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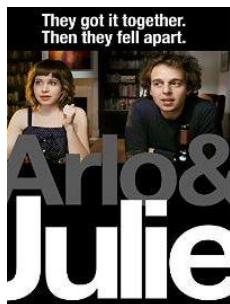
## WIFV Gift Guide 2015 - Third Issue - and More Gifts!

### Films

#### **Arlo & Julie**

By Richelle Fatheree

When pieces of a jigsaw puzzle arrive daily in the mail, a neurotic couple's curiosity devolves into an obsession that comically unravels their world, disconnecting them from reality and jeopardizing their fragile relationship. Starring: Alex Dobrenko, Ashley Spillers. [Get your copy here](#)



#### **Breaking Through the Clouds**

By Heather A. Taylor



This is the inspiring true story of 20 women who raced across America in 1929.

With just a compass and a road map to guide them, Amelia Earhart and 19 other brave pilots defied convention by taking to the skies and racing across the country for the first Women's National Air Derby. Facing cultural stereotypes, mechanical failures, threats of sabotage, navigational challenges, and endless chicken dinners, the women became pioneering legends in aviation. Their story is inspiring to anyone who has the courage to follow their own dreams. Produced, directed, and written by WIFV member Heather A. Taylor, Archetypal Images, LLC.

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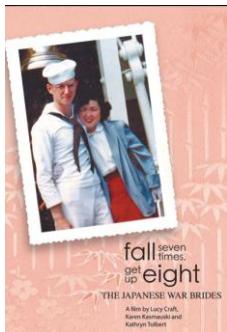
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### Books

## Fall Seven Times, Get Up Eight

By Karen Kasmauski



Three Japanese war brides trace their tumultuous journey to America as the young wives of US soldiers and civilians. Atsuko, Emiko and Hiroko were among tens of thousands of Japanese women who married American soldiers after World War II. They landed in 1950s America knowing no one and speaking little English. In brutally honest conversations with their respective daughters, they reveal the largely untold story of the Japanese war brides.

Directors Lucy Craft, Karen Kasmauski, and Kathryn Tolbert tell the stories of their respective mothers as journalists, but also as the mixed-race children who experienced firsthand their own mothers' struggles. Drawing on personal anecdotes, family photographs and archival footage, FALL SEVEN TIMES, GET UP EIGHT paints an intimate portrait of the Japanese war brides saga and helps bring to life this often forgotten episode in American and Japanese history. [Get your copy here.](#)

## The Last Song Before the War

By Kiley Kraskouskas



THE LAST SONG BEFORE THE WAR is a feature-length documentary that captures the inspiring rise and uncertain future of Mali's annual Festival in the Desert. Against the backdrop of stunning musical performances, the film subtly reveals the challenges and triumphs of creating an artistic event in such challenging economic and political circumstances. After 12 years of success and unforgettable musical moments, the Festival in the Desert came to a halt in 2012 when separatist rebels and Islamic militants seized control of Northern Mali. [Get your copy here.](#)

## Of Dice and Men

By Kelley Slagle

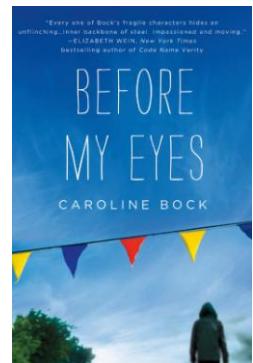


For the gamer on your list! The dramedy feature film OF DICE AND MEN - the lives of six role playing gamer friends are thrown into upheaval when one of them enlists to go to Iraq. A geek movie without the self-loathing. [Visit our store](#) to get it now on DVD, Blu-ray or digital download!

## Before My Eyes

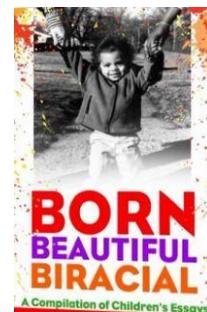
By Caroline Bock

"Someone is falling in love...someone is popping pills...and someone is hearing a voice and has a gun. But no one wants to see what is happening right before their eyes." The new young adult novel from St. Martin's Press called, "GRIPPING" by Publishers Weekly and Kirkus Review and an "Unflinching thriller...thought-provoking" by Bookpages. Appropriate for ages 14 and above and adults of all ages. Go to [www.carolinebock.com](#)



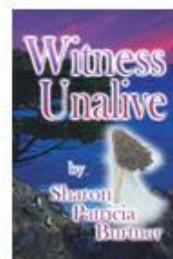
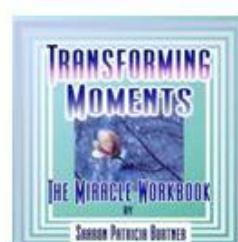
## Born Beautiful Biracial

By Tanya Hutchins



With a Foreword by Olympic Gold Medalist Dan O'Brien (Decathlon), *Born Beautiful Biracial* is a compilation of children's essays with advice for kids who are asked questions about their racial and ethnic backgrounds: "What are you? Are those your parents? Are you adopted?" Regardless of how we look, we live in a multicultural, multiracial world, a world where many consider Barack Obama the first black President of the United States. Barack Obama is biracial. Maybe, one of the children who reads this book may even grow up to be President one day. Hopefully, by then, it won't be such a big deal, because everyone will accept each other unconditionally. [Order your copy here.](#)

## Three Books by Sharon Burtner



*Afterimage* is a collection of poems, partnered with photos.

*Transforming Moments* is an empowering journal packed with essays, suggested writing topics, and exercises.

*Witness Unalive* is a noir thriller.

## **Qigong Form DVDs**

By Shawn Cartwright

Eight complete Qigong practice sets to rejuvenate and transform your life. Order it now on [CD Baby](#) or [Amazon](#).

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Featuring sublime Gu Zheng music from The Rising Moon by Ms. Bing Xia and the masterful photography of Mr. Jin Gong.



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Be the most stylish sound recordist or videographer on your next shoot!

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Go green with our selection of stylish, reusable tote bags.

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### **LAST CALL FOR**

#### **ANNIVERSARY ITEMS**

Don't miss your chance to grab a limited edition item (or, two) from our anniversary shop. Get them before they're gone!

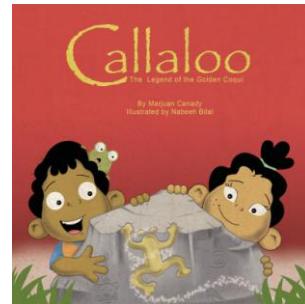
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You can purchase these books here. For more information, go to [www.sharonburtner.com](#).

## ***Callaloo and The Legend of the Golden Coqui***

By Marjuan Canady



My team and I are back again celebrating the folklore stories of the Caribbean Diaspora but this time we are journeying to Puerto Rico! This book is influenced by an Ancient Taino legend and contemporary Nuyorican culture. The book features the beautiful and dynamic illustrations from my fellow Callaloo creator, Nabeeh Bilal. It's not only a great read but an excellent way for kids to enhance their literacy and cultural education skills. Pre-Orders go through December 18th. We have some great additional products and discounts when you pre-order at

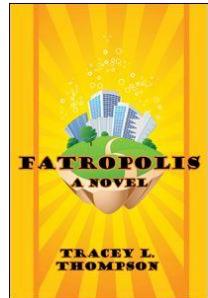
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## ***Fatropolis***

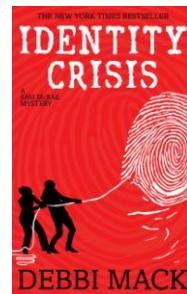
By Tracey Thompson

Most of her life Jenny has felt she's not good enough, not attractive enough, because she's fat. Then one day she stumbles through a portal between a world that values thinness and one that values roundness.

Sometimes falling can wake you up.  
[Order your copy here](#).



## **Two Books by Debbi Mack**



*Identity Crisis*, a Sam McRae mystery. A simple domestic abuse case turns deadly when the alleged abuser is killed and Stephanie Ann "Sam" McRae's client disappears. When a friend asks Sam to find Melanie Hayes, the Maryland attorney is drawn into a complex case of murder and identity theft that has her running from the Mob, breaking into a strip club and forming a shaky alliance with a private investigator to discover the truth. Available at [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), and



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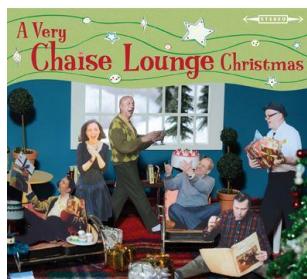
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## Rosenwald T-Shirts

By buying a shirt, you can help spread the word of Julius Rosenwald- and the proceeds go to help fund our Non-Profit organization so that we can continue to share stories like JR's. Plus, they make great holiday gifts! [You can purchase them on our online store!](#)

## Music

### A Very Chaise Lounge Christmas



On this dazzling Xmas album, film composer Charlie Barnett's martini-jazz sextet makes ancient carols sound utterly fresh and delivers seasonal originals so comfortable that you could swear they were standards. "This is a quasi-retro juggernaut of cool in top form," writes *Midwest Record*.

"[The album] is so groovy you can play it year-round." "Chaise Lounge is a delicious, subtle, swinging ensemble" adds noted jazz critic Ken Borgers. "Here, at last, is new music for the season!" [Order your copy here.](#)

## Indiebound.

*Invisible Me* is a young adult novel.

Military brat and albino, Portia Maddox, 13, has bounced from school to school, always an outsider. When Denise Laughton, the school's most popular girl, seeks her help in exchange for an invite to Denise's birthday party, Portia jumps at the offer. However, Portia must spy on Randy, Denise's boyfriend, to find out whether he's cheating. Portia learns that spying isn't the best way to make friends. Pick yours up at [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), and [Indiebound](#).



## Poems

By Inger McPhail

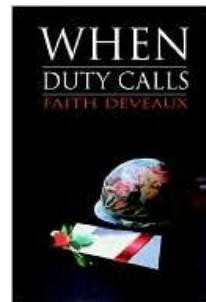
"All that I have seen teaches me to trust God for all that I have not seen." This quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson speaks profoundly of the lives of three amazing female family members of the writer, Charvette. Using the name of paternal grandmother E. Vera Allen, the writer gives life to the characteristics found in her grandmothers and a great-aunt. These wise, caring women knew happiness, sorrow, anger, and betrayal. Their lives span periods in African-American history when communities transitioned from Jim Crow-laden breeding dens to multicultural neighborhoods. These poems give voice to the lives of these remarkable women. [Order here.](#)

By E. Vera Allen

## Poems

### When Duty Calls

By Faith DeVeaux



What would it take for you to appreciate what you have in life? The near-death of the one you love? Anita Anderson, married for over thirty years, was becoming bored with her life. Then the unthinkable happened, her husband had a heart attack, then fell into a coma. Her estranged children come home, and she decides to reunite her family once and for all. Anita brings out her beloved letters that she saved from when her husband fought in Vietnam. After rediscovering her buried passion for life, she decides to share them with as many people as possible. [Order your copy here.](#)

## The Wonderful Miscellany of WIFV Members!



## Insanimals

By Chris Sciannella

INSANIMALS® is a new line of crazy, slightly insane animal characters. We have a line of collectible toys for kids of all ages! "Quirky", "fun", "out of the ordinary", "really crazy"... that's how moms and kids describe these loveable characters! Plush toys, story books, puzzles, t-shirts, coloring and activity books are all available. Kids can interact and play games with their favorite characters on Facebook and our INSANIMALS® website. New animals will be arriving at the INSANIMALS® on a regular basis. LET YOUR CRAZY OUT!!!® [Our website is here.](#)

## Neal's Yard Remedies

By Randi Cohen Coblenz

The Holiday Time is a Magical Time, and NYR Organic Health and Skin Care can help you Celebrate in Style. Britain's NYR Organic believes that nature provides everything we need to enjoy greater health, beauty, and well-being. Why not Go Organic with your holiday gifts this year? We have some great ideas and options for all your friends and family... I am happy to be your personal shopper for the special people in your life and [you can order on my website](#) and have everything shipped directly to you. Help yourself and the planet at the same time.



## The Monthly Voiceover Workout!!!

By Melissa Leebaert



Have you ever wondered who that is narrating your favorite Discovery Documentary? Who's that voice on the Tide Commercial or your favorite Audio book? It's a voice over actor and it's a very specific area of the acting world.

Come explore that world to see if you've got what it takes in a fun and safe environment at The Monthly VO Workout. Each participant is given a script then guided through the process of delivery with plenty of tips and adjustments to make your performance its best. With a maximum of 8 students you not only learn from your performance, but also from watching and listening to others. 6:30-8:30 in Bethesda. \$75  
FULL DAY WORKSHOPS and ONE ON ONE Coaching also available. [Register here.](#)

## Better Said Than Done Storytelling Workshops Begin January 6

By Jessica Piscitelli Robinson

Want to give yourself, or your more interesting friends or family members and awesome gift for the end of the year? How about signing them up for a storytelling workshop with Better Said Than Done? Here's what we got in 2016!

### Take the Stage: Storytelling to Perform \$199

Three class sessions, over three weeks, to help you develop secondary characters, dialogue, non-linear structure, enhanced performance skills, and stories of varying lengths to be performed on stage. Students are encouraged to pick an upcoming show to prepare for during this three week workshop. We have workshops starting on January 6th, and January 26th, in Reston, VA. For more details and to register for upcoming workshops [click here.](#)



### Spotlight on You: Telling the story of your life \$75

A half-day workshop for storytellers of all levels. Students should come with an idea for a story and will leave with a story ready to tell. We have 2016 workshops on: January 9th - in Reston; January 23rd - in Arlington; and February 6th - in Reston. For more details and to register for upcoming workshops [click here.](#) We will make every attempt to accommodate switching workshop dates if that special someone can't attend the workshop you register them for.

Better Said Than Done defines storytelling as the art of performing a true, personal story in front of a live audience.

Our stories are personal. Each storyteller writes about his or her own experiences. They are true, though, like every good story, they sometimes come with enhanced details. And they are a story, meaning they have a beginning, middle, and end. Better Said Than Done, Inc., was launched in May 2011, by Jessica Piscitelli Robinson, to bring the art of storytelling to Northern Virginia. [Click here](#) for more information on upcoming shows, performers, or workshops.

## Give a WIFV Membership



Grateful for a PA's enthusiasm? Want to help a recent graduate get started in their media career? Have a colleague you KNOW should be a member?

This holiday season, give the gift of WIFV! Your gift recipient will receive many benefits throughout the year!

- Build skills. Free or reduced admission to 70+ WIFV programs each year, including workshops, panels, ScriptDC, and special events.
- Find a Job. The members-only listserv features exclusive job postings, freelance gigs, and casting notices nearly every day of the year.
- Network with 1000+ media professionals.
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Giving a gift membership is easy. We'll send their welcome letter and include two free passes for an upcoming Wednesday One program! [Download the application](#) and mail, scan, or fax it to us.

### About WIFV

WIFV supports women in the industry by promoting equal opportunities, encouraging professional development, serving as an information network, and educating the public about women's creative and technical achievements.

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