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- New title! Please see page 14 for Deanna Singh's ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER.
- Spanish rights for RAISING LGBTQ ALLIES by Chris Tompkins sold to Dr. Buk (p.17).

GENERAL NONFICTION

IN PURSUIT OF JEFFERSON

By Derek Baxter

A debut that combines historical nonfiction with travel books, for fans of Bill Bryson and Rinker Buck, *In Pursuit of Jefferson* is the story of an American on a journey through Europe, following the epic trail of Thomas Jefferson.

A controversial founding father. A man ready for a change. And a completely unique trip through Europe.

In 1784, Thomas Jefferson was a broken man. Reeling from the loss of his wife and humiliated from a political scandal during the Revolutionary war, he needed to remake himself. And to do that, he traveled. Traipsing through Europe, Jefferson saw and learned as much as he could, ultimately bringing his knowledge home to a young America. There, he would rise to power and shape a nation. More than two hundred years later, Derek Baxter, a devotee of American history, stumbles on an obscure travel guide written by Jefferson—*Hints for Americans Traveling Through Europe*—as he's going through his own personal crisis. Who better to offer advice than a founding father himself? Using *Hints* as his roadmap, Baxter embarks on a new journey, following Jefferson through six countries and countless lessons. But what Baxter learns isn't always what Jefferson had in mind, and as he comes to understand Jefferson better, he doesn't always like what he finds.

In Pursuit of Jefferson is at once the story of a life-changing trip through Europe, an unflinching look at a founding father, and a moving personal journey. With rich historical detail, a sense of humor, and boundless heart Baxter explores how we can be better moving forward only by first looking back.

Praise:

“An unusually pleasing and affecting guide to Europe through the eyes of two tourists separated by more than 230 years.” —*Kirkus*, starred review

“Attorney Baxter debuts with an entertaining and informative chronicle of his attempt to recreate Thomas Jefferson’s travels in Europe. This historically informed travelogue delights.” —*Publishers Weekly*

“This is travel writing at its best, an impressively researched and well-crafted chronicle of self-discovery and civic engagement.” —Peter S. Onuf, Thomas Jefferson Foundation Professor of History, Emeritus, University of Virginia.

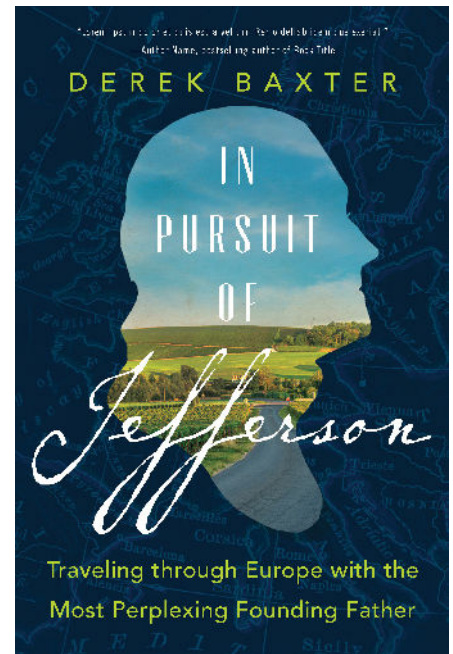
“This is a fine work of historical travelogue that will appeal to anyone with an interest in history, geography, science, and self-discovery--an engaging read offering much food for thought.” —Darrin Lunde, author of *The Naturalist*

About the Author:

Derek Baxter is a labor and human rights lawyer. *IN PURSUIT OF JEFFERSON* is his debut.

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THE TRANS SELF-CARE BOOK

By Theo Nicole Lorenz

A Coloring Book and Journal for Trans and Non-Binary People

If you're transgender, non-binary, or any other gender under the wide and wonderful trans umbrella, this book is for you. A creative journal and workbook with a difference, this book combines coloring pages celebrating trans identity, beauty, and relationships, with practical advice, journaling prompts, and space for reflection to promote self-affirmation and wellbeing.

Drawing on CBT and mindfulness techniques, this book covers topics including body positivity and neutrality, coming out, euphoria and dysphoria, building new friendships and navigating relationships with your friends and family, and is the go-to resource for anybody who has ever felt the pressure to conform to a singular definition or narrative.

Praise:

“From the first comforting page to the last joyous exercise, this will help you to discover more about the trans movement and your own heart. Page after page invites you to build a kind accepting relationship with yourself. What a glorious journey!” —Jeffrey Marsh, author of *How to Be You*

“Theo Lorenz’s *Trans Self-Care Workbook* is just the gentle friend and fierce ally that you need to guide you through your gender journey. I have so much love for this book.” —Meg-John Barker, co-author of *How to Understand Your Gender*, *Life Isn’t Binary*, and *Hell Yeah Self-Care!*

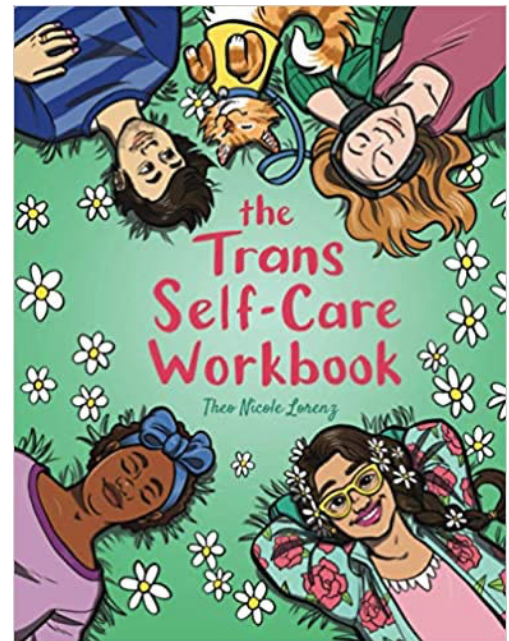
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Theo Nicole Lorenz is the author/illustrator of over 10 books, including THE TRANS SELF-CARE WORKBOOK and the illustrator of the forthcoming graphic novel about the Stonewall Riots.

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RISE & ROAR

By Sharisse Steber

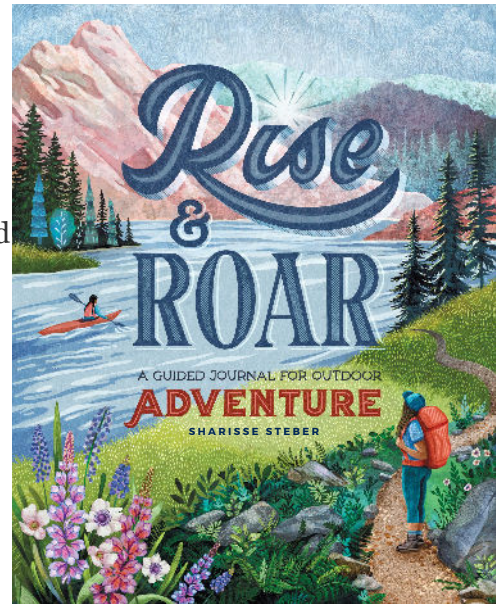
Rise & Roar: A Guided Journal for Outdoor Adventure meets women where they are in life, and challenges and inspires them to get outside. Encouraging women to define their motivation, examine their fears, and create their own adventure manifesto, Sharisse Steber offers tips about an abundance of new experiences: observing nature, planning a hike or backpacking trip, car camping, training for a marathon, biking on singletrack or pavement, climbing at a gym or outside, canoeing or kayaking, training and recovery, and all the ways to play in the snow.

Author and illustrator Sharisse Steber has hiked to Everest Base Camp, summited Kilimanjaro, backpacked on the Lares Inca Trail in Peru, caved and camped solo on Easter Island, and experienced winter camp training on frozen Minnesota lakes. Steber knows firsthand that you don't have to be super fit or have a lot of money to have amazing experiences everyone has the right and ability to live her own idea of outdoor adventure. This journal encourages women of all shapes, sizes, and colors to overcome their fears, head outside, and begin.

Note: Author/illustrator is willing to update spreads for foreign markets with maps of Asia, Europe, etc.

Praise:

Coming soon!



Mountaineers Books
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About the Author:

Sharisse Steber is an award-winning designer and illustrator. Her client list has included The Nature Conservancy, the Girl Scouts, Discovery Channel, and more. *RISE & ROAR* is her first book.

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MEMOIR

THE TIN CAN CRUCIBLE

By Christopher Davenport

Sorcery and spirits are things of fiction—but not in Papua New Guinea. There, even today, innocent men and women—sometimes even children—are killed when accused of witchcraft by their neighbors. This is a horror Christopher Davenport knows all too well. Twenty years ago, while in the Peace Corps, he lived with a group of subsistence farmers in Papua New Guinea’s Eastern Highlands. During his time there, the villagers kidnapped and killed a woman accused of sorcery.

Chris has documented this experience in *THE TIN CAN CRUCIBLE*. After arriving on the island, he settled into a village with a host family, began learning the language, and came to love the people there. But when an elder passed away, the distraught villagers accused a woman of killing him by black magic. They kidnapped, tortured, and ultimately murdered her. In the aftermath, Chris was left to face that the people he had grown so close to had the capacity for remarkable kindness and unspeakable brutality. He had to recognize the complexity of humanity. And he had to ask the question: how can we love someone even after they’ve done the unthinkable?

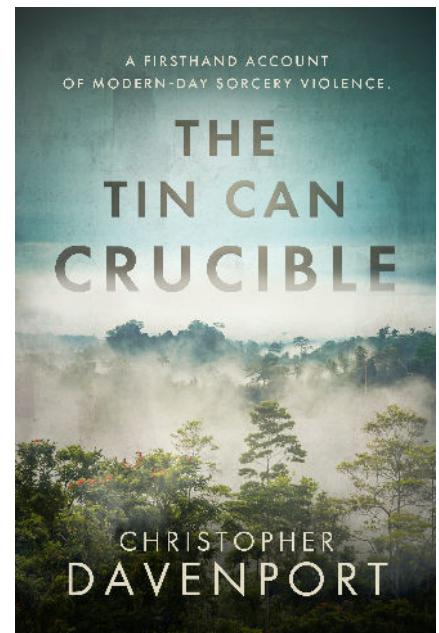
Praise:

“Davenport is among the few writers to weave the complexities of Papua New Guinea into a compelling narrative, one that is frightening and fulfilling.” —Rick Antonson, author of *Walking with Ghosts in Papua New Guinea*

“Davenport’s masterful and lyrical memoir delves into the complexities of his remote village where he strips life and death down to their purest and truest form. His conclusion leaves us with our own values and culture to examine for a long, long time.” —Susan E. Greisen, author of *In Search of Pink Flamingos*

About the Author:

Christopher Davenport is a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State. He has served tours in Vietnam, Guatemala and Tajikistan, as well as the Department’s prestigious Operations Center in Washington, D.C. Chris is on tour as Press Attaché at the United States Embassy Tbilisi, Georgia. There, he’s serving as Embassy Spokesperson and primary liaison with the Georgian press, as well as the Ambassador’s principal speech writer. Along with his work in the Foreign Service, Chris earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in narrative nonfiction from George Mason University in 2007. He’s published essays in *The American Scholar* and *Rough Guides*.



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PEOPLE YOU FOLLOW

By Hayley Gene Penner

Singer-songwriter Hayley Gene Penner tells all in this heartfelt and harrowingly honest memoir of her relationships and life in the music industry.

Hayley Gene Penner's memoir takes a brutally honest yet humorous look at the dark, intimate truths we spend our lives running from and the hidden side of the music industry. Like a map of beautiful fuck ups, Hayley's stories of questionable sexual encounters, artistic aspirations, and emotional abuse trace her coming of age in the music industry.

Hayley explores all her relationships — from her childhood as the daughter of a celebrity, to the destructive and coercive relationship with her boss, to the actor we all know but who mustn't be named — all brought together in a series of sharp, touching vignettes. *People You Follow* straddles the delicate boundary between ethical and unethical behaviour, self-protection and self-destruction, power and weakness, giddiness and despair.

Praise:

"People You Follow is a fucked-up Alice in Wonderland journey down the rabbit hole of LA's most subtly toxic industry ... funny, brilliant, coy, playful, and wise. I feel so lucky that Hayley is here to express how hard dating in Hollywood is for the bunch of us, and I'm also glad that young women can read about her emotional pratfalls and save themselves the same pain as they work to become artists as skilled as she is." —Lena Dunham

"Hayley's journey to find self love is both heartbreaking and humorous. I recognized my own younger self and how we, as women, struggle to find our value through the eyes of others. While Hayley's story may be more dramatic than others, we are rooting for her as she finds herself and the power of 'no'." —Cindy Crawford

"This is Hayley in book form. So perfectly written, with her humor giving a light to situations that don't always have one. Beautifully written words for a good laugh and the occasional necessary cry." —Kaia Gerber

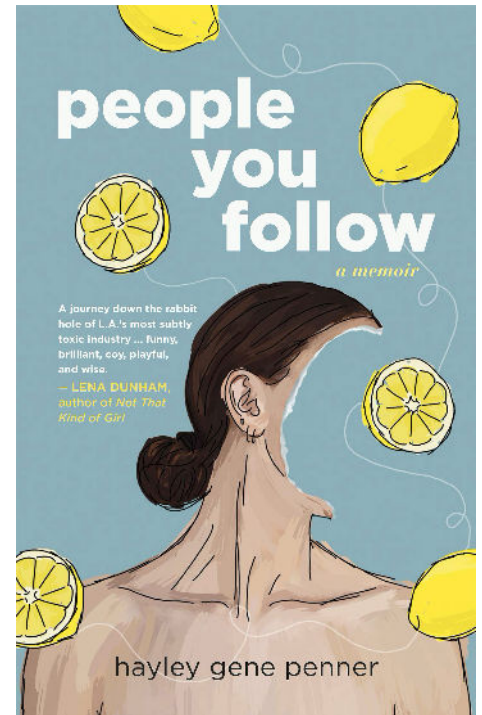
"Hayley's memoir masquerades as a comedic take on a young woman discovering and defining her sexuality. You are so distracted by the breezy comedy of the insane true-life stories that you don't see the gut punches coming." —Bill Lawrence, writer/creator of *Scrubs*, *Cougar Town*, *Spin City*

About the Author:

As a teenager and daughter to the legendary Fred Penner (aka Canada's Mr. Rogers), **Hayley Gene Penner** starred in her own show on Canadian television. She's now a singer-songwriter in Los Angeles. She's worked on songs for Justin Bieber and the Dixie Chicks, among others.

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TOKEN BLACK GIRL

By Danielle Prescod

Racial identity, pop culture, and delusions of perfection collide in an eye-opening and refreshingly frank memoir by fashion and beauty insider Danielle Prescod.

Danielle Prescod grew up Black in an elite and overwhelmingly white community, her identity made more invisible by the whitewashed movies, television, magazines, and books she and her classmates voraciously consumed. Danielle took her cue from the world around her and aspired to shrink her identity into that box, setting increasingly poisonous goals. She started painful and damaging chemical hair treatments in elementary school, began depriving herself of food when puberty hit, and tried to control her image through the most unimpeachable, impeccable fashion choices.

Those obsessions led her to relentlessly pursue a career in beauty and fashion - the eye of the racist and sexist beauty standard storm. Assimilating was hard, but she was practiced. And she was an asset. Their "Token Black Girl." Toxic, sure. But Danielle was striving to achieve social cache and working her way up the ladder of coveted media jobs, and she looked great, right? So what if she had to endure executives' questions like "What was it like to drive to school from the ghetto?" Or coworkers' eager curiosity to know if her parents were on welfare. But after decades of burying her emotions, resentment, and true self, Danielle turned a critical eye inward and confronted the factors that motivated her self-destructive behaviors.

Sharp witted and bracingly candid, *Token Black Girl* unpacks the adverse effects of insidious white supremacy in the media - both unconscious and strategic - to tell a personal story about recovery from damaging concepts of perfection, celebrating identity, and demolishing social conditioning.

Praise:

Coming soon!

About the Author:

Danielle Prescod has worked at magazines like InStyle, Elle, and Teen Vogue. Now, along with her work as a journalist, Danielle holds weekly anti-racism seminars for influencers and brands that have collective followings in the tens of millions. She's been interviewed by CNN, Fox, Vogue Business, Business of Fashion, and Glossy about her anti-racism work.

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BUSINESS/ FINANCE

GENTELLIGENCE

By Dr. Megan Gerhardt

Leading a generationally diverse workforce is challenging; this book provides a reader's guide of best-in-class strategies for harnessing and unleashing its potential.

Gentelligence: The Revolutionary Approach to Leading an Intergenerational Workforce presents a transformative way to end the generational wars once and for all. This book first introduces Gentelligence as a powerful business strategy and shows why it is critical for the future of work. It then presents a practical guide and a call to action for leaders of all ages to unlock the potential strengths of each generation. Readers will learn how an intergenerational workforce can be reframed as a profound business opportunity and discover how Gentelligence can help them win the talent war, create strong, diverse teams, and build adaptable cultures that will flourish in an era of rapid change. *Gentelligence* shares groundbreaking evidence that will have readers thinking about their generationally diverse workforce in an entirely different way.

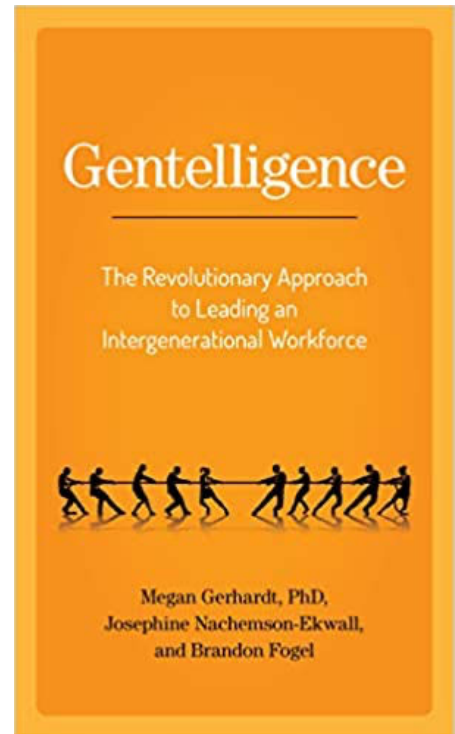
Praise:

“With organizations everywhere promoting diversity and inclusion, *Gentelligence* is an essential but overlooked piece to the D&I puzzle. As managers and leaders, we stand to create far more effective working and personal relationships around us if we had a greater awareness and understanding of generational blind spots. *Gentelligence* is indeed the future of work.” —Andrew Goldstein, managing director, Willis Towers Watson

“I found *Gentelligence* to be one of the most practical and personally-convicting books on leadership I have ever read. The intersection of stories, case studies, and research not only opened my eyes to how I unconsciously perceive other generations, but it also gave me actionable steps to better understand, relate to, and inspire people from every generation to find meaning and purpose in their work.” —KaLeena Thomas, consultant, The Resource Group, and founder of J. Margaret Weaver

About the Author:

As a leadership consultant and professor at the Farmer School of Business at Miami University, **Megan Gerhardt** is often asked to speak on intergenerational leadership. Her Tedx Talk has over 10,000 views and her work on Gentelligence has been featured in *The Washington Post*, *Inc. Magazine*, *Business Insider*, *The Chicago Tribune*, and *MarketWatch* among others.



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ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER

By Deanna Singh

A step-by-step guide for managers, teams & DEI leaders looking to create impactful, lasting change in their organization, from recruitment to retention & beyond.

Are you tired of hollow promises about diversity, equity, and inclusion in your organization? Do you want to take steps towards real change – beyond issuing mission statements, signing checks, and holding listening sessions – but don't know where to start? This book is your answer. Designed for teams to read together, it offers a comprehensive blueprint for leaders and teams who are ready to get out of their own way, look at their surroundings with new eyes, and turn their energy into a concrete plan.

Renowned DEI consultant Deanna Singh has led diversity trainings for a wide range of organizations, from non-profits to Fortune 500 companies. Using narratives, case studies, and the latest DEI research, as well as interactive exercises, Singh will teach you how to:

- Write inclusive job advertisements because “minorities just don't apply here” isn't an excuse – you're just not reaching them
- Design an interview process that reduces status quo bias and challenges hiring decisions that are simply “no brainers”
- Create a retention plan that considers and prioritizes the needs of underrepresented employees – if you haven't intentionally designed one to be inclusive, you've unintentionally reinforced one that is exclusive.
- Lead inclusive meetings – the bedrock of company culture – by practicing constructive dissent and elevating underrepresented perspectives

As Singh has seen time and time again, any organization can meaningfully change – you just need the right tools.

Praise:

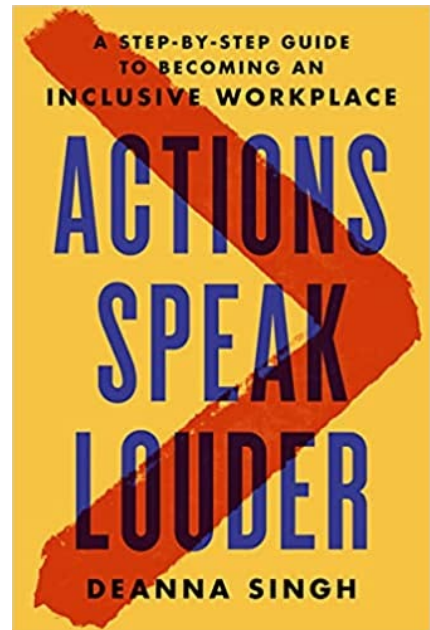
"Practical, powerful and just in time, this is a book that every leader needs to read (and put to work)." – Seth Godin, Author, *The Practice*

“Deanna Singh offers a refreshing new roadmap for building a more inclusive workplace -- one that does not pretend that our social identities do not exist, but that insists that we acknowledge who we are and where we came from as a powerful tool in creating a more equitable environment.” ~Ximena Vengoechea, author of *Listen Like You Mean It*

About the Author:

Deanna Singh is an accomplished author, educator, business leader, and social justice champion who speaks to over 50,000 people annually, giving audiences the tools and courage to imagine, activate, and impact the world as agents of change. She has been recognized by the *Milwaukee Business Journal* as one of the community's most influential 40 Under 40 Leaders, the State of Wisconsin as a "Women Who Inspires," and by *Forbes* as an "African American Woman Everyone Should Know." She recently published a book with American Girl, entitled, *A Smart Girl's Guide: Race & Inclusion*.

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PARENTING

WEED MOM

By Danielle Simone Brand

Navigate the worlds of cannabis and parenting with this essential guide for women interested in learning more about THC, dispensaries, micro-dosing, edibles, and how to incorporate it all into a healthy family life.

With national marijuana legalization on the horizon, more and more mothers are looking for information about how to safely and responsibly use cannabis. Known as “weed moms,” these trailblazers are breaking down the social stigma surrounding cannabis and parenting, creating a modern culture all their own.

Weed Mom is the first and only book for these mothers, celebrating how weed can be a safe and healthy way to relax, destress, and improve their social lives and relationships. As mothers find themselves on the frontline of a societal shift, this book is more timely than ever. Packed with information for both the seasoned and first-time user, this book offers friendly and practical advice including:

- the basics of THC and CBD
- what to look for at the dispensary
- tips and tricks for various intake methods
- micro-dosing
- cannabis-friendly talking points for family and friends
- how to use cannabis to improve your romantic relationships
- and much more!

Praise:

"Just how Brand becomes one of weed's most knowledgeable and ardent crusaders is a story you'll have to follow in the book, but that she's been to hell and back — with cannabis riding shotgun — makes her wisdom all the more hard-won and reliable. This is an honest, unapologetic book for real women." —Melinda Misuraca, Project CBD

"Weed Mom is an excellent compendium of cannabis information. If you're curious about how cannabis might fit into your life as a parent, Weed Mom has the answers for you...Timely, fun, and educational. It makes a great conversation starter for moms, dads, and anyone else who loves the healing herb!" —Mary Jane Gibson, Journalist, Actress & Host at Weed+Grub

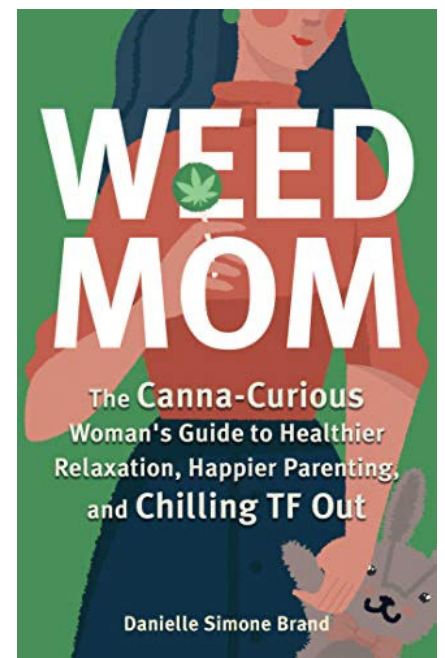
"In Weed Mom, Danielle Simone Brand demystifies the modern cannabis world for parents who'd like to explore medicinal options—or just have a little fun—without screwing up. She breaks down the latest in cannabis science, history, social justice, and legal concerns in a nonjudgmental and entertaining way." —Alia Volz, author of *Home Baked: My Mom, Marijuana, and the Stoning of San Francisco*

About the Author:

Danielle Simone Brand writes articles and essays about parenting, cannabis, yoga, and relationships. She holds a BA from Dartmouth College and an MA from American University. Danielle enjoys the endless blue skies and urban canyons in her home city of San Diego with her husband, two children, and a puppy named Pesach.

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RAISING LGBTQ ALLIES

By Chris Tompkins

No matter who we are or where we come from, we all play on the same playground. There are certain collective societal messages we hear growing up that we either consciously or subconsciously believe. As a result, we develop certain belief systems from which we operate our lives.

Raising LGBTQ Allies sheds light on the deeper, multi-faceted layers of homophobia. It opens up a conversation with parents around the possibility they may have an LGBTQ child, and shows how heteronormativity can be harmful if not addressed clearly and early. Although not every parent will have an LGBTQ child, their child will jump rope or play tag with a child who is LGBTQ.

By showing readers the importance of having open and authentic conversations with children at a young age, Chris Tompkins walks parents through the many ways they can prevent new generations from adopting homophobic and transphobic beliefs, while helping them explore their own subconscious biases...

Praise:

“A thoughtful guide to creating LGBTQ allies...Complete with discussion questions, meditations, and practical actions, this guide is a powerful treatise on creating a more accepting world.” —*Publishers Weekly* starred review

“*Raising LGBTQ Allies* is a courageous, necessary, big-hearted book with a vision for a more loving future for kids who inhabit every part of the identity rainbow.” — *Foreword Reviews*

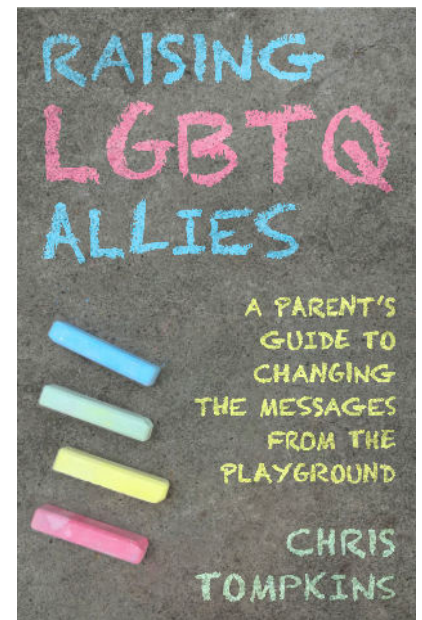
“Books are like messengers, Tompkins writes, and this volume conveys essential information for all adults with children in their lives about what it means to be LGBTQ... Tompkins says that one of the goals of his useful book is to help prevent bullying, heal queerphobia, and create allies on the playground... This is a tall order, but Tompkins rises to the occasion, offering thoughtful, informed, affirming, and, yes, inspirational advice on how to change a homophobic and transphobic society. In that context, he invites readers to change their traditional thinking and in so doing to eliminate queerphobia by being open and honest with children. He has succeeded beautifully.” — *Booklist*

About the Author:

Chris Tompkins is a TEDx speaker, teacher, life coach, and an LGBTQ inner-advocate. He teaches throughout Southern California. His writings have been published in *HuffPost*, *Scary Mommy*, *Guide for Spiritual Living*, *Elephant Journal*, among others.

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