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EE's Favorite Things ... This and That!

As we wrap up My Favorite Things ... I want to share a few books that have inspired me year after year. Sit with me a moment as I share these favorites. They are lovely for your home, for your own quiet moments, or for gifting to someone you love.

Check out today's Instagram post.



Dear Friends,

It's the *last day* of My Favorite Things, and I hope you've enjoyed this series as much as I've enjoyed sharing it with you.

Today's newsletter is a little "This and That"... a mix of the books I love, the little luxuries that brighten my home, personal favorites I turn to again and again, and fun things for everyone.

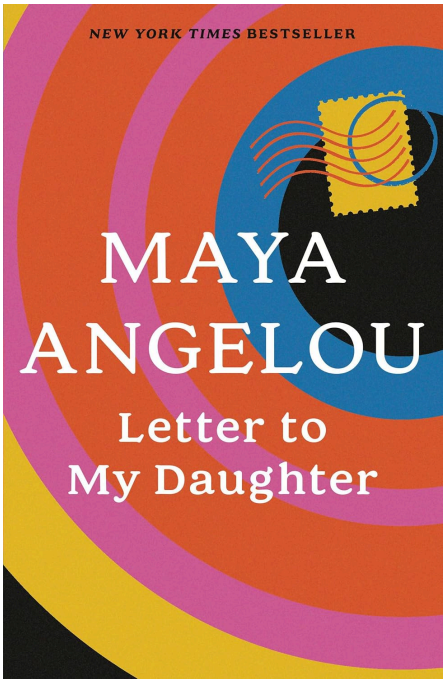
Among other things, I'm sharing a few of my very favorite books...those I reach for throughout the year and often give as gifts. They've inspired me, encouraged me, and shaped the way I think about home and hospitality. I hope one or two will find their way onto your nightstand or into the hands of someone you love.

In addition to this year's picks, you will see a few favorites from previous years. If you want even more ideas, check Sources + Resources on the EE website.

Although I've linked you to online shopping sites, please also shop local! You can find many of these items at your local kitchen and tabletop shops.

Merry Merry! 🎄✨❤️

BOOKS



Letter to My Daughter

by Maya Angelou

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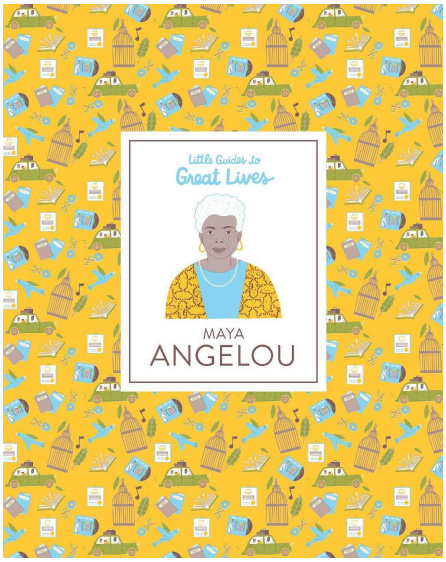

Little Guides to Great Lives: Maya Angelou

by Danielle Jawando and illustrated by Snir Noa

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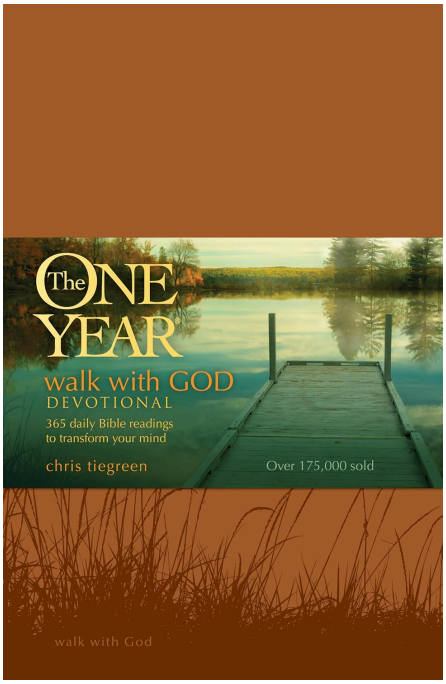
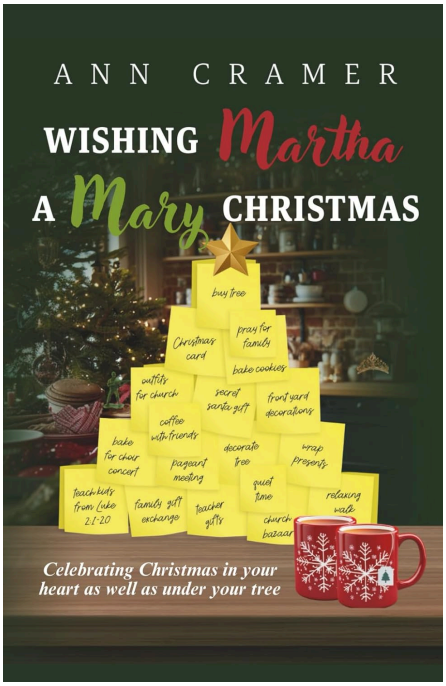


The One Year Walk with God Devotional

by Chris Tiegreen



Wishing Martha a Mary Christmas

by Ann Cramer

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS

For the little ones

Book recommendations by Caroline Robicsek, an experienced kindergarten teacher with a Master of Arts in Teaching and expertise in Early Childhood Literacy and Kindergarten Readiness.

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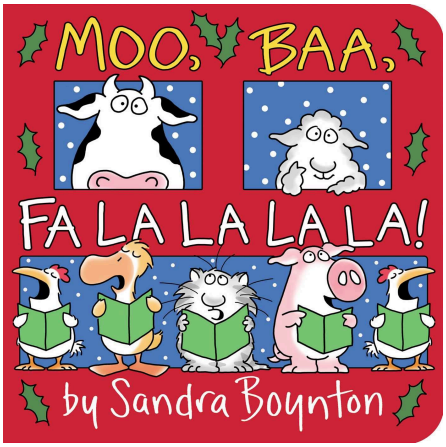

Moo Baa, Fa, La La La La!

by Sandra Boynton
(For ages 1-3)

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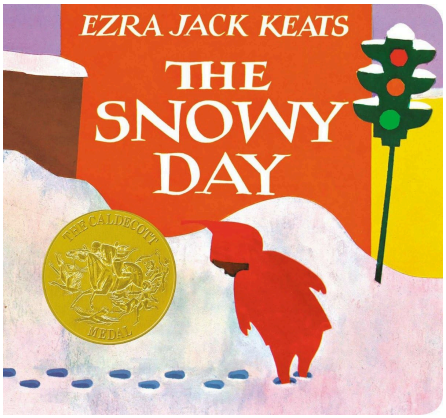

The Snowy Day

by Ezra Jack Keats
(ages 1-5)

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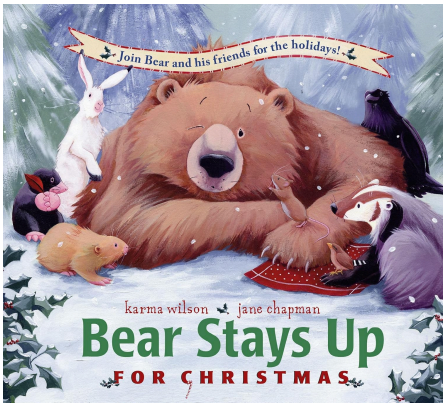

Bear Stays up for Christmas

by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman
(ages 2-5)

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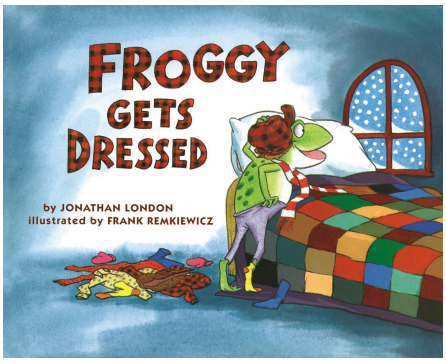

Froggy Gets Dressed

by Jonathan London and
illustrated by Frank Remkiewicz
(ages 2-5)

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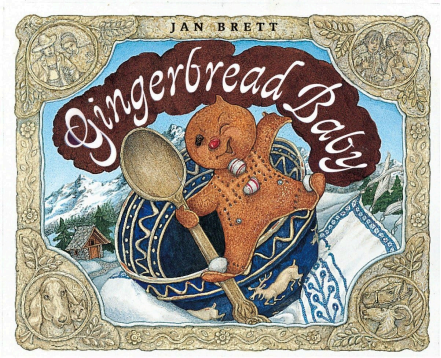

The Gingerbread Baby

by Jan Brett
(ages 2-6)

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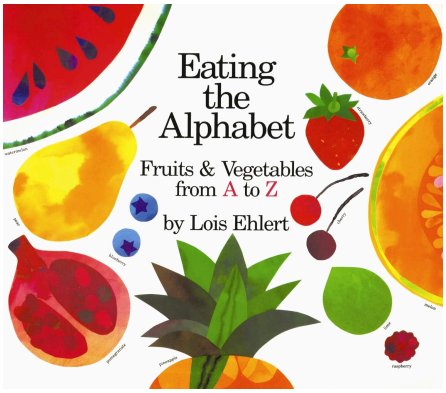

Eating the Alphabet Fruits & Vegetables from A-Z

by Lois Ehlert
(ages 1-3)

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... and of course!



Effortless Entertaining 2nd Edition

The perfect gift for everyone on your list ... the second edition of *Effortless Entertaining*. Enjoy this edition on your coffee table or keep it in your kitchen as your party bestie providing everything you need to host your next gathering.

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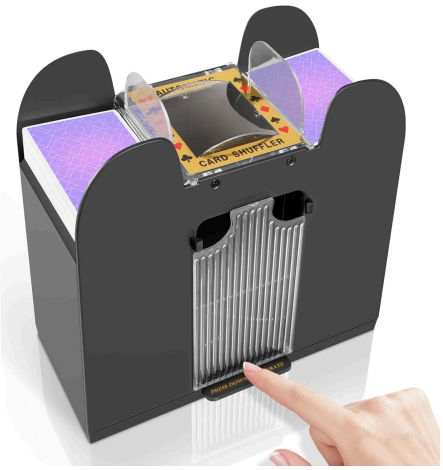

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