rebuild, she shows her new friends and neighbors that life offers more richness than they realize. --- If you love books by Nora Roberts, Nicholas Sparks, Susan Elizabeth Phillips, Debbie Macomber, Robyn Carr, Elin Hilderbrand, Danielle Steele, Barbara O'Neal, Susan Mallery, Kristan Higgins, Sherryl Woods, Jill Shalvis, Roisin Meaney, Melody Grace, Melissa Foster, Addison Cole, Bella Andre, Lucy Kevin, Brenda Novak, Catherine Bybee, Kathryn Andrews, RaeAnne Thayne, Sheila O'Flanagan, Cathy Kelly, Ruth Hogan, Jenny Colgan, Shari Low, Sophie Cousens, Portia MacIntosh. Perfect for fans of Sophie Randal, Mhairi McFarlane and Zara Stoneley, Holly Martin, and Barbara Freethy try Ava's! Millions love them! For readers who enjoyed the *Virgin River* series, *Happily Inc*, *Sweetbriar Cove*,

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Sweet Magnolias, Whiskey Creek, and The Callaways and The Gannett Island series, Seaside Summers, Faraday Country, The Sullivans, Veils and Vows, The Summer Sisters, Indigo Bay Sweet Romance series, and more! Keywords: sweet romance, clean romance books, friendship, free romance, free ebook, family saga, small town romance series, clean and wholesome, romance series, romantic women's fiction, best friends, women friends, lighthearted romance, fun romance, southern romance, beach read, friendship, heartwarming romance, laugh romance, feel good romance, inspirational romance, contemporary romance, happily ever after, HEA romance, 7 brides for 7 brothers, Hallmark movies, heartwarming by Harlequin, romantic comedy, romantic comedy series, funny romance, modern romance, lighthearted romance, light romance, romance for adults, contemporary romance, swoonworthy, beach reads, good characters, LOL romance, romantic comedy books free, romance books free, family, love, love books, long series, long romance series, captivating romance, beach romance, beach reads for women, books for summer, Hello Sunshine Book Club, books for the beach, love and friendship, vacation romance, friends to lovers, second chance romance, second chance romance with baby, best friend romance, enemies to lovers, medical romance, doctor and nurse romance, doctor romance, Christmas romance, holiday romance, montana romance, romance novels for teens, mountain town romance, forbidden romance, falling for the wrong man romance, secret baby romance, secret pregnancy romance, Valentine's Day romance, short romance, short story romance books, romance anthologies, romance collections, waitress romance, love triangle sweet romance, workplace romance, workplace romantic comedy, family romance, Free romance, contemporary romance, new adult, free new adult romance, free sports romance, free small town romance, standalone

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romance, free romance series starter.

One day, a cat and dog meet on a bench. The cat eats her lunch. The dog reads his book. But the sun twinkles, the breeze blows, and there's something sweet in the air... This is a beautifully illustrated story of the joys of spring and finding a new friend.

Jean E. Pendziwol's newest picture book is a lyrical meditation on nature and hope. The child in this story observes the sun by playing with her shadow, though sometimes it disappears. She listens to the wind tell stories, even when it howls like wolves. She tastes snowflakes — sometimes sweet and delicate; other times sharp on her cheeks. And finally, she finds hope in the buds on a cherry tree that survive through the winter to blossom in spring. Jean E. Pendziwol has written a layered, lyrical exploration of the hardships and beauties of nature. Her poem, beautifully illustrated by Nathalie Dion, is a study in contrasts and a message of the hope that carries us through the year and through our lives. Correlates to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.2 Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.4 Identify words and phrases in stories or poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses.

This 240 page book has 110 lighthouse drawings and 106 essays from 90 different writers. "Choice words can be coupled with apt music to create memorable song. In like manner, strategic statements can be wedded to illustrative art to produce revealing literature. That has happened in this book by David Liverett, the message of which is

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clear, centered, well-illustrated and compelling." -- James Earl Massey, Former Speaker for CBH, Campus Minister at Anderson University and Dean of Anderson School of Theology "Combining his tremendous interest in and love of people and his long-time collection of lighthouses, penned by his own hand, David Liverett has given a real gift to the Church. I felt the warmth of bright hope as I read the inspiring, personal meditations and realized the investment of time in the beautiful lighthouses.

Thank you for using your talent to point the way to The Light." --Norma Brandon, CBH/Mass Media Coordinator, Church of God Ministries "With lighthouse as metaphor, David has inspired us with these authentic statements of faith and hope and light. Who does not welcome a sure word of hope and a true beam of light for our dismal days and starless nights? Maybe you will read these testimonials and mark some to which you will often return for renewal. We're not fog-bound ships near treacherous rocks, but we sigh with relief when hope shines through. We who read this book owe to David Liverett an unpayable debt for his skillful and artistic display of the lighthouses we so desperately need.

Read and rejoice " --T. Franklin Miller, Former Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the Church of God and President of Warner Press

Michiko Minagawa's father is exiled and she and her

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family must move to a desolate internment camp in the middle of British Columbia, where she must deal with the prejudices of her schoolmates.

"This is a masterpiece of a forgotten virtue by one of the great Christian philosophers of the twentieth century"--Publisher's description.

Four friends. Three weddings. Two paths. Tori has kept men at a distance while pursuing her goals, and has relished in the friendships she has built. Upon returning to Oregon after college, she quickly realizes the number of weddings and engagements are increasing around her. She trips over the roots of her small town as each relative only seems to care about the prospects in her dating life. By happenstance (or Fate?), she reconnects with an acquaintance, and starts to see him in new ways. She quickly finds herself in a relationship with more depth and trust than she ever thought possible. Their connection is strong and deep, yet ends as quickly as it began. Was it Tori? Was it him? Was it something they could figure out? Do the things she wants most in her life just not align? Isn't this relationship what Tori has been working towards her entire life? Tori looks to her closest friends who know her best to help her untangle these questions, even though the answers lie with her. Beyond the Pear Blossoms is a deep exploration into the heart of the relationships we build, our competing desires, and the decisions we make. It's a journey through the

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moments of being lost, a reminder of the places where we feel found, and ultimately what it takes to choose our way.

Read Along or Enhanced eBook: Spring is here, and with the new season come trees full of life, color . . . and blossoms! From the creators of LEAF JUMPERS and WINTER TREES, SPRING BLOSSOMS introduces readers to a variety of different flowering trees. During a stroll through the forest, two children come across the small and white flowers on a crab apple tree, the rich, red buds on a red maple, and many more. Along the way, readers learn that some trees have both male and female flowers—each with a distinctive appearance. Back matter includes extended botanical facts and more information about trees and their life cycles. Told in lyrical rhymes with beautiful linoleum-cut illustrations, SPRING BLOSSOMS offers a unique blend of science, poetry, and art studies.

What happened to the class hamster? Find out in this Edgar Award–winning mystery story with some “delightfully comic twists” (Kirkus Reviews). When Junior brings home the classroom hamster, Scooty, he decides to build the best hamster tunnel ever. But when Scooty goes missing, all evidence points to Mud. Meanwhile, Mad Mary is missing, too—although her bag and walking stick were found near the highway. When Mary later wakes up in the hospital, she realizes that the Blossoms might just have

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provided her with the strength she needs to pull her life back together. It's anything but an ordinary weekend with the Blossoms! Perfect for young dog lovers, this Edgar Award–winning Blossom Family title is a mysterious and touching finale to the bestselling series by Newbery Medal-winning author Betsy Byars.

This book is a stunningly beautiful record of the nation's biggest springtime festival. As the 100th anniversary of the National Cherry Blossom Festival approaches in the Spring of 2012, millions of people from across the country will gather to revel in the beauty of the Cherry Blossoms. Capturing the true essence of spring, Blunt's striking photography will also allow those who are unable to travel to the festival the chance to experience the splendor of the blooming cherry blossoms through his photography. When Hope Blossoms Baker Books

David Aikman, former senior foreign correspondent for Time magazine, first published *When the Almond Tree Blossoms* in 1993, as the Cold War ended and political polarization grew in the United States.

Twenty-three years later, his novel is as timely as ever. The 2016 presidential election pits unabashed socialists and jaded capitalists against each other, and the nation seems more politically polarized than it's been since the Civil War. This book is a reminder of what's at stake: not only freedom, but life and peace. It's 1998 in this alternative timeline. The US is

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controlled by a radical, collectivist regime bent on maintaining control despite a growing nuclear threat from the resistance. Douglas Richfield supported the People's Movement early on and now participates in its regime as an assistant adviser for protocol. He's known as an "activist" and a "progressive," but he's not entirely at ease with the movement he's always supported. Limitations on freedom of speech, along with military police brutality, give him pause. A conversation with a beautiful stranger only increases his confusion. Perhaps the People's Movement regime is neither as secure nor as noble as he once thought. Just as these doubts begin to form, the regime takes him out of his comfortable office job and into the field, where he must choose once and for all whether his loyalties lie with the People's Movement or the Constitutionalist resistance.

Aikman addresses world politics, secret agendas, and ultimately biblical prophecy in this thriller

Millions of readers have fallen in love with Ava's bestselling books...come join the family. International Bestselling Author Ava Miles' feel-good series, The Merriams, is back with a humorous and heartwarming story about a playboy without a cause and a woman whose dreams were diverted by family responsibility—and, of course, everyone's favorite matchmakers to guide the way. Flynn Merriam has it all: a glamorous job he loves, a model in every port, and loads of siblings he adores. Turning the big 3-0

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shouldn't be a big deal, but suddenly he's questioning everything. There's got to be more to life than fun and diversion, right? Annie Loudermilk's life hasn't turned out the way she wanted. She'd planned to travel the world as a sought-after makeup artist, but when she found herself unexpectedly pregnant, everything took a different track. Now she's a single mom, living in a small town, making and selling her own cosmetic line. But she still longs for more. At his brother's bequest, Flynn goes to acquire Annie's boutique skincare company. But when he meets her, the only kind of business on his mind is monkey business. Annie knows Flynn's offer is the answer to her prayers: the shot at the life she's always wanted. But her family doesn't think so, and they thwart her dreams—and her powerful connection with Flynn. Fortunately, Flynn's got an ace in the hole to help seal the deal: his Aunt Clara and Uncle Arthur. Between the three of them, he's certain to get the company for his brother—and the girl for himself. PRAISE: "Ava's story is witty and charming." Barbara Freethy #1 New York Times Bestselling Author on Nora Roberts Land "On par with Nicholas Sparks' love stories." Jennifer's Corner Blog "The constant love, and the tasteful sexual interludes, bring a sensual, dynamic tension to this appealing story." Publisher's Weekly "I am adding Ava Miles to my list of always reads like Susan Mallery, Jill Shalvis, Kristen Ashley, and NORA

ROBERTS." Marjay's Reading Blog "Miles' story savvy, sense of humor, respect for her readers and empathy for her characters shine through..." USA Today on *The Gate to Everything*

Following the seventieth anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, this is a new, very personal story to join Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. Yuriko was happy growing up in Hiroshima when it was just her and Papa. But her aunt Kimiko and her cousin Genji are living with them now, and the family is only getting bigger with talk of a double marriage! And while things are changing at home, the world beyond their doors is even more unpredictable. World War II is coming to an end, and since the Japanese newspapers don't report lost battles, the Japanese people are not entirely certain of where Japan stands. Yuriko is used to the sirens and the air-raid drills, but things start to feel more real when the neighbors who have left to fight stop coming home. When the bombs hit Hiroshima, it's through Yuriko's twelve-year-old eyes that we witness the devastation and horror. This is a story that offers young readers insight into how children lived during the war, while also introducing them to Japanese culture. Based loosely on author Kathleen Burkinshaw's mother's firsthand experience surviving the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, *The Last Cherry Blossom* hopes to warn readers of the immense damage nuclear war can bring, while reminding them that the "enemy" in any war is often not so different from ourselves.

Stripe, an ambitious young caterpillar, abandons his struggle to reach the top when he meets a lovely yellow

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butterfly.

WHERE HOPE BLOSSOMS is a compilation of 366 daily devotions by popular author Nina Smit. She highlights themes such as: Life is a journey; generosity and gratitude; the secret of happiness; discipleship; reconciliation and forgiveness; and dealing with stress. WHERE HOPE BLOSSOMS shows readers that they can always experience God's presence in a new and fresh way if they pursue Him with total devotion.

The Flower Power books follow the funny fifth-grade adventures of four girls with little in common but their flower names who, nevertheless, blossom into the greatest of friends. Katie-Rose, Milla, Yasaman, and Violet have confronted their share of challenges in fifth grade: a dead hamster, turtle theft, trapeze lessons, and pesky boys, just to name a few. Nothing can stop these four fabulous friends. Well, nothing except for their archnemesis, the evil Modessa (a.k.a. "Medusa"). Somehow, Modessa has recruited one of the sweetest girls in the class to be her new sidekick. The flower friends are determined to save Elena, even if it means braving Modessa's wrath. But it will also mean getting Katie-Rose to focus—she's a bit too busy NOT flirting with cute-but-annoying Preston. And then there's Yasaman's little sister's birthday "bubblemum" party, which the four friends promised to organize . . . if it's possible to call anything involving 30 kindergartners organized. Luckily, Violet is back to herself and ready to lead the Flowers to their most glorious triumph. With mean girls, romance, and tons of fifth-grade drama, this critically acclaimed friendship series shows that author

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Lauren Myracle “has her finger firmly on the pulse of tween girlhood.” (Booklist) Praise for *Awesome Blossom* “The girls’ giggle-worthy antics and enough dangling plot threads will keep readers wanting more.” --Kirkus Reviews “Shining example of themes and language (parts of the story are told in IMs, e-mails, and chat messages) that will cut straight to the heart of tween girls.” --Booklist

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