

I Heart Easter

ONE OF THE most well-known passages in the Bible—and, perhaps, in all of literature—is the thirteenth chapter of St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, often called the “love chapter.” In it, Paul extols the qualities of love and ends his writing by stating, “And these three abide: faith, hope, and love.” These three virtues have guided me during my days on this earth: ? A faith that draws me daily to admit my inadequacies and to ask for the grace to live a life worthy of His calling ? A hope that continuously compels me to be a stronger person, a brighter light, a better writer ? A deep and abiding love for God, my family, my friends I have tried to express these virtues in the poems I share with you here. The majority of my poems do not rhyme. Instead, I like to build a rhythm in my writing by how I break each line in a verse so that your eye is constantly yearning for the next word. For something different, I have included two examples—escape and Lovers and Other Strangers—of concrete poetry, a form developed in the 1950s in which the physical shape of the words on the page adds as much meaning to the poem as the words themselves. And with a nod to my Bachelor’s degree in Russian, I also give you ? ?????????? ??????????????, with its translation on the following page. I recently took one of those online quizzes about “what type of writer are you?” My results said that, “You write because you feel a deeper calling to the work, and because you want to explore the soul element of life. You’re not shy of adding a moral to the story and most want to reach readers who will understand your unique view on life. Writing is more than just putting words on paper for you—it is a written prayer.” And to that I can say only, “Amen.”

Perfect to entertain kids over the Easter break, this pocket-sized coloring book is filled with decorative eggs, spring flowers, fluffy bunnies, chicks and other cute animals. With a pretty foiled cover, I Heart Easter is sure to be an egg-citing gift.

This author appreciates writing poetry, novels, childrens stories; the performing arts; and music of many genres. She was raised on gospel and country music played on an old Victrola phonograph with a black-and-white dog staring into a gramophone on the inside of the cover. Today, this author has become enamored with and is fangirling over country a cappella music, which is relatively new. Curious about the behind the scenes activities of a successful bands life, living on the edge of temptations in todays media-frenzied world, she created a believable group running through life on unbelievable favor, spearheaded by love between a wealthy, incredibly intelligent and beautiful African-American ballerina and a super talented tenor from the deep South and their unique way of overcoming racial issues with love. Murder, sex, and drugs fuel the life and romance of these two extraordinary, opposite, characters living and excelling way above the normal expectations of life, hinting into the cosmic pluralism like no one has ever experienced before. This author spent thirty-five years in the busy, topsy-turvy support area of corporate America, starting with the FBI and ending in the legal field, before being forced to retire on disability. This is her first adult romance novel. She writes and has published poetry on poetry.com with two poems published in anthologies; she was the author and publisher of Newsletters for Boy Scout Troop and Pack 731, The Indian Creek District, and for newsletters, service bulletins, and memorial programs for two churches. The author is a widow who lives in Waldorf, Maryland, with her son, daughter-law, grandson, and

grandpup, Toli.

Shirley's writing comes from a place of deep love for and faith in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I have often heard her say, and pray, that the Cross of Christ is at the center of all that God has done for us. The Cross must also be at the center of our lives, our families, our churches, our nation, and our world. The Cross is at the center of our Lenten journey of faith. In this book of devotions Shirley uses scripture, song, photos, wise words, and prayer to bring us to the foot of the Cross. She reminds us of our sin, which made the Cross necessary. She writes of God's love for us, which made the Cross possible. She urges us to come to the Cross and receive the forgiveness that is offered there. She leads us to rejoice in the new life that is ours because Jesus conquered sin on the Cross and conquered death as He rose from the grave. I join Shirley in praying that this book will bring glory to God. May it find its way into the hands of those who don't yet know Jesus, and be used by the Holy Spirit to show them the Cross which leads to life; May it bless those who do know Jesus, helping them to draw closer to Him through the Lenten season, the season of the Cross. May the Holy Spirit lead you to the Cross and perform God's renewing work in you as you read this. -

Rev. Judy Humphrey-Fox, elder, Upper New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, pastor, Amsterdam United Methodist Church and Restoration Ministries, Bilingual, Spanish/English, Amsterdam, NY. Our family thoroughly enjoyed Shirley's hope-filled devotions. Her themes of trust in Jesus and the importance of sharing the Good News with others resonate for those of us striving to do both, but sometimes faltering. This volume is incredibly helpful to those seeking to move through Lent and Easter with a sense of purpose and intentionality. We particularly enjoyed the language of the prayers – spirit filled and from the heart. Shirley has presented us with an opportunity to reflect on our place in the grand scheme of God's saving work in the world. She invites us to claim all the rich blessings that life in Christ has to offer. - The Rev. Brooke Newell, elder, Upper New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, pastor, Queensbury United Methodist Church, Queensbury, New York.

More than 100 inspiring recipes and crafts to cook, bake, and create during that precious hour known as naptime. Every parent knows how magical naptime is-that blissful hour when the house is quiet and you actually have a few moments to yourself. Now Jamielyn Nye, founder of the popular blog IHeartNaptime.net and mother of three, is making naptime even more delicious with her highly anticipated first cookbook. With millions of visitors a month, I Heart Naptime has become a favorite online destination for readers who can't get enough of Nye's easy, kid-pleasing recipes and adorable crafts. From Fluffy Buttermilk Biscuits to BLT Salad with Homemade Buttermilk Ranch Dressing, One-Pot Cheesy Bacon and Chive Macaroni, and Cookies 'n' Cream Cupcakes, THE I HEART NAPTIME COOKBOOK features more than 100 recipes that have you covered for any meal, snack, or sweet craving-and many will even inspire your kids to help in the kitchen! In addition to recipes, Nye's charming crafts like DIY plates, napkins, and aprons transform any meal into a celebration and makes it easy to give the perfect gift, from a basket of homemade toffee to birthday cupcakes. An indispensable resource for home cooks and busy parents, THE I HEART NAPTIME COOKBOOK will make it easy to answer that age-old question, "What's for dinner?"

Offers young readers a holiday gift book with padded cover, gold edges, and detailed artwork filled with ten poems about Easter

starring the Holly Pond Hill gang.

It was through tear-filled eyes that I read this book, captivated and encouraged by the scriptures and stories that John Telman shares throughout it. Easter Unwrapped is a powerful encouragement to believers, a powerful tool for those who are wavering in their faith, and an anointed witness to those who don't know Jesus and the power of His Resurrection! After reading this book, I can't imagine anyone ever doubting God's love for them. Millie Gray, Kansas City police officer, and Sergeant in the United States Air Force Life is so much more than merely the physical. You are more than a body. When life hits you between the eyes, when you feel the darkness of death around you, when you're faced with trouble that drains the life out of you, remember Resurrection Sunday. Easter Unwrapped presents eleven insights into just how significant the resurrection of Jesus is to everyone. Easter is the day that changed everything, and it's more than chocolate and bunny rabbits. It's about life.

Are you looking for a way to teach your child about Holy Week and Easter? What if your child could receive and read his or her own personal mail from God? Easter Love Letters from God will invite them to do just that! With 7 beautifully illustrated Bible stories, every story is accompanied by a special Bible verse and encouraging letter. Easter Love Letters from God is part of the Love Letters from God series written by Glenys Nellist. Unique features include: 7 letters from God that speak directly to your child, making the biblical message real to them Gorgeous, bright illustrations by Sophie Allsopp The wonderous stories leading up to Jesus's resurrection on Easter Sunday This picture book is perfect for ages 4-8 and is great as an addition to your child's home library. Check out other titles from this series: Love Letters from God, Love Letters from God: Bible Stories for a Girl's Heart, and Christmas Love Letters from God: Bible Stories.

Unicorn Coloring Book has a beautiful collection of 50 unicorns. This children's coloring book is full of happy, smiling, beautiful unicorns. Designs range in complexity and details from beginner to advanced level. For girls of all ages the perfect way to aid relaxation, relieve stress and discover your inner-artist and makes the perfect gift for the little girls in your life and best kids coloring books for girls The coloring is fun for kids and has lots of benefits including: -Improves fine motor skills -Prepares children for school -Contributes to better handwriting -Color awareness and recognition -Improves focus and hand-eye coordination -And help your child step away from the computer, television set or the tablet she's attached to Help her express her creativity while enjoying herself as she colors these beautiful, calming and inspiring pictures books This entertaining unicorn book would provide hours of stress relief through creative expressions. -All pictures are on large 8.5 x 11 -Single sided pages to prevent bleed through of markings and color -With a matte cover to finish Please note: This is not an adult coloring book and the style is that of an ordinary child's coloring book. Hope your child likes this book! Buy Now, Start Coloring, and Relax

No one goes to the desert for forty days without expecting to find someone or something there. Christians, by their very nature, are seekers. We look for direction, we look for fulfillment, and we look for others who want to walk the road with us. We knock on the doors of the Desert Fathers and Mothers, seeking shelter and wisdom. Embracing the Sacred Season is a guide in this search, at the center of which we hope to find God. What happens when the door is opened, and we know that we are in the presence of God? These unique reflections for the entire seasons of both Lent and Easter, based on Scripture readings, are direct, and help us take an honest look at our relationship with God. Each is followed up by reflection questions and a prayer. Let Janis Yaekel take you on a spiritual dance with God, as you embrace the sacred season.

This is a daily devotional book for women written by a woman. However, this is a book that men could read and find very insightful and refreshing. Although the main contributor is not a world renowned author her writing is based on her spiritual experiences and calls on the life lessons of her family and friends. This is an authentic piece of work that should garner mainly positive feedback because it is embedded in biblical stories. It is like an anthology of bible stories and human experiences. Give this book as a gift to a friend and they will certainly thank you for it.

This Little White Book is meant to help you enjoy six minutes a day in prayer during these next 50 days of the Easter season. The key is the right-hand page. On that page each day (except Sundays) we'll look at the Gospel passages assigned for the weekday Mass, and suggest some reflections.

"There could be no better title for a book by Sheri Easter than Hear My Heart. For more than twenty years Bill and I have had the privilege of watching this lady's heart guide her through both the painful and joyful places that inevitably come with life, parenthood, traveling, aging parents and physical battles. She has allowed Christ do in her life what He longs to do in all our lives. She has allowed Him to define and refine her heart at every turn. We are so pleased that the world now has a chance to hear from her beautiful heart." Gloria Gaither
Hear My Heart is a collection of writings from singer-songwriter, Sheri Easter. Sometimes in life words seem superficial, shallow and empty. We struggle to put our feelings into words that convey an honest representation of the heart. By embracing the quiet moments, we hear what our heart cries in the darkness of a loved one's death, a battle with breast cancer or caring for an aging parent suffering from Parkinson's disease. We hear the shouts of triumph of wedding bells, anniversaries, and the celebrations of life. We hear the heart. Sheri is a wife and mother of three children. She is a two-time Grammy nominated gospel artist, winner of six Dove Awards, and breast cancer survivor. She and her husband, Jeff, both come from acclaimed musical families and have traveled and sang over 26 years now as a couple. Sheri has a Masters in Business Leadership and resides in her hometown of Lincolnton, Georgia.

What would it have been like to be present on Easter Day? This sweet board book helps children imagine just that. As the young narrators consider various perspectives on the Resurrection--from a little bee buzzing with excitement to a bunny hopping in delight to the sun shining happily down on the newly-resurrected Jesus--children will be able to feel the infectious joy of the first Easter morning. Charmingly illustrated, this book is a great way to introduce children to the good news of Easter.

This heart-tingling keepsake book for granddaughters is filled with words of love and affection for a granddaughter who is so precious in the eyes of her grandparents. Best-selling artist and writer Suzy Toronto's words of wisdom and support make this a book your granddaughter will want to read time and again, reminding her that there is nothing she can't accomplish. Suzy's bright and quirky illustrations add to the charm of this enchanting collection that will let your granddaughter know she is absolutely, positively, over-the-top amazing.

Tell your egg-stra special little peep that they make you very hoppy with this ponderful book! Filled with adorable illustrations, a heartfelt message, and charming puns all ages can enjoy, *Somebunny Loves You* is a sweet story families will love to read and share together. Put some spring in your step with this board book and shower love on your little one. It's an egg-straordinary way to celebrate Easter and springtime! The perfect gift for: Babies and toddlers ages 0-3. Made just for their little hands! Easter basket Springtime Farm lovers Baby showers Birthdays and more! Somebunny loves you. Psst... that bunny is me! You're my favorite peep. You fill my heart with glee.

Eight years ago, the sexy and thugged out Mr. Jarvis Banks was sentenced to five years in prison, leaving behind his girl, Shonte Howard. What Shonte and Jarvis shared was that real, ghetto love, and everybody hoped for a relationship that the two of them shared. But everything that glitters isn't gold. While from the outside looking in, the two may have had the best relationship, but boy if Jarvis wasn't taking advantage of Shonte's heart. So, what happens when Jarvis Banks is finally released from prison and comes home to see that the love of his life is now engaged? Jarvis is a man who is used to getting what he wants, so he will stop at nothing to get his girl back. While he's fighting to get her, Shonte is holding back a secret from Jarvis that could be detrimental to both of them. Come take a ride with this Miami couple and find out if Mr. Banks is able to put that move on Shonte's heart.

Escape with best friends Angela and Jenny to the balmy beaches of Hawaii in this hilarious, heartwarming romantic comedy.

This Easter season, examine the lives of women who intersected the life of Jesus. By taking time to examine the footsteps of Jesus, focus on His teaching, and watch His words in action, this resource is a celebration of Christ's amazing love in the form of an eight-week Bible study for women.

His Unexpected Family After a heartbreaking tragedy, youth pastor Jesse Parker stopped believing he had anything to offer kids. Working with the boys at Wranglers Ranch, he's slowly beginning to trust himself. And when he meets widow Maddie McGregor and her young autistic son, his connection with little Noah and his pretty mom is instant. Maddie's heart is as guarded as his own, but as he spends time with the McGregors—helping Maddie in his gran's quilt shop, caring for rescued puppies, and bringing mother and son closer together—he rediscovers his purpose...including an Easter holiday surprise of renewed faith and love.

EASTER NOW In the last day, God said, I will pour out my Spirit On All People Your sons and daughters will prophesy, you're young men shall see visions, your old men will dream (Acts 2:17) **DREAMS** This book contains God breathed poems, specifically written to saturate the mind of each child when read repetitiously. God is doing a new thing "Now" He has devised a plan to ensure that our sons and daughters receive a reality revelation of what Jesus Christ dying on the cross, did for them to reach their goals; live their dreams; be in good health and relieved from fear clothed in their right mind- **NOW!**

Gathers stories that capture the meaning and spirit of Easter and depict cases of faith fulfilled and hopes realized

"A rhyming picture book about the loving parent-child relationship in animal and human families"--

Hoppi the bunny wants to win the egg-decorating contest so the Easter Bunny will choose him to help distribute Easter eggs, but instead, while everyone else is working on their decorations, he finds himself guarding an egg that has fallen from a robin's nest. Everyone has a story to tell. *A Mom After God's Own Heart*, is a collection of stories through one mom's journey to instill Godly character in her five children. Through marriage and divorce, to being a single mom, it reveals the heartbreak, humor and the naked truth about what it means to be a mom after God's own heart. Motherhood can push us to our limits; stretch us to our breaking point, and if we allow it, it can make us grow. As moms we are called to share our struggles and our triumphs with other moms. We have this great opportunity to offer comfort and hope, and to say, "God is faithful!" God is not looking for perfect moms. He is looking for moms with a heart for Him. Whether you're a mom chasing after God, or exhausted by the constant demands of motherhood, this book will encourage and inspire you by opening your eyes to see how God can change everything.

When photographer Ken Garda flies to Montana to photograph a celebrity wedding, he has no expectation that his heart—and his life—will turn upside down. But when he meets the videographer assigned to assist him, Ken develops a keen interest that goes well beyond photography. Assistant Matt Flowers welcomes the flirtation, but he—like Ken—is unprepared for the depth of feeling he's about to experience. *AN EASTER MIRACLE* welcomes back the cast of characters from *A BUCKSKIN CHRISTMAS*. So if you fell in love with Dan and Caleb, Dan's parents Elaine and Richard, and the colorful cast of *GLITZ Magazine*, you'll be delighted to watch them help Ken and Matt along on their journey. First-time readers will love meeting the whole crew as they navigate their way through life and relationships, career and commitment. *AN EASTER MIRACLE* is about healing from the wounds of the past in order to move forward. And most of all, it's about the redemptive power of love.

From the beloved creator of *I Heart Recipes* and home cook Rosie Mayes comes a cookbook chock-full of soul food favorites. Learn to cook comfort food the way Mom used to! Here Rosie shares all the secrets of southern classics like fried chicken, mashed potatoes, collard greens, and mac & cheese, plus soulful twists like Sweet Potato Biscuits and Fried Ribs. Authentic, approachable, and mouthwatering, these recipes use easy-to-find ingredients. Perfect for Sunday suppers and other celebrations as well as everyday favorites, these recipes are love on a plate! Organized by meal, the cookbook starts with stick-to-your-ribs breakfast favorites like Blueberry Cornbread Waffles and Shrimp, and Andouille Sausage and Grits, plus plenty of main dishes and sides like Smothered Chicken, Oxtail Stew, Baked Candied Yams, Soul Food Collard Greens, and Sweet Cornbread. Don't forget drinks and desserts like Peach Cobbler, Pralines, and Sweet Iced Tea! Includes 100+ recipes, including 30 fan favorites and 70 never-before-seen recipes, and 90 photographs.

An injured goose rescued by Babushka, having broken the painted eggs intended for the Easter Festival in Moscva, lays thirteen marvelously colored eggs to replace them, then leaves behind one final miracle in egg form before returning to her own kind.

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