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The Little Free Library Book

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Little Free Library history, quirky and poignant firsthand stories, a resource guide, and some of the most creative and inspired LFLs around.



“The Little Free Library is a terrific example of placing books—poetry included—within reach of people in the course of their everyday lives. ‘Free’ is always a good thing, and the project has a nice give-and-take feel to it. Here’s hoping we bump into literature when we turn the next corner—before we have time to resist!”—**BILLY COLLINS**

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“Take a book. Return a book.” In 2009, Todd Bol built the first Little Free Library as a memorial to his mom. Six years later, this simple idea to promote literacy and encourage community has become a movement. Little Free Libraries—freestanding front-yard book exchanges—now number twenty-five thousand in eighty countries. *The Little Free Library Book* tells the history of these charming libraries, gathers quirky and poignant firsthand stories from owners, provides a resource guide for how to best use your Little Free Library, and delights readers with color images of the most creative and inspired LFLs around.



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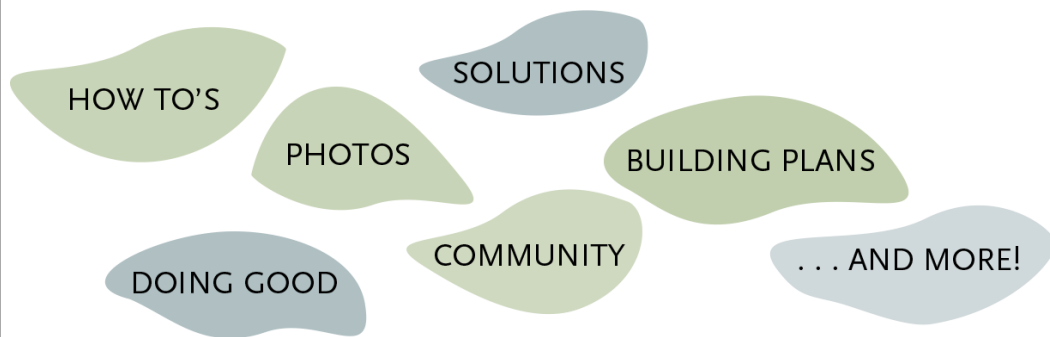


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â€œ[Margret Aldrich] profiles Little Free Libraries with distinct creative flair and the citizen librarians behind them.â€•The Capital Times. "The Little Free Library Book, is something entirely unique and exciting to read. . . . The Little Free Library Book has pictures galore for inspiration, how-to instructions for those looking to start their own LFL, and first hand experiences from Aldrich herself, as well as from founder Todd Bol, and from LFL stewards around the world.â€•Hazel & Wren.Â â€œBook Riot contributor Margret Aldrichâ€™s The Little Free Library Book, available for preorder, comes out from Coffee House Press. Isnâ€™t the cover beautiful? I need this book!â€•Book Riot. "Lovers of books and libraries will adore this title, as will readers interested in folk art or successful grassroots movements. Little Free Libraries can sometimes be found at homeless shelters, where readers from all walks of life can find a book to keep. The 50,000th Little Free Library, pictured here, was donated to the Illumination Foundationâ€”which works with homeless clients in Santa Ana, Californiaâ€”via the Little Free Library organizationâ€™s Impact Fund. 9. you can find a few in the great outdoors.Â Visit a campground in Manitoba, Canada, and you might come across a portable, mini-tent library in the woods. The Little Free Library travels around with the Library steward on camping trips. 10. the collections have made their way to college campuses. What kind of books do you think youâ€™d find in a Little Free Library on the Harvard University campus? Little Free Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes neighborhood book exchanges, usually in the form of a public bookcase. More than 90,000 public book exchanges are registered with the organization and branded as Little Free Libraries. Through Little Free Libraries, present in 91 countries, millions of books are exchanged each year, with the aim of increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds. The Little Free Library nonprofit organization is based in Hudson