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Taking an unconventional approach to autobiographical writing, this work serves as a double memoir, told in dialogue between a mother and a daughter. The conversation takes place in a medieval town high up in the Italian mountains, as the author, a Canadian writer, draws out her mother's childhood memories of life in southern Italy at the beginning of the 20th century. As they re-create that vanished world, the pair also finds greater understanding of the tumultuous relationships that sometimes exist between immigrant mothers and their children.

When Bowser the Hound gets lost in the Green Forest, Blacky the Crow and other animals decide to help him.

When a deep winter snow carpets the Green Forest and nearby meadow, Granny Fox and Reddy have some disagreements on how best to find some food. But Granny - with her years of experience - wins out over Reddy and teaches him quite a bit about patience, common sense, and resourcefulness.

"Farm life in central Michigan." Cf. Hanna, A. Mirror for the nation.

Annulosa. [By W. E. Leach. Extracted from vol. 1 of the Supplement to the Encyclopædia Britannica.]Italy RevisitedConversations with My MotherGuernica Editions

Emily Riddle has lived her entire life inside a patriarchal commune led by her father. There are many rules, but the most important one, 'keep it in the commune', is the most difficult for her to follow... especially since the only people willing to champion her cause live on the outside. When Emily learns her father has promised her to Lorenzo, a perverted man who has plans for her that extend well beyond marriage and kids, she rebels. Regardless of the consequences, she refuses to marry someone who'd rather beat her than caress her. A day of hooky that starts out as a tiny act of defiance - sneaking out of the commune for a swim - turns into a day filled with hope. After spending time with Levi, a man camping near the lake, she finds what true romance looks like and catches a glimpse into a future that's filled with love and admiration rather than hate and submission. That tiny peek is enough to change the course of Emily's existence and makes it nearly impossible for her to go back to the commune and pretend she'll ever be able to tolerate the life chosen for her instead of the life she longs for. One that includes Levi. Fighting to escape the commune, its leaders, and her fiance proves to be more dangerous than Emily expected. The secrets she knows, as the leader's daughter, will either follow her to the grave or send her - and Levi - there.

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