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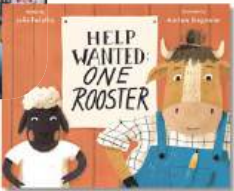
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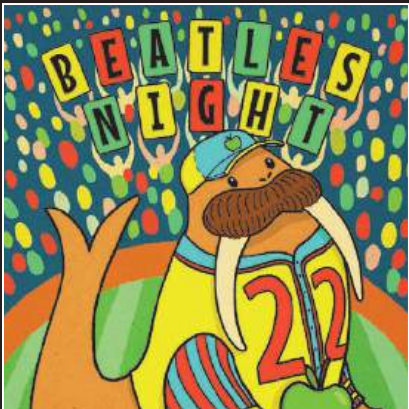
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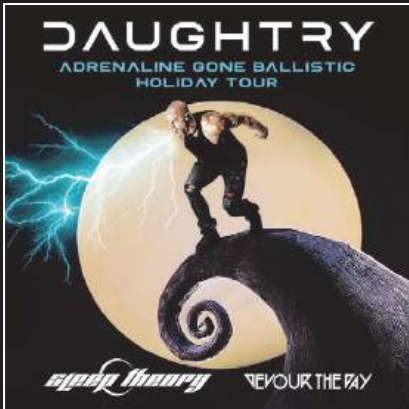
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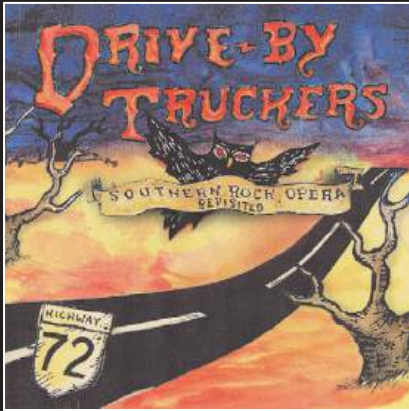
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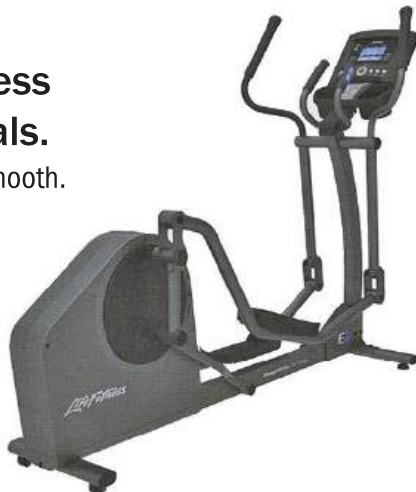


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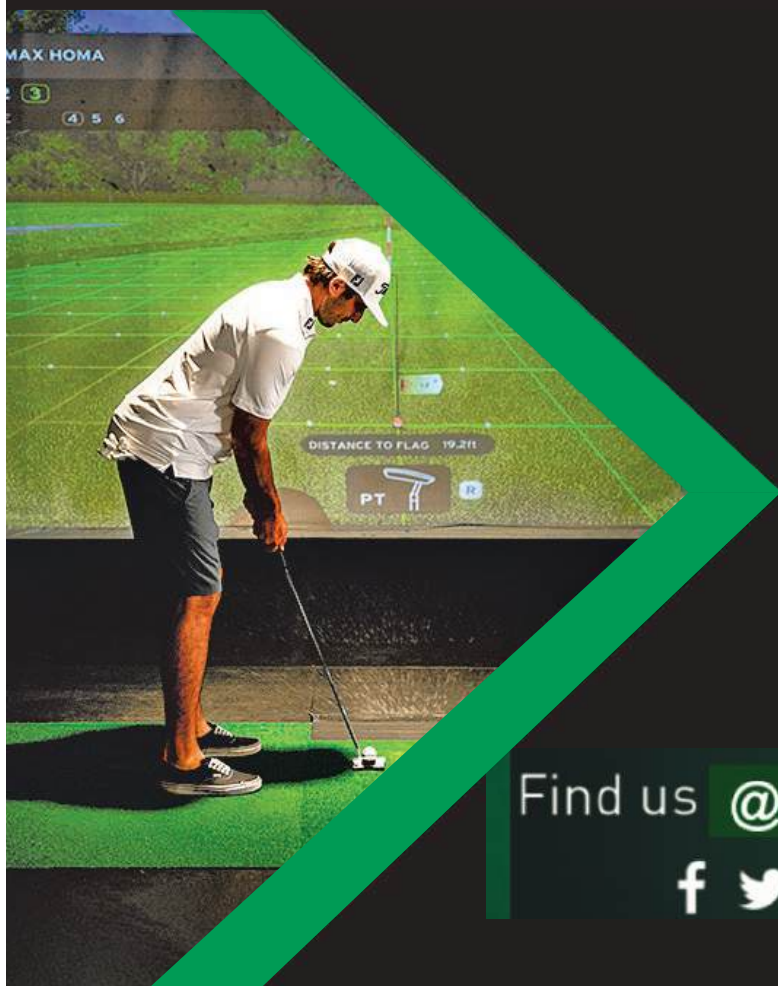


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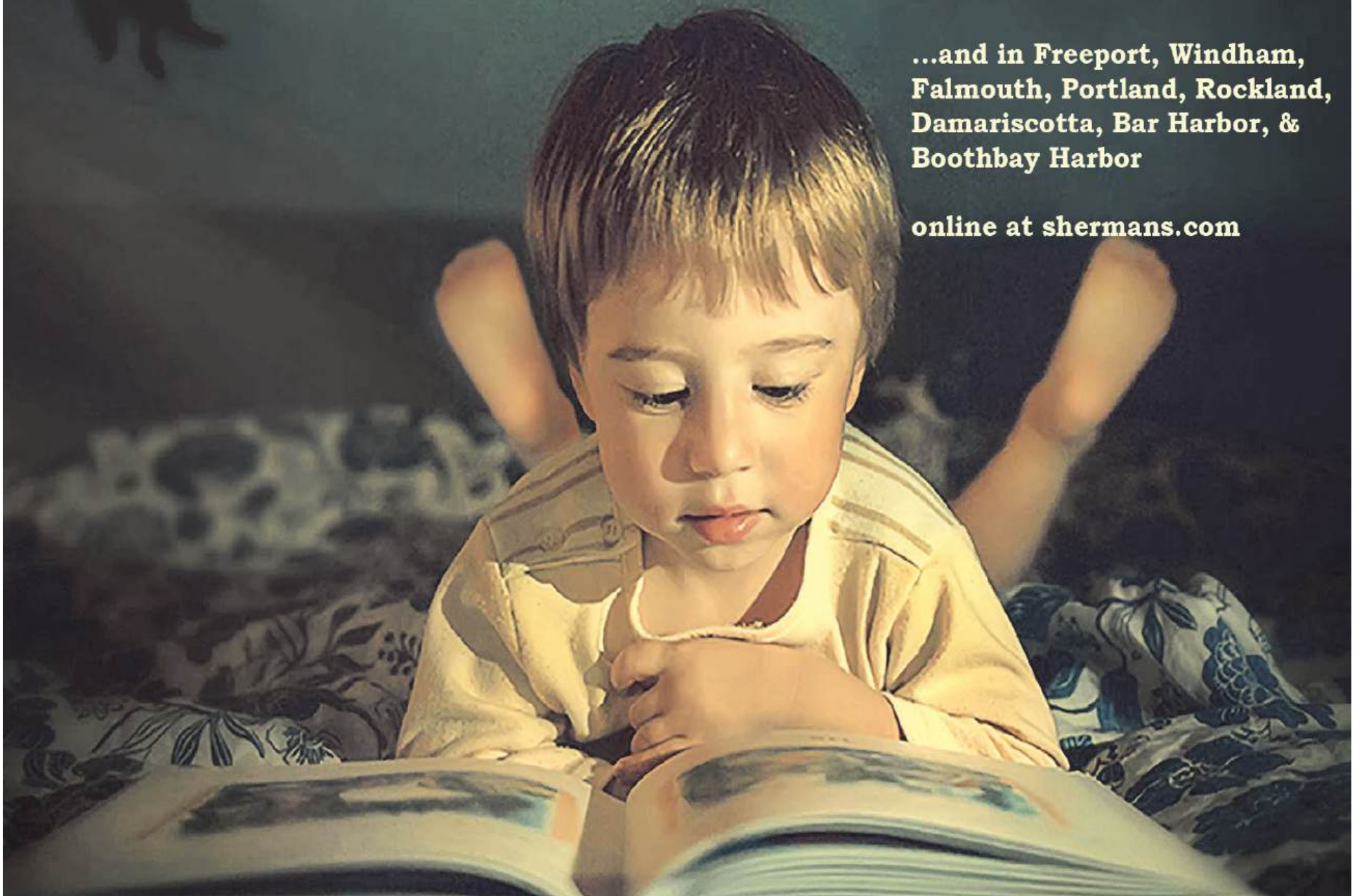
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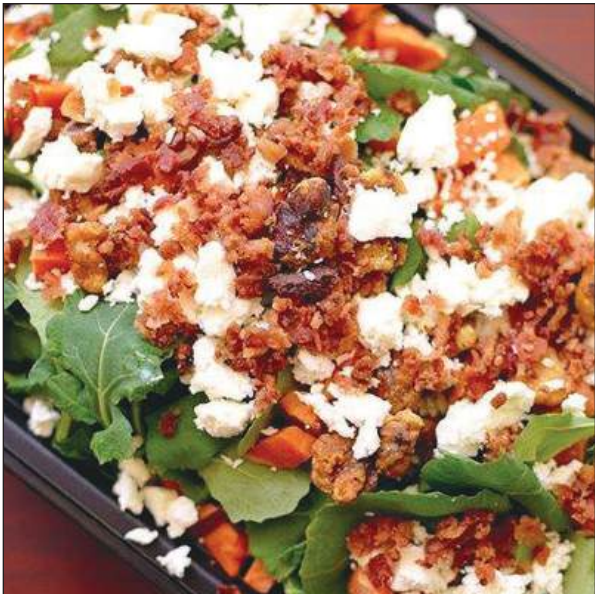
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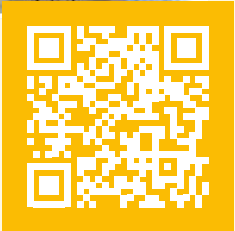
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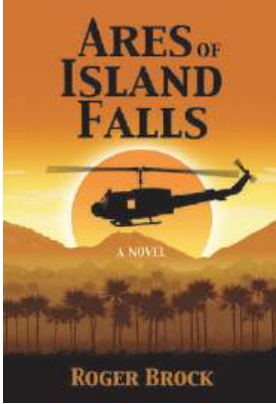
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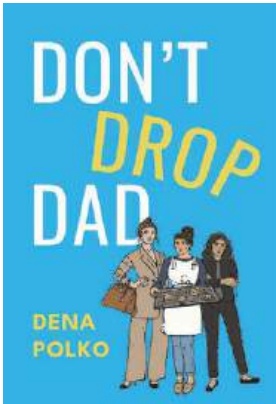
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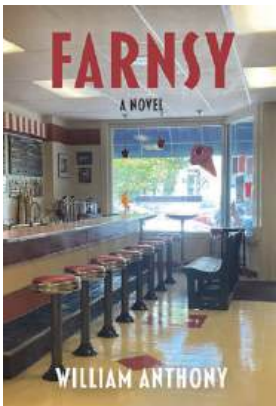


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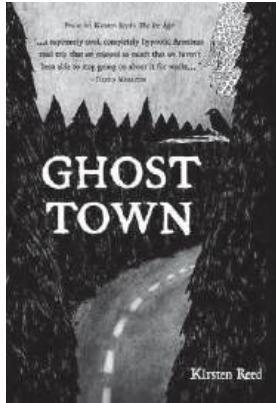
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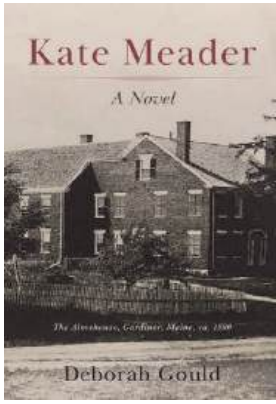


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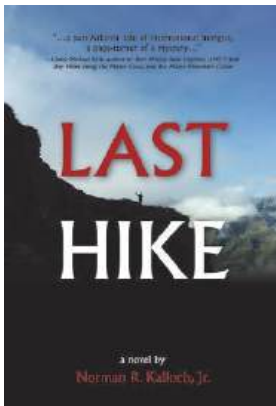


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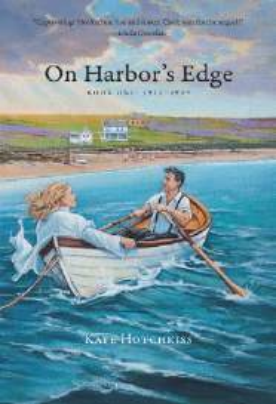


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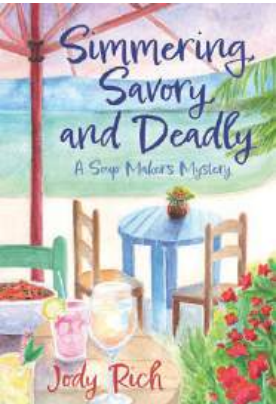
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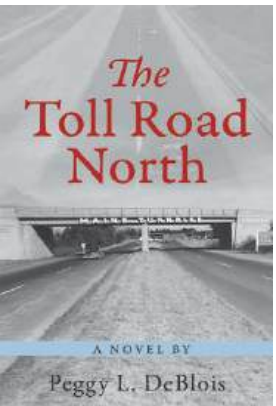
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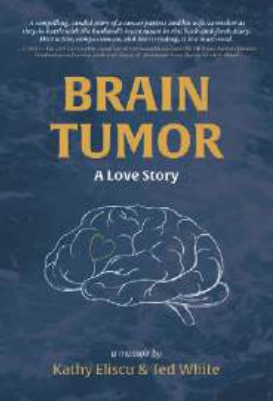
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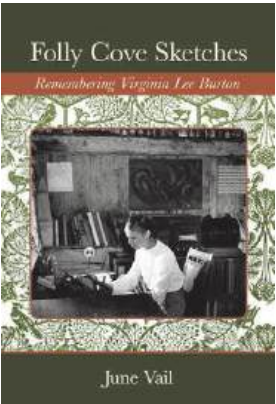
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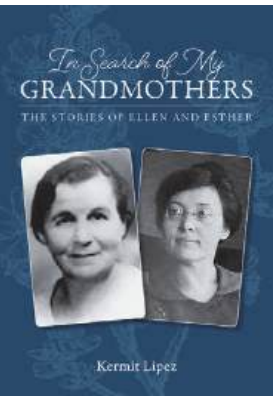
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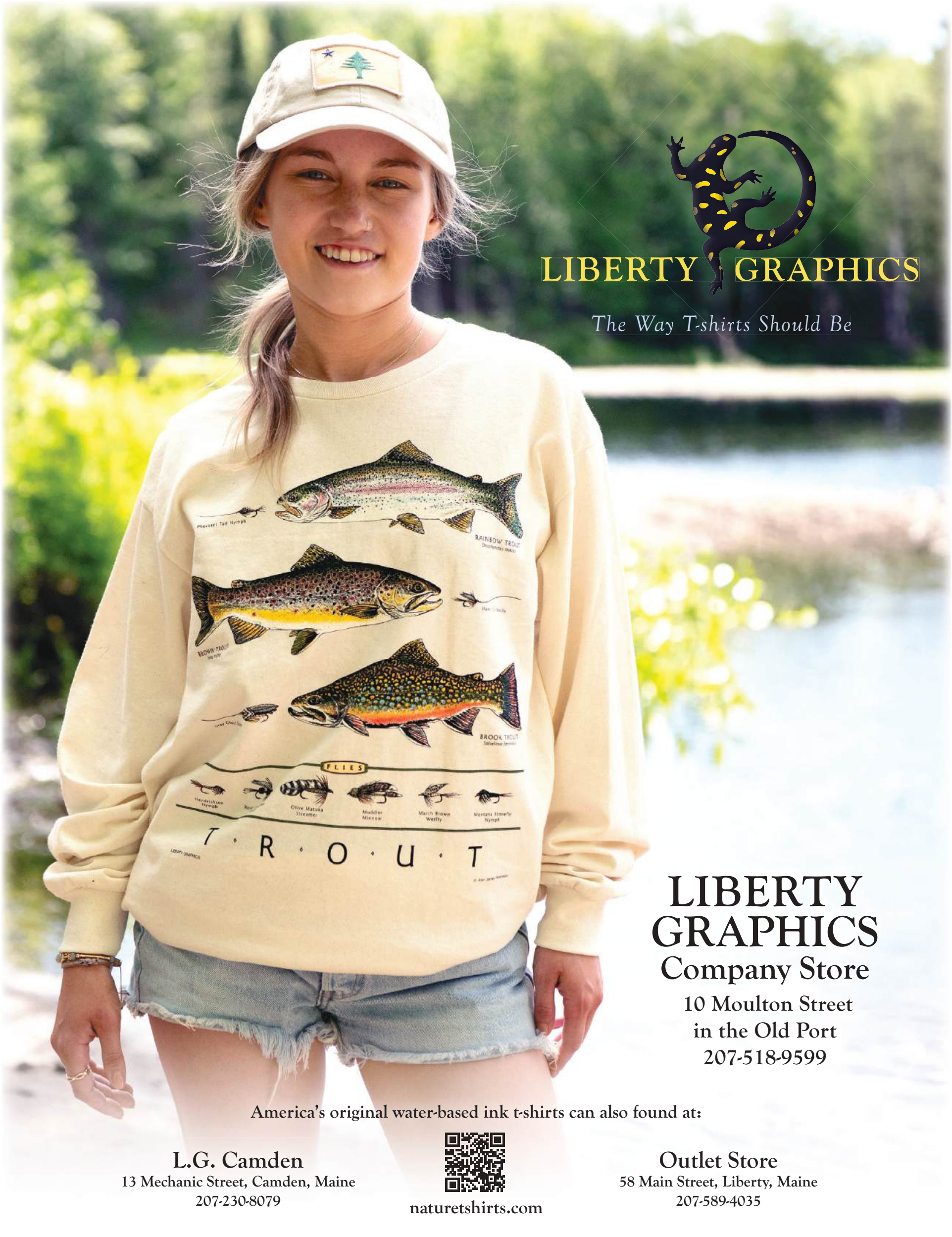
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- 11:30-1:30 PM: Crafts with Common Roots Studio Art Bus
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- 12:30-1:00 PM: Student Ambassador Children’s Story Reading
- 1:00 PM: Santa Arrives!
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- 10:00 AM: Doors Open
- 10:15-10:30 AM: OMAA Docent Gail Gilchrest reads “Caps for Sale” and “The Magnificent Feast”
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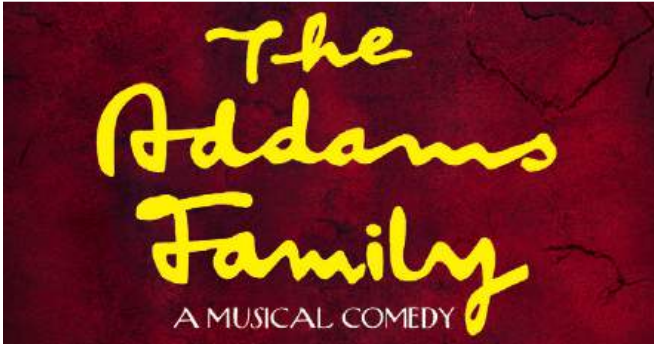
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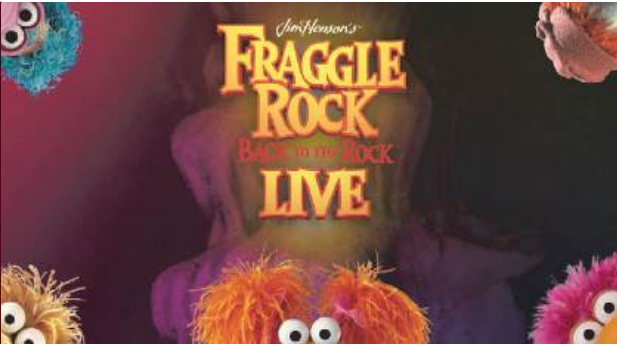
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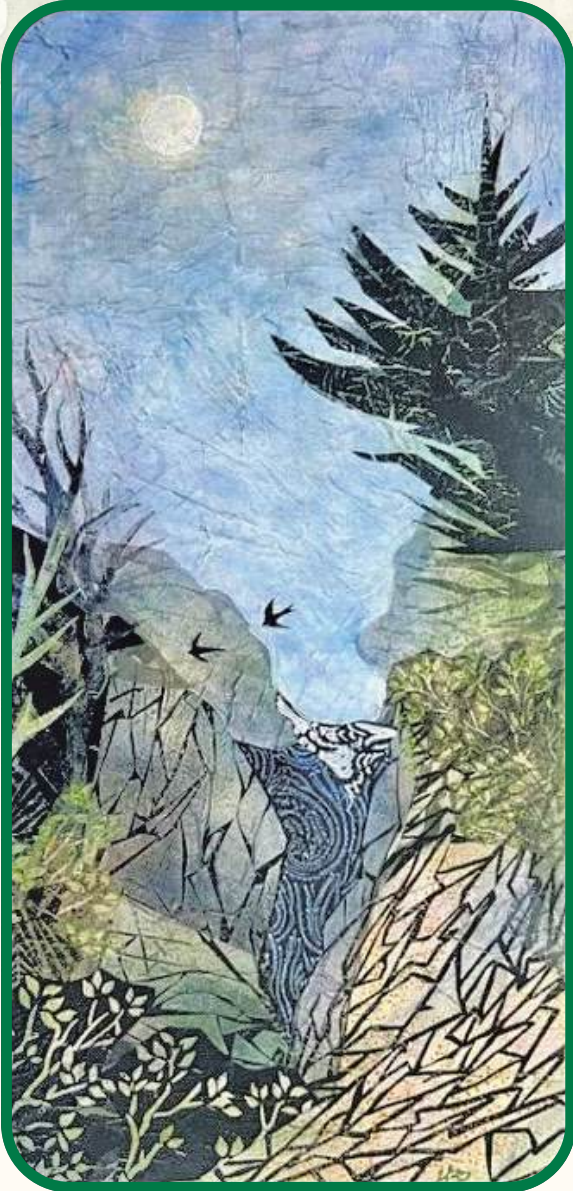
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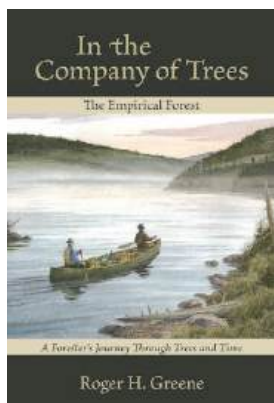
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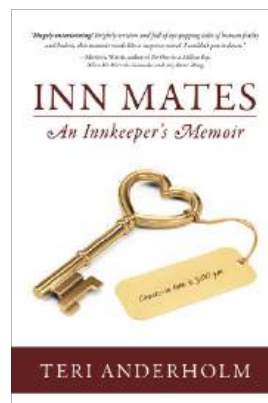
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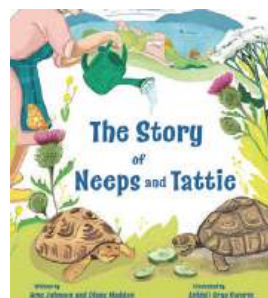
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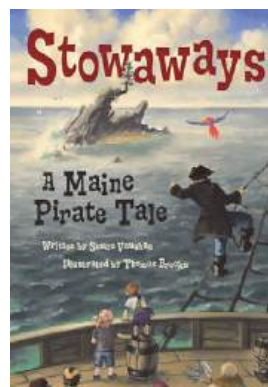
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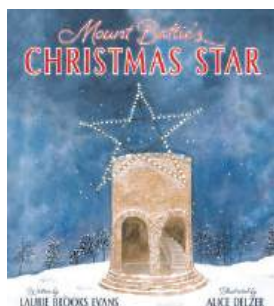
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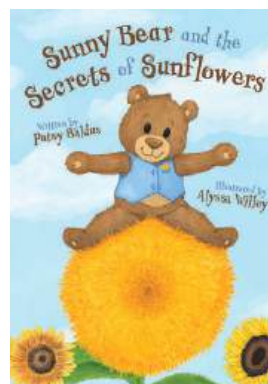
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