

# off the shelf

## **Wild Lives: A History of the People and Animals of the Bronx Zoo**

By Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld '76  
Knopf

Kathleen Zoehfeld tells the story of the Bronx Zoo, from its opening in 1899 with two small, bedraggled prairie dogs to its current efforts in conservation and education. Along with information on the zoo, she discusses the ethics of removing animals from their habitats for public display and ongoing threats to the habitats of many species. She presents personal stories, beliefs, and significant individuals in the zoo's history. With

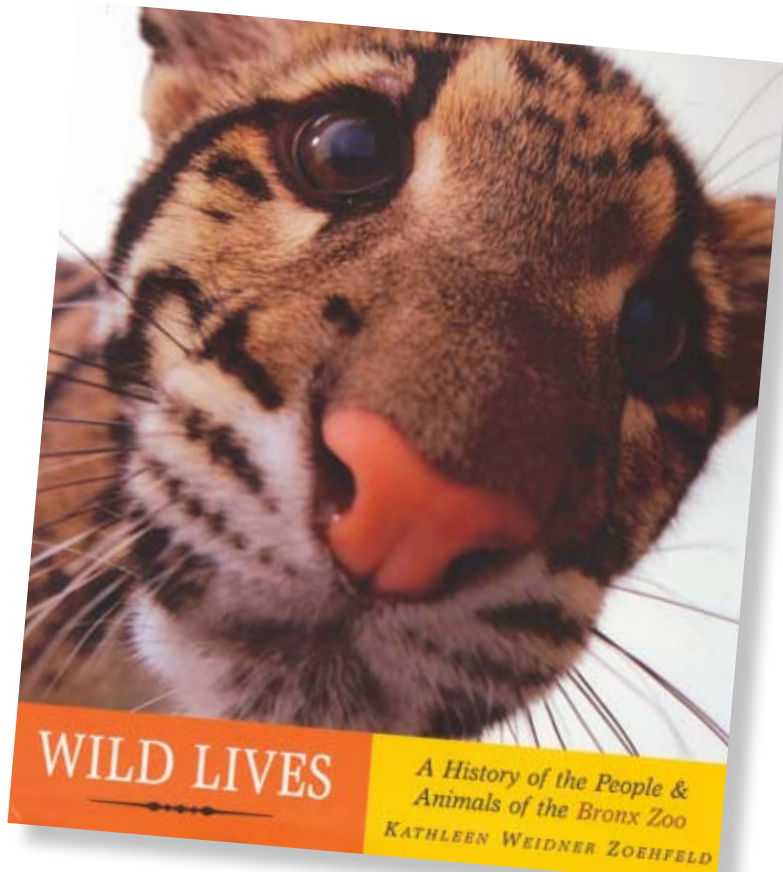
engaging animal photos and lively anecdotes, *Wild Lives* takes readers through a century of zookeeping at one of the most-beloved zoos in the world, and shares what zoologists have learned over the years about keeping wild animals.

*Kathleen Zoehfeld was an editor of children's books for more than ten years before becoming a full-time writer. She has published more than forty books for children, most of them about animals and natural history. She lives in Berkeley, California.*

## **One Shaker Life: Isaac Newton Youngs, 1793–1865**

By Glendyne R. Wergland FP'92  
University of Massachusetts Press

*One Shaker Life* provides an inside look at the life of a member of the United Society of Believers, better known as the Shakers. He spent most of his life in New Lebanon, New York, home of the society's central ministry. Youngs was a private diarist and official village scribe who kept meticulous records of his own experience and that of

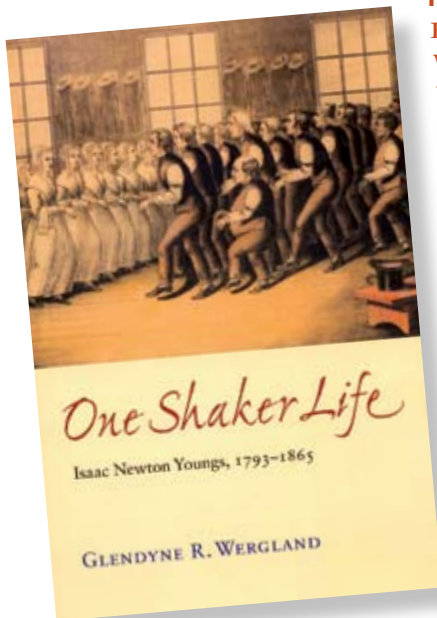


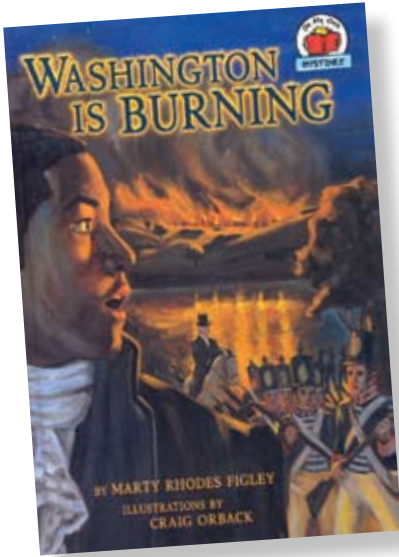
the community. More than 4,000 pages of his journals have survived, documenting the history of the Shakers during this period and offering a revealing look at the daily life of a Believer. Wergland has written a deeply researched biography that is a complex portrait of an ordinary man.

*Glendyne Beemer Wergland is an independent scholar who earned her PhD in U.S. history at the University of Massachusetts in 2001. She lives with her husband in Dalton, Massachusetts.*

## **The Business of Child Care: Management and Financial Strategies** By Gail Jack '66 Thomson: Delmar Learning

This guide focuses on the business skills most needed by owners and administrators of child-care facilities. Aimed at helping these folks manage their human and financial resources, the book details the most successful approaches to managing enrollment, staff recruitment and retention, budgets, financial record keeping, and more.





Written by a veteran child-care administrator who holds an MBA and has over twelve years of experience as an early childhood administrator, the material is presented in a straightforward manner with charts and illustrations throughout. The accompanying CD-ROM with financial spreadsheets makes it easy to establish a successful business administration system for a child-care center. *Gail Hamnsen Jack is the owner of Good Sense Consulting and holds an MBA from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business.*

**Washington Is Burning**  
 By Marty Rhodes Figley  
 FP'03; illustrated by  
 Craig Orback  
 Millbrook Press

Marty Rhodes Figley's new children's book tells the story of the burning of Washington during the War of 1812 from the viewpoint of Paul Jennings, a fifteen-year-old slave and the personal valet of president James Madison. The narrative follows Jennings and Madison's wife Dolley as they pack up the White House—saving a portrait of George Washington—before

fleeing the city. Jennings later wrote the first White House memoir. *Marty Rhodes Figley is the author of several children's books, including Saving the Liberty Bell. She lives near Washington, D.C.*

**Woman Without Background Music**  
 By Delia Dominguez,  
 translated by Roberta  
 Gordenstein '66  
 White Pine Press

Delia Dominguez, one of Chile's most important poets, has made her country her language. Born in 1931, she has lived her entire life in the south of Chile, most recently on a farm in Tacamó, from which she writes poetry based on the landscape surrounding her. Her poetry recounts stories anchored to the roots of fables but at the same time tied to what moves us as human beings. Hers is also a voice in search of collective social justice. In this first English-language translation of her work, we see a poet amazed by her own geography, a poet relating to the best of the culture and history of the Americas. *Roberta Gordenstein has published numerous articles and reviews about Jewish and Latina writers and conducted teacher-training workshops in Eastern Europe and Central America. She is professor of Spanish at Elms College in Chicopee, Massachusetts.*

**God Is With Us: Signs in Our Lives**  
 By Joan Barbuto '53  
 AuthorHouse

*God Is With Us: Signs in Our Lives* gives evidence that there is a form of existence after death, that God sometimes intercedes in our lives,

and that miracles do happen. The evidence is based on investigations of near-death experiences and death-related visions by noted psychologists and physicians; evidence of angels, visions of the dead, and miraculous healings reported in books; apparitions of the Virgin Mary in the last two centuries, with miraculous events witnessed by many and prophecies that came true; incidents in the lives of two twenty-first-century saints, and inexplicable, seemingly miraculous, events in the lives of those the author knows.

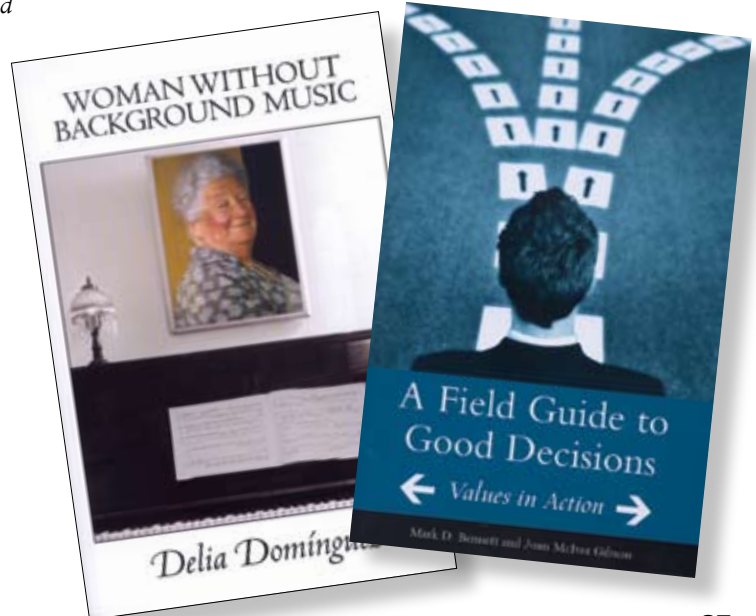
*Joan Message Barbuto is a Connecticut resident and the author of The ABCs of Parenting. She was also a reporter and feature writer for The New Haven Register.*

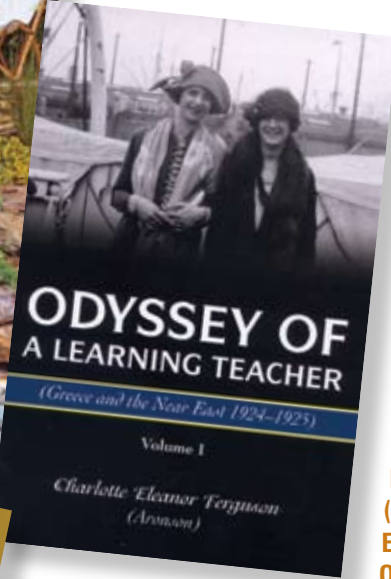
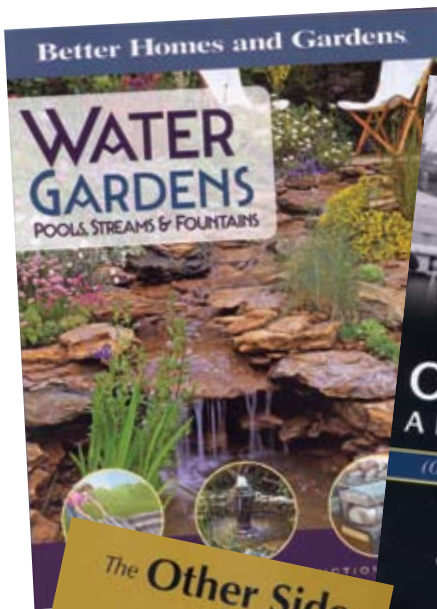
**A Field Guide to Good Decisions: Values in Action**  
 By Mark D. Bennett and  
 Joan McIver Gibson '65  
 Praeger Publishers

In *A Field Guide to Good Decisions*, the authors provide the skills to make decisions that reflect one's core values while respecting those of others. Illustrated with many

real-life examples that will resonate with readers both professionally and personally, *A Field Guide* offers practical tools and techniques for identifying individual and common goals, reaching consensus, and communicating results effectively. The authors show readers how to overcome common obstacles to good decision-making that are psychological, cultural, and organizational in nature. Ultimately, this book is about making decisions that have a powerful effect on our sense of self, our credibility in the eyes of others, and the lives of those touched by the choices we make. *Joan McIver Gibson is a philosopher and consultant in applied ethics, bioethics, and decision-making and has worked for thirty years in health care, education, and research.*

**The Other Side of Sorrow: Poets Speak Out About Conflict, War, and Peace**  
 Edited by Patricia  
 Frisella '72  
 Poetry Society of  
 New Hampshire  
*The Other Side of Sorrow* is the result of a series of





community poetry readings focusing on the war in Iraq. Frisella spent a year tracking down poems heard at the readings and raising funds for the project. Some contributors are well known, such as Pulitzer-Prize winner Maxine Kumin and state poets laureate past and present. Some are veterans of wars from World War II through the Iraq War. Some do not consider themselves poets, but find poetry the best medium through which to convey their thoughts on the topic. *The Other Side of Sorrow* is not intended to be a polemic against war, but views a world in conflict through the eyes of a poet. *Patricia Frisella has won prizes for her short stories,*

*essays, and poems, most recently the Anthony Piccione Memorial Poets for Peace Award. Her work has been published in various literary journals and anthologies. She lives in New Hampshire.*

**What Love Means to You People**  
By NancyKay Shapiro '83  
Thomas Dunne Books

Once safely out of Nebraska, Seth McKenna does everything he can to erase from memory his oppressive hometown and abusive childhood, leaving his sister Cassie behind to fend for herself. Seth is making a new life for himself as an artist in New York when he falls hard for an alluring older man who is astonished to find in Seth the second love of his life. The couple's relationship is complicated by Cassie's unexpected arrival with significant secrets and plans of her own. Now Seth must confront his past and the consequences of the lies he's told to move forward with his life. A whirlwind of family drama and an emotional, sexy love story, *What Love Means to*

*You People* is rich with the atmosphere of New York and a cast of irresistible characters.

*NancyKay Shapiro has lived in New York City since graduating from Mount Holyoke, spending the past ten years in the West Village.*

**Odyssey of a Learning Teacher (Greece and the Near East 1924-1925) and Odyssey of a Learning Teacher (Europe From Toe to Top 1925-1926)**

By Charlotte Eleanor Ferguson Aronson '23  
iUniverse  
*Odyssey of a Learning Teacher*, volumes I and II, follow the travels of Charlotte Ferguson from the Near East to Norway. Along with her travel companion Helen Larrabee, Charlotte arrived in Greece in 1924, where she taught orphan refugees and then traveled to Egypt, Palestine, and Constantinople. The second volume covers their travels in Europe, including an extensive tour of Italy and a trip up the Danube River to Austria, Germany, and Scandinavia. Charlotte's son, David Aronson, compiled the handwritten letters that Charlotte sent to her parents while she was abroad into the *Odyssey* books.

*Charlotte Ferguson Aronson was born in central Pennsylvania into a family of farmers*

*and teachers. After graduation from Mount Holyoke, she worked for a year at Connecticut College and then decided to explore the world. She died in 1982.*

**Water Gardens: Pools, Streams & Fountains**  
Contributing writer: Barbara Perry Lawton '52  
Meredith Corporation

This guide tells you everything you need to know about building the perfect water garden. *Water Gardens: Pools, Streams & Fountains* offers inspirational ideas, planning and site advice, building basics, and step-by-step instructions. There are also suggestions on selecting plants and fish to enhance your water garden. The book includes many photographs of beautiful plants and water gardens. *Barbara Perry Lawton is the author of six previous books as well as the former publications manager of the Missouri Botanic Garden.*

