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WINTER 2020 EDITION

WELCOME



Welcome to Creatopia™! We're building a new community for people who love creativity and seek it out. It's a place where artists of all kinds can create, share and grow.

We're excited to present the first edition of curated creativity in this Winter 2020 Collection with a special Holidays Reimagined section. Add fun and joy to your life with what you'll find inside. Just click the photos and links for more information.

Come, join us for a new way of seeing and experiencing the creative life - [sign up here](#) to learn more!

Dance

What makes you dance for joy?
Do you dance around issues or face them?
Do you feel obligated to dance to someone else's tune?

These inspiring and insightful thoughts are courtesy of Carolyn Hawkins of @WhollyPiecemeal on Instagram. Find her there for the Word of the Day.

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Come Home
To
Yourself

Merge

Where do your talents, interests and dreams merge?
What will result if you merge the best of previous projects?
How do the things you admire about others merge?

Come Home to Yourself: Every day is a Journey Blank Lined Journal

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Take a Note!



Journaling and self care are the new black!

[Hearts and Leaves Print Journal](#), [Healing Oracle Prompt Cards](#) to help you deepen your intuition.

BOOKSHELF

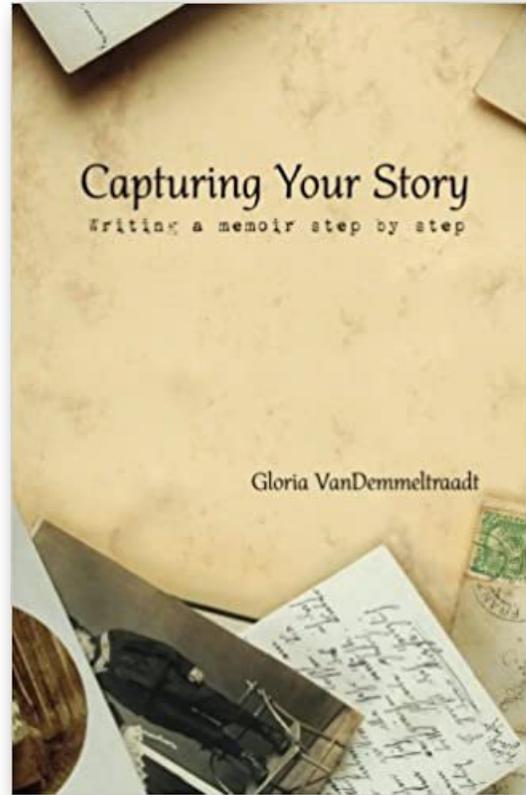
Capturing Your Story: Author Tips

Why should we think about collecting family stories this holiday season?

Knowing where/who we came from builds confidence and security. Life is fleeting and while we don't like to think about it, someday comes sooner than we think. Capturing memories keeps families closer and gives a different personal perspective to moments that may have been shared by others. It helps descendants understand why they do and think the things they do. Don't be the one who says, "I wish I had asked my mother that, now it's too late."

How do you get someone to relax and not feel like put on the spot?

Talk about the process. Have a conversation together; maybe share something of your own that could get them started.



Learn how to capture memories in a document that will become a precious legacy to yourself and others. Written by Gloria VanDemmeltraadt. [Get your copy here.](#)

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Coffee and cookies are good, too. Ask specific questions; what's your earliest memory? What color was your wagon/bike? Tell about getting gum in your hair. Were you ever in a parade?

What are a couple good questions to get started?

Where were you born and why was it there? Depending on the answer, maybe get into some family questions: number and age of siblings, what was your house like? What did your dad do? Was your mom a good cook? What was your favorite thing she made? What are some childhood games you used to play outside? From here on you can get into school experiences and memories, learning to drive, high school and afterwards. I've found that after the first question, no more prompting is needed. Ask questions related to the answer to that first question. People love to talk when they believe someone is interested to hear their answers.

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Legacy

What legacy are you leaving?
What legacy do you want to leave?
How will you create that legacy?

HOLIDAYS REIMAGINED

How to Zoom for the Holidays

During a normal holiday season we decorate our homes, our workplaces.

This year many of us will be using Zoom and other video chat solutions to celebrate with friends and family virtually. You wouldn't host a party without a little preparation - virtual parties deserve the same consideration.

Creatopia caught up with Amy Lokken of MuD Modular for ideas to bring life to your remote festivities.

Creatopia: Even virtual party planning can feel overwhelming. What's a good starting point when planning a virtual get together?

Amy: Location! Just like an in person gathering, you're inviting people into your home. Consider what you'll be doing during the video call.

For opening presents or a casual get together being near your tree would be perfect. The kitchen is great place to share a cup of hot cocoa or do some baking with the grandparents. Planning the big family meal? Set up in your dining area.

Creatopia: What happens after you've picked your location, what next?

Amy: Decorate your backdrop. If you're in the dining room, consider what's behind you, that's what the rest of the group will be seeing. Add some lights, a Santa or other festive touches.

Take five minutes to test it out before the call begins. This is your last pass through a room before the first guest arrives.

Creatopia: Our chosen spot is ready to go. Anything else?

Amy: You. It's time to decorate you for the holidays.

Grab your LBD (Little Black Dress), something with sequins, a holiday tie or sweater, as long as it feels festive and fancy. Then accessorize: Silly reindeer antlers, sparkly earrings, or a bold scarf all add to the holiday feeling.

Creatopia: Any last tips?

Amy: Have fun. Enjoy your friends and family this holiday season.

These fun tips are brought to you by Amy Lokken of [MuD Modular](#), your source for innovative display technology.

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Reindeer Chow

Reindeer chow is a sweet treat for everyone at the holidays. It's an easy combination of cereal, pretzels, chocolate and dried fruit. Mix that up and coat it with white chocolate and dust with glittery gold sprinkles to make it magic!

Ingredients:

- 2 cups white chocolate chips
- Optional: 3 tablespoons coconut oil
- 3 cups Rice Chex
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup thin pretzels
- 3/4 cup M&Ms (divided)
- 1/2 cup salted nuts
- 1/2 cup raisins (or dried cranberries)
- 2 tablespoons gold sprinkles

Steps to Make:

1. Prepare a baking sheet by lining with aluminum foil, set aside.
2. Place white chocolate chips and coconut oil, if using, in a large microwave-safe bowl. Microwave until melted, stirring after every 45 seconds to prevent the white chocolate from overheating.
3. Add Chex, marshmallows, pretzels, 1/2 cup of M&Ms, nuts, and raisins to white chocolate, and stir until coated.

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4. Scrape candy out onto prepared baking sheet and smooth into a thin layer.
5. Sprinkle remaining 1/4 cup of M&Ms on top and press down gently. Sprinkle edible glitter or sprinkles on top.
6. Refrigerate the reindeer chow at least 20 minutes to set.
7. Once set, break into small pieces to serve.

Tip: The reindeer chow can be stored in an airtight container at room temperature or in the refrigerator for up to two weeks.



HOME AND HEARTH

Artisan Glass for Your Home



Custom etched glassware sets from [Woodeye Studios](#) are a unique and functional conversation piece that is sure to be cherished!

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Content

Are you content? Why?
When do you feel most content?
Where do you feel most content?
When was the last time you were there?



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Headbands - Looking Good on Camera!



Spice up your video wardrobe - from the neck up! Zoom worthy headbands handmade for you from Etsy artisans.

[Pleated Elegance Headbands, Red Bejeweled Headband, Sumptuous Velvet Headband](#)

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Gift

What is the best gift you've ever received?
How do you decide what gift to give someone?
Have you ever given yourself the gift of time to renew mind, body, and spirit?

Warm Yourself



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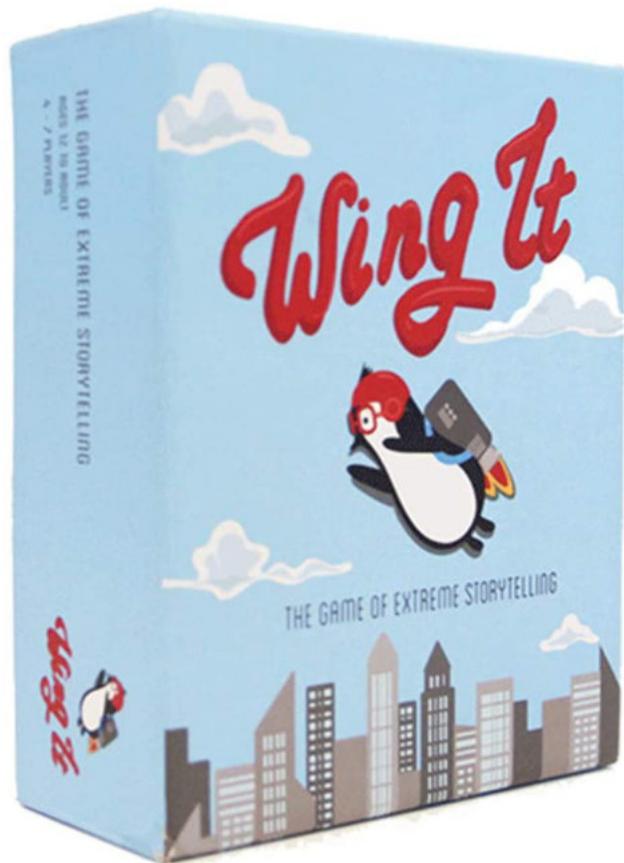
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Mugs - the perfect gift

I'm Not Messy, I'm Creative, Paint Water, Oxygen is Overrated

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A Game for the Whole Family!

Confidence

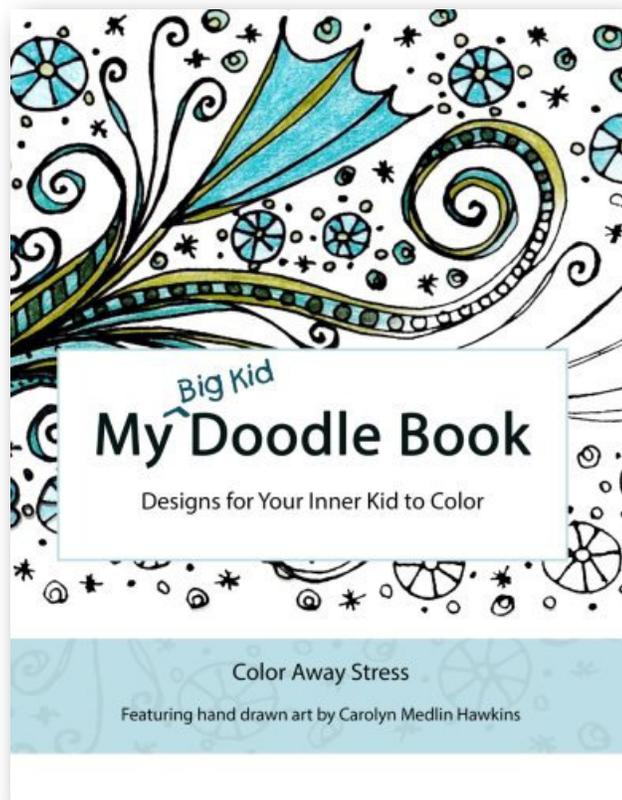
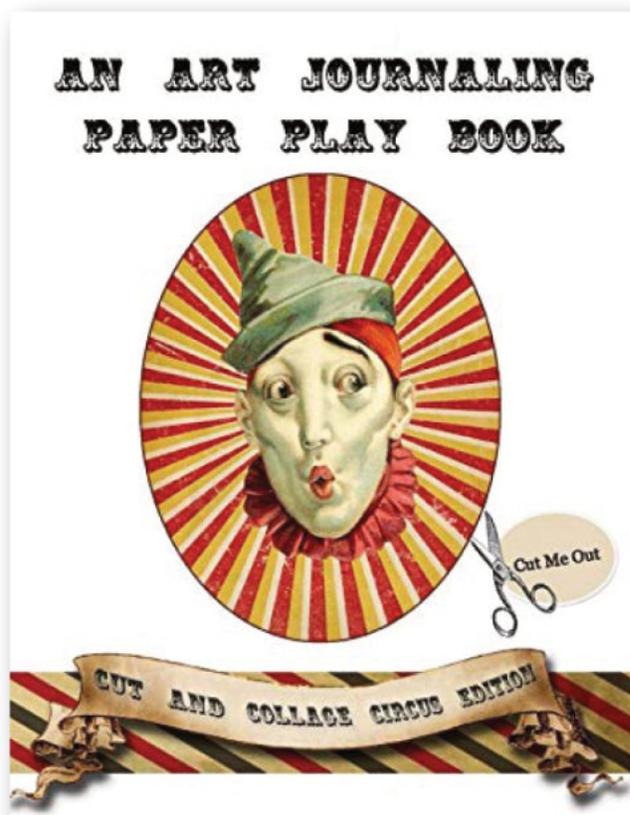
Do you have confidence in your ability to learn new things?

What do you do to boost your confidence?

What steps can you take to build your confidence?

Wing It - The Game of Extreme Storytelling is a creative storytelling and problem solving game for players 12 and up. [Get yours today!](#)

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Color and Collage!

Circus Collage Book, Doodle Coloring Book