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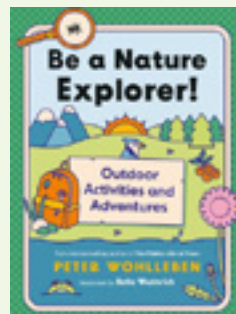
RECOMMENDED READS, MOVIES & MORE!

10 Engaging Books to
Explore Nature
... and so much more!



FOR KIDS

10 Engaging Books to Explore Nature



Be a Nature Explorer!

by Peter Wohlleben

Packed with hands-on activities, this delightful book invites children to get creative and discover the wonders of nature. An excellent companion for your next outdoor adventure.



Go on a Critter Scavenger Hunt

by Emily Kington

Have you ever thought of becoming a bug detective? Put on your gloves, grab a magnifying glass, and ask a grown-up to take you on this scavenger hunt to uncover the little creatures of the natural world.



Habitats

by Hannah Pang

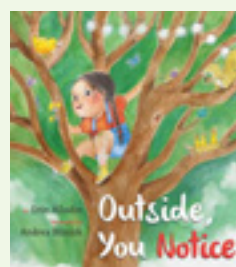
Embark on this breathtaking journey through different habitats and get acquainted with amazing animals living there. A vibrant and interactive guide for nature enthusiasts.



The Secret Signs of Nature

by Craig Caudill

Did you know that nature uses a unique language to communicate with human beings? Join two curious navigators as they examine and decode the secret messages of their surroundings.



Outside, You Notice

by Erin Alladin

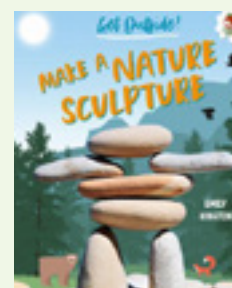
What do you notice when you play outside? Sweet and thought-provoking, the book encourages young readers to observe and appreciate the world around them.



Going Wild

by Michelle Mulder

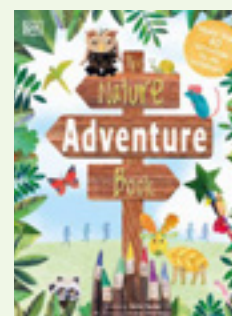
Many big cities around the world are making great changes to let more nature in. Find out how going wild can improve the health and well-being of city dwellers.



Make a Nature Sculpture

by Emily Kington

Spending time outside is a lot of fun. This guide provides step-by-step instructions to help children create amazing projects using simple materials found in nature.



The Nature Adventure Book

by Katie Taylor

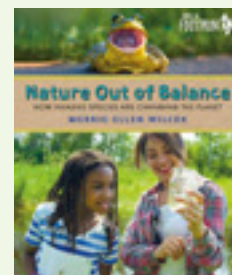
Both enjoyable and educational, this book features over 40 activities and games that will make children turn off their devices and embrace the outdoors. A must-have guide for nature lovers.



Nature Ranger

by Richard Walker

From studying flowers and freshwater ponds to making a bat box, this guide inspires children to observe, explore, and become an experienced nature ranger.



Nature Out of Balance

by Merrie-Ellen Wilcox

Highly informative, the book sheds light on how certain species become invasive and impact ecosystems worldwide. Find out what actions you can take to maintain ecological balance.

TEENS

9 Travel Stories



Road trip



Heartbreak Boys

by Simon James Green

Jack and Nate have a mutual disdain for their exs, who have recently begun dating and posting all over social media. The pair hatch a plan to make them jealous by having their own summer road trip and broadcasting it to the whole world.



Postcards From Summer

by Cynthia Platt

Follow seventeen-year-old Lexi as she experiences the beauty of her late mother's favourite place -- Mackinac Island. The car-free cobblestone streets, castle-like hotel, and endearing bookshops may be hiding secrets, however.



Miss Percy's Travel Guide (to Welsh Moors and Feral Dragons)

by Quenby Olson

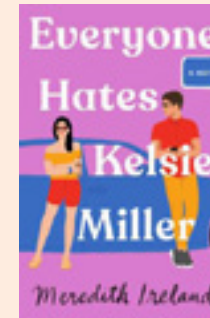
Second in the Miss Percy Guide series, this next fantastic instalment has the titular character striking out -- dragon in tow -- on a quest to find a nest of them.



The Charmed List

by Julie Abe

Ellie Kobata has a summer "Anti-Wallflower List:" thirteen things to bring her out of her shell, including falling in love. That might be happening sooner than she thinks when her road trip with a buddy gets co-opted by Jack Yasuda.



Everyone Hates Kelsie Miller

by Meredith Ireland

There's no love lost between Kelsie Miller and Eric Mulvaney Ortiz. When desperate times call for desperate measures, they decide to drive to the University of Pennsylvania to win over their exs.



Metal Fish, Falling Snow

by Cath Moore

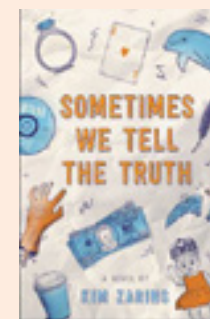
Acclaimed in Australia, where the author lives, this is not your usual road trip story. Biracial teen Dylan is on a trip across the outback with her late mother's boyfriend Pat in the hopes of finding a new home.



Love & Other Great Expectations

by Becky Dean

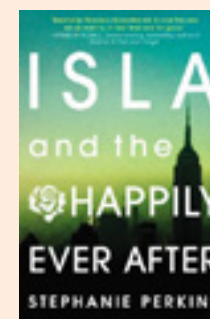
American teen Britt Hanson is on a scavenger hunt in England that takes her to famous literary settings. Along the way, she meets Luke Jackson, a young British man with a penchant for books.



Sometimes We Tell the Truth

by Kim Zarins

A debut novel with a new take on Chaucer's The Canterbury Tales. Instead of medieval pilgrims travelling from London to Canterbury, it's a group of teens on a class trip to DC telling stories in the hopes of getting an A.



Isla and the Happily Ever After

by Stephanie Perkins

This is the third in a trilogy of romances centred on the 'School of America in Paris,' an international boarding school for teens. Perkins conveys the intense emotions of first love between introverted Isla and artsy Josh.

FOR ADULTS

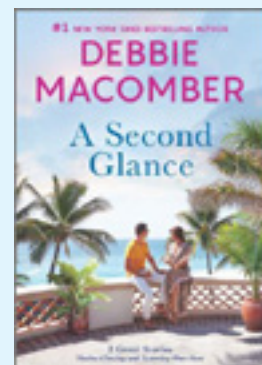
8 Sun-soaked Romance Novels



The Summer House

by Jenny Hale

Callie and her best friend are excited to purchase their dream beach house. Things take an unexpected turn when they find a mysterious diary. A delightful summer romance about complex relationships.



A Second Glance

by Debbie Macomber

Can Carla love a man who doesn't fully meet her expectations? Will Julie find the courage to mend what once was broken? This charming novel combines two storylines exploring the themes of forgiveness and second chances.



The Summer Skies

by Jenny Colgan

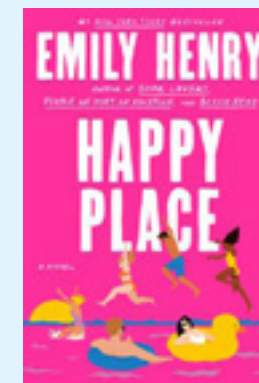
Set on the magnificent islands of northern Scotland, the story follows Morag who operates flights serving the local population. Her life changes upside down after a forced landing on a remote island.



The Summer of Sunshine & Margot

by Susan Mallery

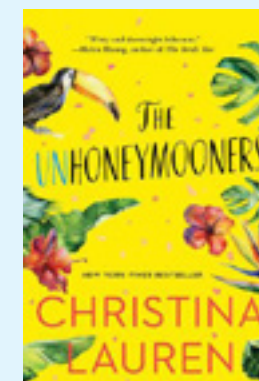
This beautifully crafted novel centers around two sisters who nurture a special bond despite their differences. Let's find out what this summer has in store for them.



Happy Place

by Emily Henry

Harriet and Wyn decide to pretend they're still together so as not to ruin the annual vacation with their best friends. An emotional and captivating read about the power of love.



The Unhoneymooners

by Christina Lauren

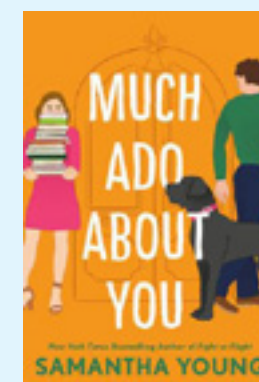
Olive is not very fortunate in matters of love and career. When her sister's wedding doesn't go as planned, she ends up in Hawaii with her sworn enemy. Is this merely bad luck or something else?



The Lilac House

by Barbara Solomon Josselson

For Anna, the Lilac House is a refuge where she seeks comfort after her husband's death. As hidden secrets are revealed, will she be ready to move on and give a second chance to love?



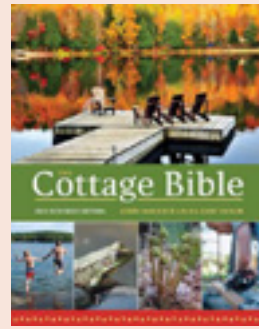
Much Ado About You

by Samantha Young

A holiday package with a job at an English village bookstore is exactly what Evie needs to change her life. Hopefully, she'll find a sense of belonging in her new community. A hilarious romantic comedy not to be missed.

FOR ADULTS

10 Books for Enjoying Cottage Life



The Cottage Bible

by Gerald L. Mackie
Cottage ownership comes with challenges! Prepare yourself with this handy “Bible” of cottage maintenance tips, dock building, and more.



The Campfire Cookbook

by Viola Lex
Get creative with your outdoor cooking! From flatbreads to gnocchi, find out how to cook your favourite foods al fresco.



The Weekender

by Roy MacGregor
Journalist Roy MacGregor collects his musings from years of cottage living in this nostalgic portrait of Canadian cottage life.



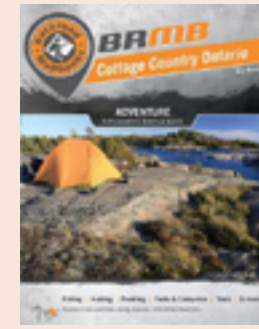
The Modern Cottage Garden

by Greg Loades
Embrace the natural landscape of your cottage and grow lush, low-maintenance gardens with this year-round guide.



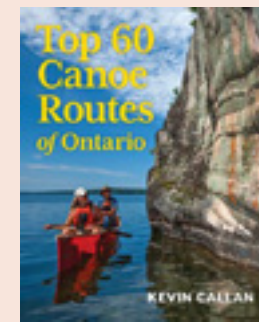
Relaxed Rustic

by Niki Brantmark
Turn your vacation home into a rustic (but modern) retreat by channeling the mindful designs of Scandinavian country homes.



Backroad Mapbooks

by Russell Mussio
Find the best GPS-compatible spots in cottage country for outdoor activities with this map book covering the GTA, Muskoka, Algonquin Park, and more.



Top 60 Canoe Routes of Ontario

by Kevin Callan
If paddling is part of your cottage itinerary, check out these local routes that offer stunning scenery along Ontario’s rivers and lakes.



The Big Book of Nature Activities

by Jacob Rodenburg
Get your kids out exploring nature with the help of these activities designed to foster a deep appreciation for the natural world.



Project Fire

by Steven Raichlen
From juicy steaks to gooey s’mores, this collection of over 100 recipes will cover any meal that can be cooked over an open flame.



Best Places to Bird in Ontario

by Kenneth Burrell
Ontario’s diverse wildlife provides some excellent birdwatching opportunities. What species will you discover in your own backyard?

FOR ALL AGES

9 New Titles to Check Out This Summer



In This Family

by Shelly Anand

This picture book celebrates strength in diversity as a young girl explores her diverse heritage, learning to love all parts of herself.



Sam(ira)'s Worst (best) Summer

by Nina Hamza

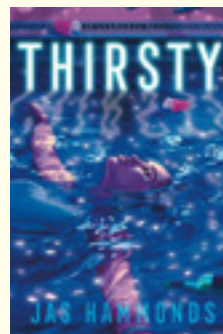
When her house gets TP'd, Samira teams up with her neighbour Alice to spend her summer solving the mystery and making new friends.



I'm Afraid, Said the Leaf

by Danielle Daniel

Kids can explore the connectedness of nature in this heartwarming picture book that illustrates how the ecosystem works together.



Thirsty

by Jas Hammonds

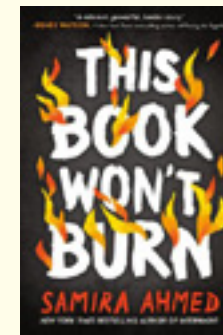
In this YA novel, Blake, her girlfriend Ella, and BFF Annetta are invited to join the secret Serena Society. Issues of race, class, and substance use soon bubble to the surface.



Past Present Future

by Rachel Lynn Solomon

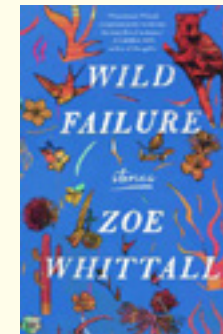
Rowan and Neil navigate a long-distance relationship while attending different colleges in this YA novel from romance champ Solomon.



This Book Won't Burn

by Samira Ahmed

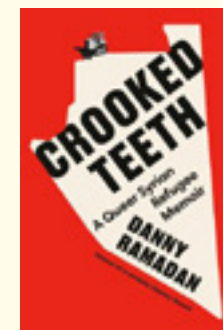
In this timely YA novel, high schooler Noor embarks on a journey of resistance and resilience in her conservative town—starting with books!



Wild Failure

by Zoe Whittall

This collection of short stories from Canadian author Whittall explores modern themes of love, sexuality, and true crime podcasts with her signature dark humour.



Crooked Teeth

by Danny Ramadan

In this nuanced and highly personal memoir, Syrian refugee Danny Ramadan takes readers on a journey across the Middle East and Canada as a queer man.



Wînipêk

by Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair

Composed of years' worth of articles and essays, this chronicle of urban Indigenous life traces the resilience of Indigenous communities over the course of history.

FRENCH BOOKS

8 Livres pour ceux qui aiment les animaux de compagnie

8 Books for Pet Lovers



Les 1000 enfants veulent un animal de compagnie

par Valérie Fontaine

La famille Chose, qui compte déjà 1000 enfants, veut adopter un animal de compagnie. Pour les tout-petits. / *A family with 1000 children is thinking of adopting a pet. For young children.*



J'ai adopté un crocodile

par Gilles Baum

Un livre plein d'humour qui explore l'idée d'adopter un crocodile. Pour les tout-petits. / *A humour-filled book that explores the idea of adopting a pet crocodile. For young children.*



Regarde le chien: trois histoires à propos d'un chat

par David LaRoche

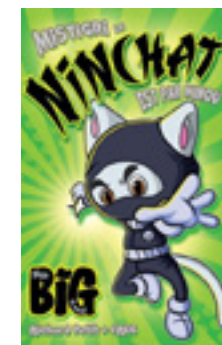
Un chien creuse des trous et rapporte des bâtons, mais ce n'est pas aussi simple pour un chat qui refuse de se salir ou de se mouiller. Pour les tout-petits. / *A dog can dig holes and fetch, but it's not as easy for a cat that refuses to get dirty or wet. For young children.*



Mon grand livre d'animaux de compagnie

par Catherine Hughes

Un livre documentaire qui explique aux enfants quels sont les animaux qui font de bons animaux de compagnie et ceux qui n'en font pas. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *A nonfiction book that explains to kids which animals make good pets and which don't. For school-aged kids.*



Mistigri le ninchat est par minou

par Richard Petit

Mistigri le ninchat doit arrêter les chiens du clan Méchanpitou, qui ont une très mauvaise attitude, avant qu'ils détruisent tout dans la ville. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *Ninja cat Mistigri, has to stop the rambunctious dogs of the Méchanpitou clan before they can destroy the town. For school-aged kids.*



Dragon et le gros chat

par Dave Pilkey

Quand Dragon trouve un chat dans son jardin, il le fait entrer dans sa maison pour lui permettre de se réchauffer. Pour les enfants d'âge scolaire. / *When Dragon finds a wandering cat in his backyard, he takes it inside to get warm. For school-aged kids.*

POUR ADULTES / FOR ADULTS



Célibataire cherche animal de compagnie

par Marie-Krystel Gendron

Une vétérinaire qui a perdu la foi en l'amour rencontre un homme intrigant qui cherche à adopter un animal de compagnie. / *A vet who's lost faith in love meets an intriguing man looking to adopt a pet.*



100 chiens qui ont fait l'histoire

par Dorica Lucaci

Découvrez 100 chiens remarquables qui ont marqué l'histoire, dans cet intéressant ouvrage de non-fiction qui ravira les amoureux d'animaux de compagnie. / *Discover 100 remarkable dogs that have made history, in this interesting nonfiction book that will delight pet lovers.*



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