

## The Watercress Girls

"A song of celebration from Argentina to Zambia"--Cover.

A heart-wrenching saga of love, loss, courage and resilience from the author of *The Guardian Angel*.

This is the first book in the Hope Series

A beautifully written food memoir chronicling one woman's journey from her rural Midwestern hometown to the intoxicating world of New York City fine dining—and back again—in search of her culinary roots. Before Amy Thielen frantically plated rings of truffled potatoes in some of New York City's finest kitchens—for chefs David Bouley, Daniel Boulud, and Jean-Georges Vongerichten—she grew up in a northern Minnesota town home to the nation's largest French fry factory, the headwaters of the fast food nation, with a mother whose generous cooking dripped with tenderness, drama, and an overabundance of butter. Inspired by her grandmother's tales of cooking in the family farmhouse, Thielen moves north with her artist husband to a rustic, off-the-grid cabin deep in the woods. There, standing at the stove three times a day, she finds the seed of a growing food obsession that leads her to the sensory madhouse of New York's top haute cuisine brigades. But, like a magnet, the foods of her youth draw her back home, where she comes face to face with her past and a

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curious truth: that beneath every foie gras sauce lies a rural foundation of potatoes and onions. Amy Thielen's coming-of-age story pulses with energy, a cook's eye for intimate detail, and a dose of dry Midwestern humor. Give a Girl a Knife offers a fresh, vivid view into New York's high-end restaurants before returning Thielen to her roots, where she realizes that the marrow running through her bones is not demi-glace but gravy—thick with nostalgia and hard to resist.

Short stories provide Christian doctrinal and moral lessons.

A gripping, powerfully written novel about two girls who sell watercress on the streets of Victorian London. When they grow up they each take a very different path. Secrets are revealed and lives put in danger. A Victorian Mystery

This rattling good yarn has now been made into a major movie: Hunt For the Wilderpeople, directed and written by Taika Waititi, and starring Sam Neill and Julian Dennison. When Social Welfare threatens to put Ricky into care, the overweight Maori boy and cantankerous Uncle Hec flee into the remote and rugged Ureweras. The impassable bush serves up perilous adventures, forcing the pair of misfits to use all their skills to survive hunger, wild pigs and the vagaries of the weather. Worse still are the authorities, determined to bring Ricky and Uncle Hec to justice. But despite the difficulties of life on the

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run, a bond of trust and love blossoms between the world-weary man and his withdrawn side-kick.

A gripping saga of courage and resilience from the bestselling author of *The Guardian Angel* Violet Daniels is flawed. She's made mistakes in her life, but the deep love she has for her five-year-old twins is beyond dispute. When their feckless and often violent father turns up out of the blue, demanding to see them, she's terrified he might snatch them from her. She flees with them to a place of safety where she meets the handsome and charming Gabriel Stone. He shows her a better way of life, but is he everything he appears to be? Violet decides to stop running and finds the courage to return to London to confront the children's father. There she finds a far greater evil than she ever thought possible. How far will Violet go to protect her children? Set against the background of two very different worlds in Edwardian London's East End this is the second in the Hope Series. Perfect for fans of Catherine Cookson and Dilly Court.

A little girl and her favorite dress dream of an extraordinary life. They enjoy simple pleasures together on a beautiful Greek island. They watch the sunset, do chores, and pick wildflowers on the way home. One day, the dress and the girl must leave the island and immigrate to the United States. Upon arrival, the girl is separated from the trunk carrying her favorite dress, and she fears her dress is lost forever. Many years later, the girl—now all grown up—spots the dress in a thrift store window. As the two are finally reunited, the memories of their times together come flooding back. While the girl can no longer wear the dress, it's now perfect for her own daughter—and the new journey of a girl and her dress begins. Featuring lush illustrations, *The Dress and the Girl* is a stunning picture book about memory and the power of the items we hold most dear.

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From the chef, restaurant owner, and author of the critically lauded *A Girl and Her Pig* comes a beautiful, full-color cookbook that offers tantalizing seasonal recipes for a wide variety of vegetables, from summer standbys such as zucchini to earthy novelties like sunchokes. *A Girl and Her Greens* reflects the lighter side of the renowned chef whose name is nearly synonymous with nose-to-tail eating. In recipes such as Pot-Roasted Romanesco Broccoli, Onions with Sage Pesto, and Carrots with Spices, Yogurt, and Orange Blossom Water, April Bloomfield demonstrates the basic principle of her method: that unforgettable food comes out of simple, honest ingredients, an attention to detail, and a love for the sensual pleasures of cooking and eating. Written in her appealing, down-to-earth style, *A Girl and Her Greens* features beautiful color photography, lively illustrations, and insightful sidebars and tips on her techniques, as well as charming narratives that reveal her sources of inspiration.

On a blazing hot day in late August 1914, 12 year-old Mattie dances in the stream, spraying her little sister Evie with silvery showers of water. They have come here to cool off and to pick watercress for tea. They are unaware that their idyllic childhood in Suffolk is almost at an end, for as their mother says, "all the world's gone mad . . ." The girls will grow up to lead very different lives. Mattie is destined to travel far from home and to found a dynasty of strong-minded women like herself. Evie, in the role of family carer, still achieves a satisfying career. But will the two sisters be reunited and a secret resolved?

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Large Print Edition  
"A fresh, delightful romp of a novel... this gang of irrepressible friends lives up to their name in sparkling fashion."—Kate Quinn, New York Times bestselling author of *The Rose Code*  
An extraordinary story inspired by the real Women's Air Raid Defense, where an unlikely recruit and her sisters-in-arms

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forge their place in WWII history. Daisy Wilder prefers the company of horses to people, bare feet and salt water to high heels and society parties. Then, in the dizzying aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Daisy enlists in a top secret program, replacing male soldiers in a war zone for the first time. Under fear of imminent invasion, the WARDees guide pilots into blacked-out airstrips and track unidentified planes across Pacific skies. But not everyone thinks the women are up to the job, and the new recruits must rise above their differences and work side by side despite the resistance and heartache they meet along the way. With America's future on the line, Daisy is determined to prove herself worthy. And with the man she's falling for out on the front lines, she cannot fail. From radar towers on remote mountaintops to flooded bomb shelters, she'll need her new team when the stakes are highest. Because the most important battles are fought—and won—together. This inspiring and uplifting tale of pioneering, unsung heroines vividly transports the reader to wartime Hawaii, where one woman's call to duty leads her to find courage, strength and sisterhood. "A wow of a book...[that is] a captivating story of friendship, heartbreak and true love. Highly recommend!" —Karen Robards, New York Times bestselling author of *The Black Swan of Paris*

Actress, singer, and mother Hilary Duff offers a beautiful and inspiring picture book about bravery and love. *The World is Big, My Little Brave Girl*. It's all here for you. A poetic text encourages girls to reach higher, dream bigger, and approach the world with their hearts wide open. This love letter to little girls was inspired by Hilary Duff's own experience as a mother as she considered all the ways her daughter had to be brave even as an infant. With lush

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illustrations and an empowering message, *My Little Brave Girl* is the perfect gift for baby showers, birthdays, Mother's Day, graduation, and any time a girl—or woman—is embarking on a new chapter of her life!

A wonderful book full of compelling characters and evocative writing. A must read family saga.

Previously published as *The Watercress Girls* A warm-hearted and nostalgic family saga from the bestselling author of *THE WINTER BABY* and *THE NURSEMAID'S SECRET*. Suffolk, 1914 Twelve-year-old Mattie and her little sister Evie lead an idyllic life in the countryside, exploring the meadows and picking watercress in the streams. But little do they know that this perfect childhood won't last. With the onset of World War I, the country is thrown into turmoil . . . As the years pass, the girls go on to live very different lives. Mattie travels to Canada and America, whilst Evie remains in England. More than fifty years later, through marriages, deaths, births, war, heartbreak and distance, will these sisters finally be reunited to have their time in the meadows again? 'This charming, drama-filled novel certainly packs in all the warmth, wisdom and heartfelt emotions that were the trademarks of Sheila's writing.' *My Weekly* 'This gently uplifting story is a saga to savour . . . this charming, drama-filled novel certainly packs in all the warmth, wisdom and heartfelt emotions that were the trademarks of her

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writing . . . a delicious and wonderfully poignant read for long summer evenings.' Lancashire Evening Post - - - Praise for Sheila Newberry: 'So gloriously nostalgic . . . a perfect example of her talent.' Maureen Lee, bestselling author of *The Seven Streets of Liverpool* 'Like having dinner with your mother in her warm and cosy kitchen.' Diane Allen, bestselling author of *For the Sake of Her Family* Think you know your nursery rhymes? Then think again! In this witty reworking of some nursery rhymes, Georgie Porgie doesn't dare to make the girls cry, Little Bo-Peep's sheep are all present and accounted for, thank you, and it's a female doctor, of course, who fixes Humpty Dumpty. With the combination of clever rhymes and charming, witty illustrations, this remixed nursery rhyme collection is the perfect gift book for any child (or adult!), to read aloud or enjoy alone.

Gathering watercress by the side of the road brings a girl closer to her family's Chinese Heritage. New England Book Award Winner A Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor Book Driving through Ohio in an old Pontiac, a young girl's parents stop suddenly when they spot watercress growing wild in a ditch by the side of the road. Grabbing an old paper bag and some rusty scissors, the whole family wades into the muck to collect as much of the muddy, snail covered watercress as they can. At first, she's embarrassed. Why can't her family get food from the grocery store?

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But when her mother shares a story of her family's time in China, the girl learns to appreciate the fresh food they foraged. Together, they make a new memory of watercress. Andrea Wang tells a moving autobiographical story of a child of immigrants discovering and connecting with her heritage, illustrated by award winning author and artist Jason Chin, working in an entirely new style, inspired by Chinese painting techniques. An author's note in the back shares Andrea's childhood experience with her parents. A Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection!

“The little girl I was would have been thrilled to encounter Meilan... having found a character who embraces the complexity of being both Chinese and American, I would have been able to echo her words: 'I am not alone.’” —New York Times Book Review by Jean Kwok

A family feud before the start of seventh grade propels Meilan from Boston's Chinatown to rural Ohio, where she must tap into her inner strength and sense of justice to make a new place for herself in this resonant debut. Meilan Hua's world is made up of a few key ingredients: her family's beloved matriarch, Nai Nai; the bakery her parents, aunts, and uncles own and run in Boston's Chinatown; and her favorite Chinese fairy tales. After Nai Nai passes, the family has a falling-out that sends Meilan, her parents, and her grieving grandfather on the road in search of a new home.

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They take a winding path across the country before landing in Redbud, Ohio. Everything in Redbud is the opposite of Chinatown, and Meilan's not quite sure who she is--being renamed at school only makes it worse. She decides she is many Meilans, each inspired by a different Chinese character with the same pronunciation as her name. Sometimes she is Mist, cooling and invisible; other times, she's Basket, carrying her parents' hopes and dreams and her guilt of not living up to them; and occasionally she is bright Blue, the way she feels around her new friend Logan. Meilan keeps her facets separate until an injustice at school shows her the power of bringing her many selves together. *The Many Meanings of Meilan*, written in stunning prose by Andrea Wang, is an exploration of all the things it's possible to grieve, the injustices large and small that make us rage, and the peace that's unlocked when we learn to find home within ourselves.

Stephanie Izard knows how to inspire, captivate, and cook up a storm. Fan favorite and the first and only woman to win on TV's *Top Chef*, she's also the chef and owner of the acclaimed *Girl & the Goat* restaurant in Chicago. *The Girl in the Kitchen* collects more than 100 of Izard's best recipes, from innovative appetizers like Asian-Spiced English Peas to luscious desserts like Quince and Fig Cobbler with Vanilla Mascarpone. Beautifully photographed and bursting with flavor, personality, and insights into the

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top chef s process including where she finds her cooking muses, how she shops for food, and which beers and wines she chooses to accompany her meals this book represents the culmination of a craft and provides inspiration that reaches far beyond the kitchen walls.

Spirited and beautiful Annie Flanagan's reckless ambition takes her from the Hackney watercress beds to dancing at the Folies-Bergere in Paris. When she disappears, leaving her illegitimate son behind, her friend Hettie Bundy sets out to find her. Secrets are revealed and both their lives are put in danger." Led by twenty-five-year-old Grace Banker, thirty-two telephone operators -- affectionately called "Hello Girls" back in the US -- became the first female combatants in World War I. Follow Grace Banker's journey from her busy life as a telephone switchboard trainer in New York to her pioneering role as the Chief Operator of the 1st Unit of World War I telephone operators in the battlefields of France. With expert skill, steady nerves, and steadfast loyalty, the Signal Corps operators transferred orders from commanders to battlefields and communicated top-secret messages between American and French headquarters. After faithfully serving her country--undaunted by freezing weather and fires; long hours and little sleep, and nearby shellings and far off explosions--Grace was the first and only woman operator in the Signal Corps to be

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awarded the Army's Distinguished Service Medal. A meditative picture book about the power of reading and how one child can change the world, from #1 bestselling author Andrea Beaty *One girl. One spark. Faint and fading in the dark. Flicker . . . Flicker . . . Flicker . . . Glow. Tiny ember. Burning low.* Inspired by the global movement to empower girls through education, this lyrical story tells of one small girl who reads a book that lights a spark. She shares what she learns with her class, and the spark grows. The girl is then moved to write her own story, which she shares with girls around the globe, and it ignites a spark in them, lighting up the whole world. This heartwarming and moving narrative shows how books and education can inspire change and how one child can make a huge difference.

Henry Mayhew conducted hundreds of interviews that provided a first-hand account of costermongers and street-sellers, of sewer-scavengers and chimney-sweeps, creating an intimate and detailed portrait that offered unprecedented insight into their day-to-day struggle for survival.

1872 - The small patch of densely packed slums and dwellings between Shoreditch and Bethnal Green...Known as 'The Old Nichol', it is London's most notorious slum. Eight year old Elsie Shaw lives with her aunt, uncle, and their eight children in one room of a dilapidated slum. The infamous area is filled with desperate poverty, vicious rent collectors,

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sickness, madness, and thick black fog. Each morning, Elsie gets up early to sell watercress on Shoreditch High Street. An intriguing boy, Jem, also lives in The Old Nichol, and befriends Elsie. He fascinates her with his knowledge of the world, even though Elsie has never seen him at The Ragged School for very poor children, which she attends once a week. As Elsie and Jem grow older and closer, the slums they knew are cleared away. London is changing, being renewed as The Industrial Revolution gives rise to a global audience. In a cruel twist of fate, Jem is sent to prison for a crime he didn't commit. Is the love Elsie and Jem feel for one another strong enough, that they can find each other once more, and never be parted again?

Stories about children are not always for children. In *The Watercress Girl*, H. E. Bates masterfully depicts a childhood which, by proxy, reveals the mystifying world of the adult. Through a series of short, lyrical stories, the complexities of the world are seen with crystalline purity through the eyes of children. We experience the joyous and painful clarity of youth, full of fears, hopes and make-believe, and the trust and mistrust of the adult world. A little boy, charmed by the golden-throated Miss Mortenson, witnesses her fall from grace in 'The Pemberton Thrush'. Three children become entangled in a forbidden love when they witness a man attempting suicide in 'A Great Day for Bonzo', and a father reveals more of his past than he intends to in 'The Far Distant Journey'. First published in 1959, *The Watercress Girl* is a rich collection of stories, exploring a world full of wonder but also of unease; an unease of not yet understanding the world

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or being fully part of it.

Looks at the dynamics of identification, envy, and idealization in fictional narratives by Margaret Atwood, Angela Carter, Sandra Cisneros, Toni Morrison, and others, as well as in nonfictional accounts of cross-race relations by white feminists and feminists of color.

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