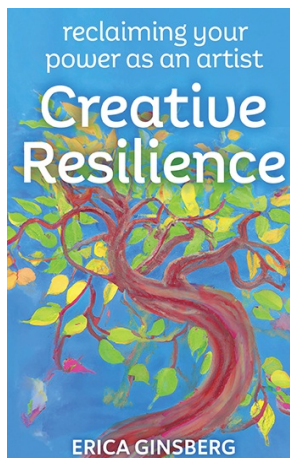


WIFV NEWS

WIFV Gift Guide - 2023 - Volume 2

We are delighted to offer gifts from these WIFV Members for your holiday shopping consideration. Make sure you scroll all the way to the bottom of this message so you don't miss any of these amazing gift opportunities! New gifts added :)



Ginsberg's *Creative Resilience*: *Reclaiming Your Power as an Artist*

Aimed at artists and other creatives, **Erica Ginsberg's** book is the perfect read for the holidays and to jumpstart new year's resolutions. Creative pursuits—whether a paid profession, a side hustle, or a leisure activity—can bring joy and meaning to the lives of artists and audiences. But they also bring challenges of motivation, confidence, blocks, and the realities of rejection. ***Creative Resilience*** provides guidance for anyone navigating these challenges from those who have been there. The book includes relatable real-world examples from creatives across disciplines, ages, and stages of their careers, including dancers, musicians, writers, painters, and filmmakers interviewed specifically for the project (including WIFV members

Alyscia Cunningham and **Amy DeLouise**). The author also cites her experiences as an artist and arts administrator along with a mix of humor, linguistic reframing, and reflective exercises to give readers tools to manage aspects of the creative process and creative life, including time management, dealing with creative blocks, procrastination, self-confidence, and many other such challenges. [Learn More About the Project and Follow the Companion Blog here.](#)

Available at Barnes & Noble, Bookshop.org, and Amazon. [Get your copy here.](#)

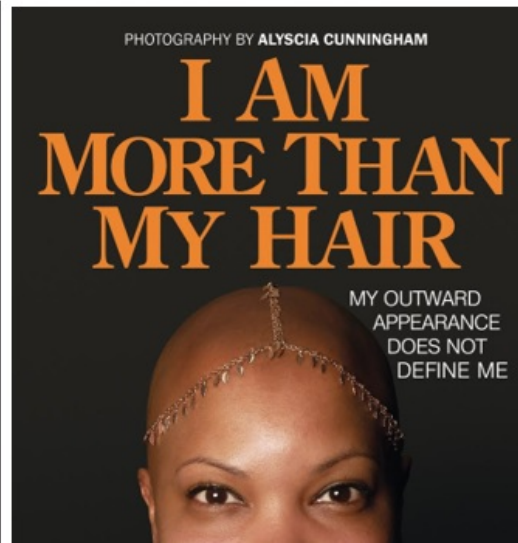
Book Launch, December 14, 7:00 pm, Silver Spring Civic Center, 1 Veteran's Plaza

Cunningham's Photography Books focus on Women

Feminine Transitions: A Photographic Celebration of Natural Beauty,

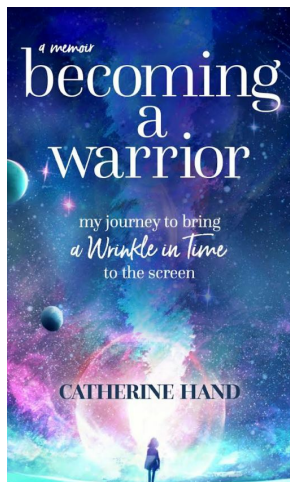
unmasks women from their makeup to exquisitely demonstrate that, by definition, each phase of the courageous life journey called

womanhood—the early AND the late—is, in its own unique way, naturally beautiful. The book featuring a series of portraits that reveal the subtle elegance and honest beauty of human female faces ranging in age from 7 weeks to 103 years. \$44.95 - only 10 copies left [Purchase here](#).



From the time we are young, girls are pressured into a set belief of beauty standards. Hair is certainly high on the list and is often labeled as our “crown and glory.” Where does this notion fit for females with alopecia (hair loss)? ***I Am More Than My Hair*** is a documentary film and photography book that includes stories of women who have experienced hair loss due to a health-related condition and their journey of self-empowerment to see beauty beyond the media’s standards. \$39.95 [Purchase here](#).

[Other gift items can be purchased at Alyscia's shop 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.

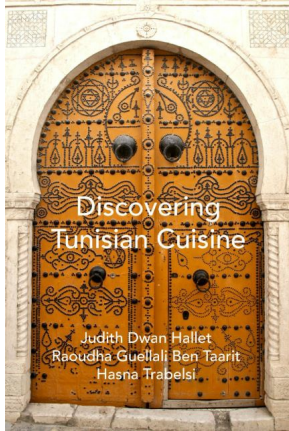
[Order the book in various formats from Amazon here](#).

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.

Cookbook and Memoir from Hallet

In Tunisia, women are generally the cooks and reign in the kitchen. Raoudha and Hasna are no exception. They

From Groucho to Gauchos: Adventures of a Documentary Filmmaker describes the life of **Judith Dwan Hallet**

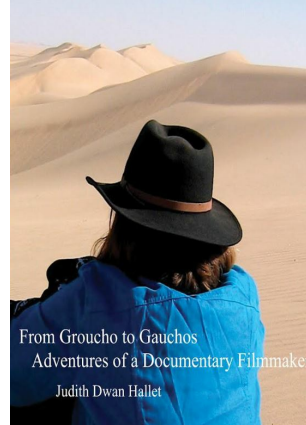


Discovering Tunisian Cuisine

Judith Dwan Hallet
Raoudha Guellali Ben Taarit
Hasna Trabelsi

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
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.](#)

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!



Discover Nature in the City Coloring Books
by Kristin Reiber Harris

Available on Amazon

Celebrate Mother Nature with Harris' Coloring Books

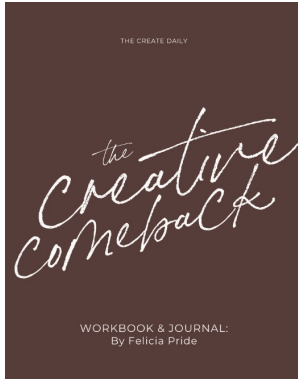
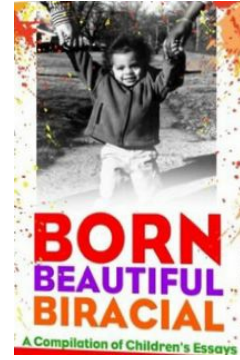
Kristin Reiber Harris has published four coloring books celebrating nature in New York City. Coloring books are not only great ways to relieve stress but a wonderful collaborative art project. Kristin gets the ball rolling with her line drawings of plants, flowers and more. You add your personal touches to complete the collaboration. Kristin's coloring books are

a great family activity. \$8.99 each [Order from Amazon here](#).

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](#).



Pride's New Workbook & Journal

Felicia Pride recently released "**The Creative Comeback**," a workbook and journal to help creatives across mediums to get back on track with the guidance, inspiration and accountability they need to create more authentically, consistently and on the path to living their wildest creative dreams! Inspired by her own journey of going from a struggling creative living in D.C. – to being staffed in the writers' rooms of hit television shows in Hollywood, selling TV shows and films to the likes of Netflix, Amazon, FX, Universal, and Sony, she drops gems on how any creative can go from creative rut to creative comeback. [Preview THE CREATIVE COMEBACK here](#) and [purchase it here](#).

The 30-day book is uniquely designed to help artists ditch the hustle-burnout lifestyle and discover how to shift your mindset and relationship with the work to develop a solid creative practice, stay on track and meet their goals in an attainable way. "The Creative Comeback" guides creatives on how to get free from procrastination, eliminate writer's block, excuses, anxiety, fear, and doubt that stand in the way of getting the work done.



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**,



Bring Your Story to Life

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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.

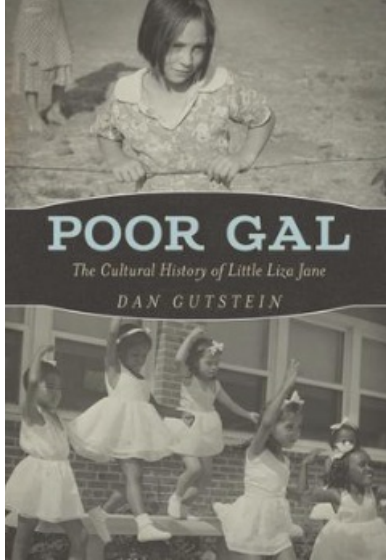


Poor Gal by Dan Gutstein

Poor Gal: The Cultural History of Little Liza

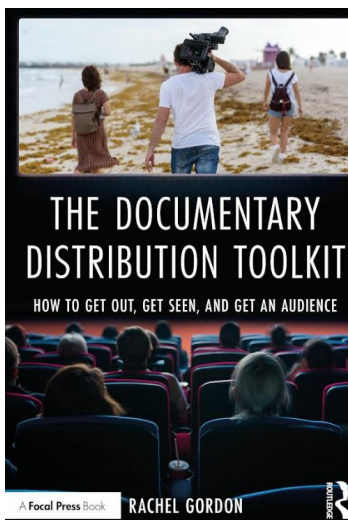
Jane chronicles the origins and evolution of a folk tune beloved by millions worldwide. **Dan Gutstein** delves into the trajectory of the "Liza Jane" family of songs, including the most popular variant "Li'l Liza Jane." Likely originating among enslaved people on southern plantations, the songs are 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](#).



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](#).





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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