

WIFV NEWS

WIFV Gift Guide - 2023

We are delighted to offer gifts from these WIFV Members for your holiday shopping consideration. Take advantage of our Black Friday Sale on WIFV Memberships! Make sure you scroll all the way to the bottom of these amazing gift opportunities and start planning your stocking stuffing!

DANCING JOY by Kate Tsubata

DANCING JOY takes you on a musical and cinematic journey around the world, experiencing Beethoven's immortal Symphony No. 9 through the traditional dance of 21 cultures. You'll be transported, immersed in the beauty of one of the world's greatest compositions, and the beautiful scenery and traditions of many nations. The uplifting words of the "Ode to Joy" come to life in a new way. A film the whole family can thrill to—and will want to enjoy again and again.

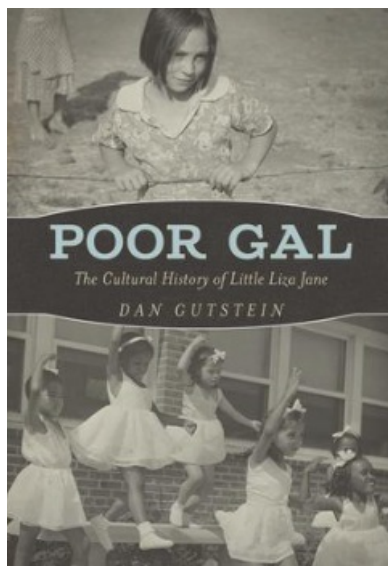


Available as DVD for \$20 - [Order here](#)

Captions for 11 languages can be chosen

Available as Blu-Ray for \$25 - [Order here](#)

Home Cinema buffs will want to experience this film in stunning High Definition. Bonus Features including interviews with key production team members, and "behind-the-scenes" sections are included. Captions for 11 languages can be chosen, for the titles and lyrics. Gives you the "theater" experience in the home setting.



Poor Gal by Dan Gutstein

Poor Gal: The Cultural History of Little Liza Jane chronicles the origins and evolution of a folk tune beloved by millions worldwide. **Dan Gutstein** delves into the trajectory of the "Liza Jane" family of songs, including the most popular variant "Li'l Liza Jane." Likely originating among enslaved people on southern plantations, the songs are still performed and recorded centuries later.

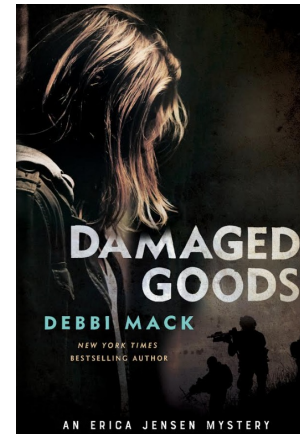
New genres and a slate of stellar performers broadly adopted these folk songs. In 1960, to an audience of more than thirty million viewers, Harry Belafonte performed "Little Liza Jane" on CBS. The song was featured on such popular radio shows as *Fibber McGee & Molly*; films such as *Coquette*; and a Mickey Mouse animation. Hundreds of recognizable performers—including Fats Domino, Bing Crosby, Nina Simone, Mississippi John Hurt, and Pete Seeger—embraced the

"Liza Jane" family. David Bowie even released "Liza Jane" as his first single. Gutstein documents these famous renditions, as well as lesser-known characters integral to the

song's history. Drawing upon a host of cultural insights from experts—including Eileen Southern, Carl Sandburg, Thomas Talley, LeRoi Jones/Amiri Baraka, Charles Wolfe, Langston Hughes, and Alan Lomax—Gutstein charts the cross-cultural implications of a voyage unlike any other in the history of American folk music. [Listen to the Poor Gal Spotify playlist](#) (40 songs, from 1917 to 2021) [Pre-order sale in progress here](#). Ship date is December 15

Mack's New Mystery Series

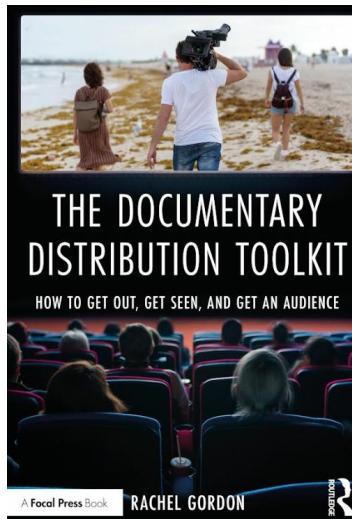
Unlicensed private eye and Marine veteran Erica Jensen works as a “researcher” on various dubious assignments, while battling PTSD and an opioid addiction. But when a wealthy man hires her to find his missing daughter, Erica ends up with more than she bargained for: a murder victim and unwanted attention from the killers. Erica may have survived combat, but will she survive this case? *Damaged Goods*, written by **Debbi Mack**, was nominated for a Shamus Award in 2021. [You can buy it from these retailers](#) or [order directly from Debbi's online bookstore here](#). She's at work on the third book of the Erica Jensen series so it's a great time to dive in!



Gordon's Doc Distribution Toolkit

Mapping out a diverse journey through documentary distribution, *The Documentary Distribution Toolkit: How to Get Out, Get Seen, and Get an Audience* is a comprehensive global how-to reference guide written by **Rachel Gordon**. Based on interviews with producers and industry representatives worldwide, it provides insights into the landscape of documentary distribution; targeting the right audiences to expand the reach of your documentary; and building a sustainable career.

For a limited time, receive 20% list price with the code EFL04 at checkout. [Order here](#).

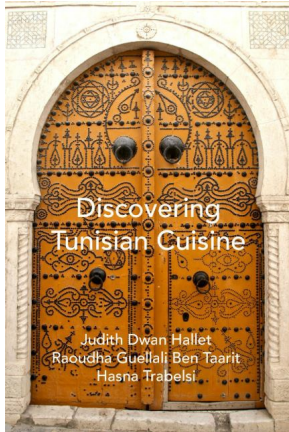


Children's Picture Books by Perz

Children's picture books make great gifts for Christmas, baby showers, and birthdays! *Crystal's Rainbow* is the story of a caterpillar who longs to fly. As she learns how to take care of herself and manage frustration, she grows into a beautiful butterfly! It's a great book about self-care and anger management for any age! Beautiful illustrations blend watercolors with nature photography and real bunnies! [Order here](#)

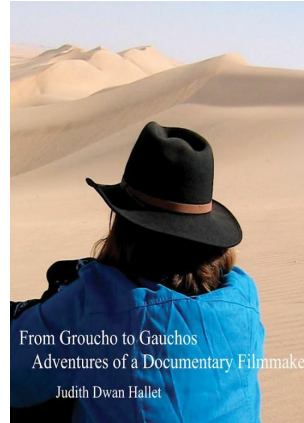
The 6-book *BunnyFriends* series about social emotional learning—empathy, communication, conflict resolution, and cooperation—as real bunnies save Easter for children around the world by learning how to work together when the Easter bunny gets sick. The series includes social emotional vocabulary in the back! Written by **Susan Perz**, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and filmmaker.

Cookbook and Memoir from Hallet



In Tunisia, women are generally the cooks and reign in the kitchen. Raoudha and Hasna are no exception. They love to cook, and they took great pride in sharing their family recipes with me. In

many ways, *Discovering Tunisian Cuisine* is a personal journal recording **Judith Dwan Hallet's** time with two fabulous women in their kitchens. [Order here.](#)



From Groucho to Gauchos: Adventures of a Documentary Filmmaker describes the life of **Judith Dwan Hallet** and the unique peoples and cultures she encounters during a five decade career.

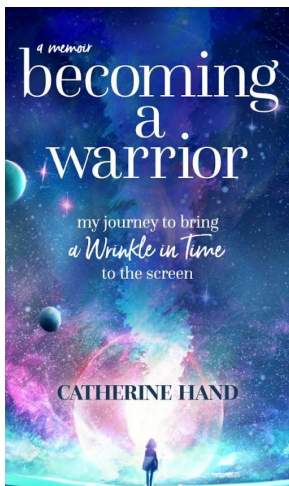
When Hallet began making films, it was a man's world. Never deterred, always determined, Hallet's passion for recording the stories of people and their cultures, documenting their lives, concerns, joys and disappointments, drove her to continue, despite the obstacles placed in her way. [Order here.](#)

Discover Nature in the City Coloring Books
by Kristin Reiber Harris

Available on Amazon

Celebrate Mother Nature with Harris' Coloring Books

Kristin Reiber Harris has published four coloring books celebrating nature in New York City. Coloring books are not only great ways to relieve stress but a wonderful collaborative art project. Kristin gets the ball rolling with her line drawings of plants, flowers and more. You add your personal touches to complete the collaboration. Kristin's coloring books are a great family activity. \$8.99 each [Order from Amazon here.](#)



Hand's *Becoming A Warrior*

Becoming a Warrior is the triumphant memoir of a shy, 10-year-old girl with a dream who perseveres for 50 years to make that dream come true—to bring Madeleine L'Engle's beloved children's classic *A Wrinkle in Time* to the screen. Working in the worlds of politics and entertainment, **Catherine Hand** learned lessons that gave her the courage and strength to navigate through personal tragedies and professional hurdles. *Becoming a Warrior* is a treasure trove of wisdom and advice for anyone with a dream. Catherine was one of the two producer's of Disney's *A WRINKLE IN TIME* released in 2018.

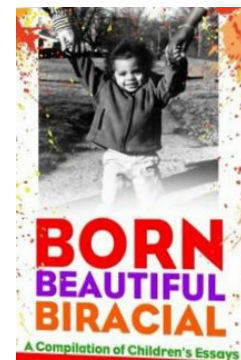
[Order the book in various formats from Amazon here.](#)

I wish every young person starting their careers could read this book. It is full of incredible advice from wise people who have tapped into the universe.
Lynne Hale, Former Vice President Publicity/Communication, Lucasfilm Ltd.

Hutchins' *Born Beautiful Biracial*

Written by **Tanya Hutchins**, with a Foreword by Olympic Gold Medalist Dan O'Brien, *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?" This book serves as an inspiration for biracial children and teenagers, as well as those who are not biracial, but want to learn about those who are different than them.

[Order your copy here.](#)



Black Friday WIFV Membership Sale

If you have been attending programs to broaden your skills, become a member and broaden your benefits. If you have a colleague you KNOW should be a member, do them a favor and tell them about this sale! **From Friday, November 24 through Monday, November 27 new General, Executive, or Corporate Members can save \$45.** We're excited about our upcoming 45th Anniversary and want you fully involved in the celebrations!. [Use Code Friday45 when you join here .](#)

In addition to this Black Friday discount new members will receive:

- Free or Reduced Admission to 190+ WIFV programs each year, including workshops, panels, ScriptDC, and special events.
 - Career Resources including the members-only listserv featuring exclusive job postings, freelance gigs, and casting notices regularly.
 - Networking with 900+ media professionals.
 - WIFV Member Discounts and advance screening passes.
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Have a Gift to Add?

We will be sending the Gift Guide out again in early December. If you have a gift item you would like to share in that edition, send basic info, purchase instructions/link, and a jpg format illustration to director@wifv.org by November 30.



About WIFV

Women in Film & Video (WIFV) provides educational and networking opportunities for screen-based media makers, celebrates women's creative and technical achievements in media, and advocates for parity both in front of and behind the camera to ensure that all voices can be heard.

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