

# THE MEANINGFUL READS PROJECT

DO OUR LIBRARY SPACES REFLECT  
THE JOY OF READING?



DO OUR LIBRARIES INSPIRE THIS KIND OF JOY?

OR DO THEY LOOK A LITTLE MORE LIKE THIS?



HOW DO WE CREATE LIBRARY  
INTERIORS THAT INSPIRE  
CONNECTION?

# SECRET SAUCE:

AN UNEXPECTED VISUAL

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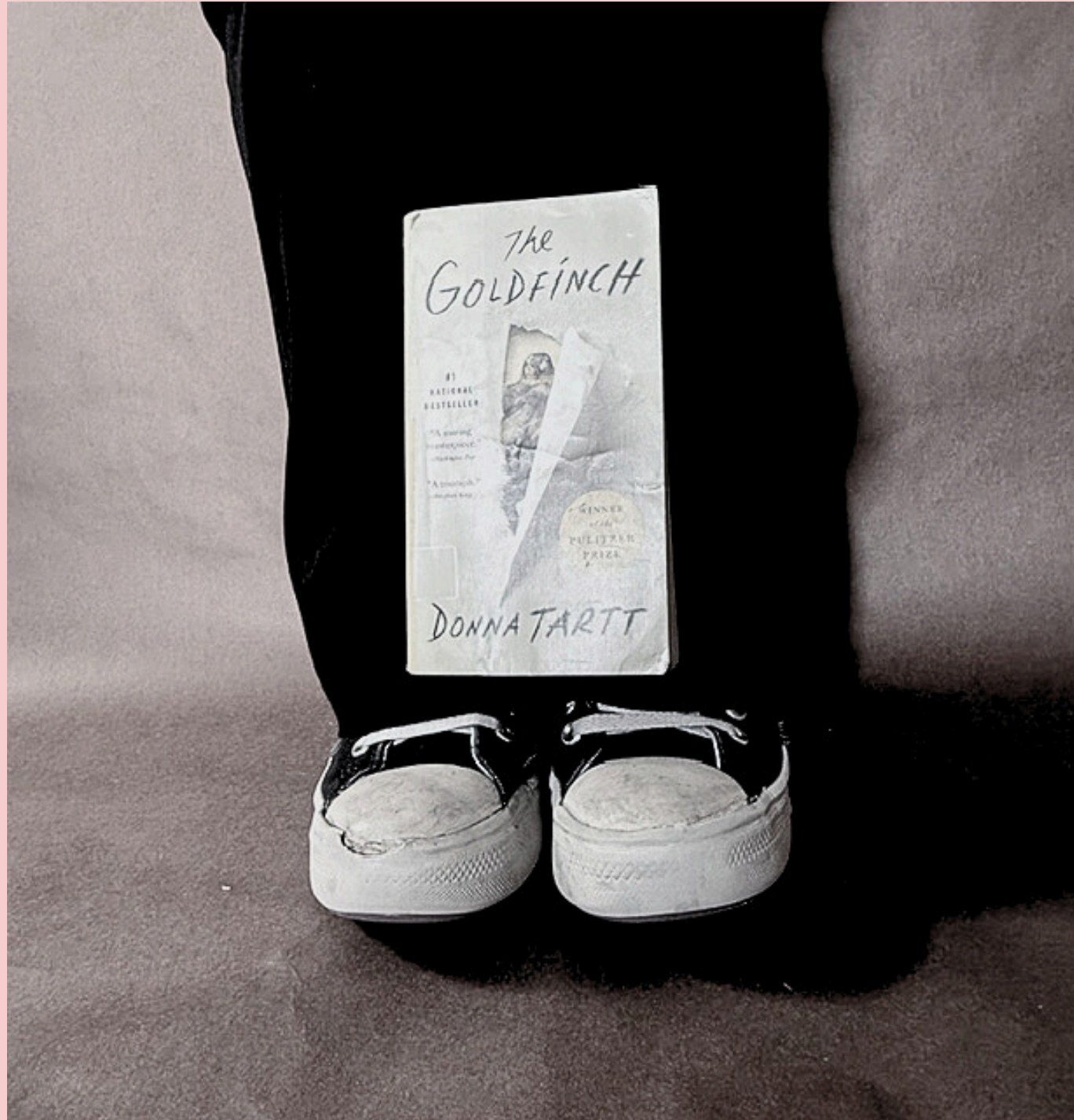
A PERSONAL TOUCH

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AN UNEXPECTED VISUAL ---- PORTRAITS OF ANONYMOUS READERS

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A PERSONAL TOUCH ---- MEANINGFUL READING RECOMMENDATIONS



"THIS BOOK IS A BEAUTIFUL  
ILLUSTRATION OF LOVE AND THE  
COMPLEX WAYS IN WHICH  
HUMANITY PROCESSES LOSS. THIS  
READ IS ONE NOT EASILY  
FORGOTTEN."

**'THE GOLDFINCH' BY DONNA TARTT**



"THIS READ CAPTURES THE SENSE OF WONDER IN THE ORDINARY THAT WE SO OFTEN LOSE AS WE GROW UP.

CATHER EVOKES THE FEELING OF NOSTALGIA AND THE WAYS IN WHICH WE ARE SHAPED BY THE PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES. I EVEN GAVE ONE OF THESE COPIES TO MY HUSBAND ON OUR FIRST DATE."

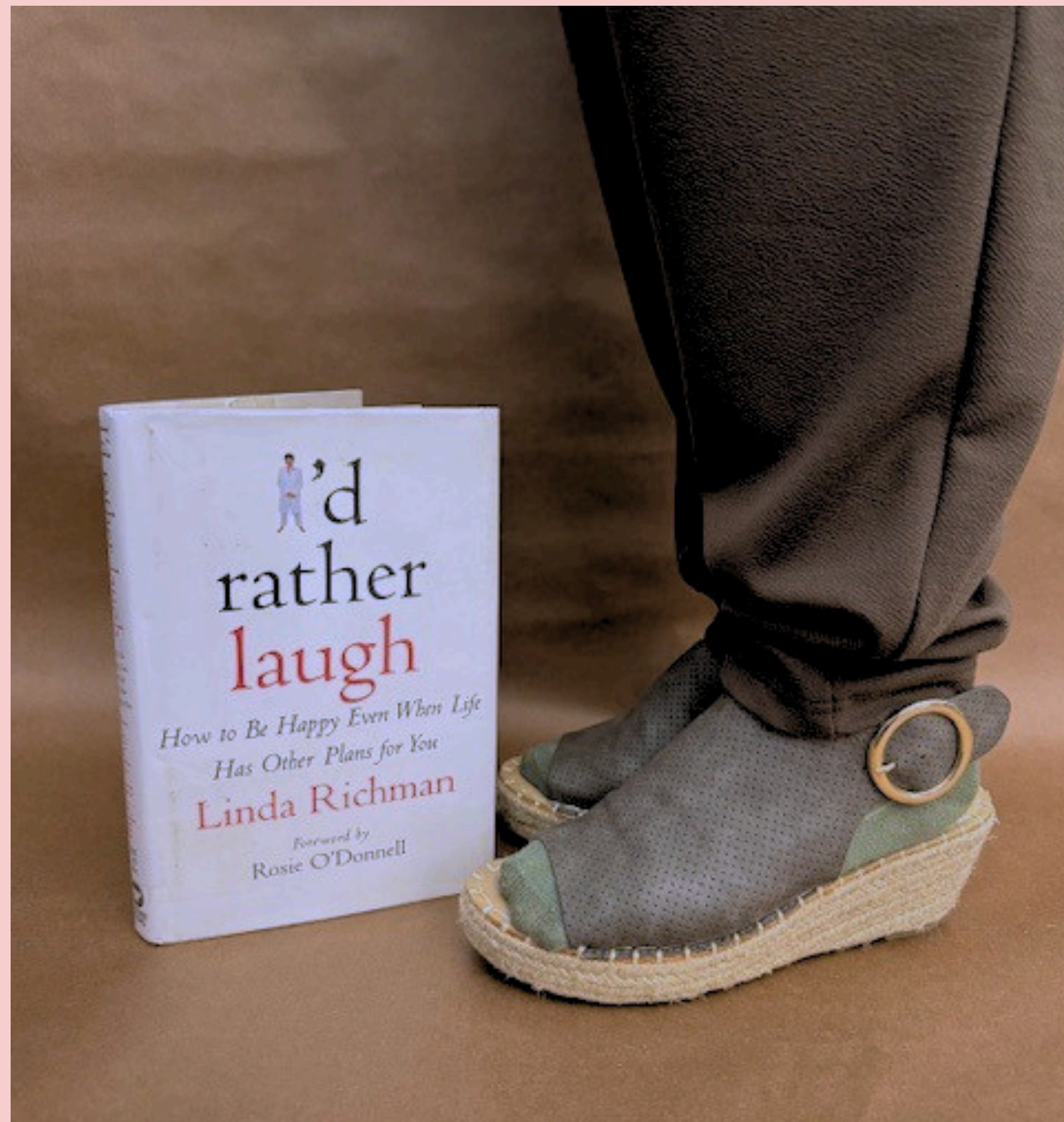
**'MY ANTONIA' BY WILLA CATHER**



"LEARNING THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE IS  
IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE MY  
HUSBAND IS FROM ITALY.

WE RETURN OFTEN TO VISIT FAMILY  
AND IT'S NICE TO UNDERSTAND  
WHAT'S GOING ON WHEN WE'RE  
THERE."

**'LEARN ITALIAN THE FAST & FUN WAY' BY MARCEL DANESI**



"WHEN MY SON PASSED AWAY I FELT I  
WOULD NEVER LAUGH AGAIN.  
THIS BOOK HELPED ME REALIZE THAT  
I CAN KEEP WALKING, TALKING,  
BREATHING AND YES, ACTUALLY  
LAUGHING AND STILL KEEP MY GRIEF  
AND MY SON CLOSE IN MY HEART."

**'I'D RATHER LAUGH (HOW TO BE HAPPY WHEN LIFE HAS OTHER PLANS FOR YOU)'  
BY LINDA RICHMAN**



"A WONDERFUL STORY ABOUT  
NAVIGATING TRAUMA.

HOW POVERTY SOMETIMES LEADS  
PEOPLE TO MAKE QUESTIONABLE  
CHOICES, BUT THEY STILL DESERVE  
LOVE AND REDEMPTION."

**‘LITTLE THIEVES’    ‘PAINTED DEVILS’    ‘HOLY TERRORS’**

**BY MARGARET OWEN**



"THIS FIELD GUIDE MEANS A LOT TO ME BECAUSE IT HELPED ME FALL IN LOVE WITH NATURE. EVERY BIRD I SEE OPENS ME UP TO A WORLD OF WONDER."

**'PETERSON'S FIELD GUIDE' BY ROGER TORY PETERSON**



"I LOVE THIS SERIES BECAUSE IT  
FOLLOWS THE LIVES OF TEENS WHO  
DON'T FEEL LIKE THEY BELONG  
WHERE THEY WERE BORN, AND THE  
UNIVERSE GIVES THEM DOORS TO  
WORLDS WHERE THEY BELONG."

**'EVERY HEART A DOORWAY' THE WAYWARD CHILDREN SERIES**

**BY SEANAN MCGUIRE**



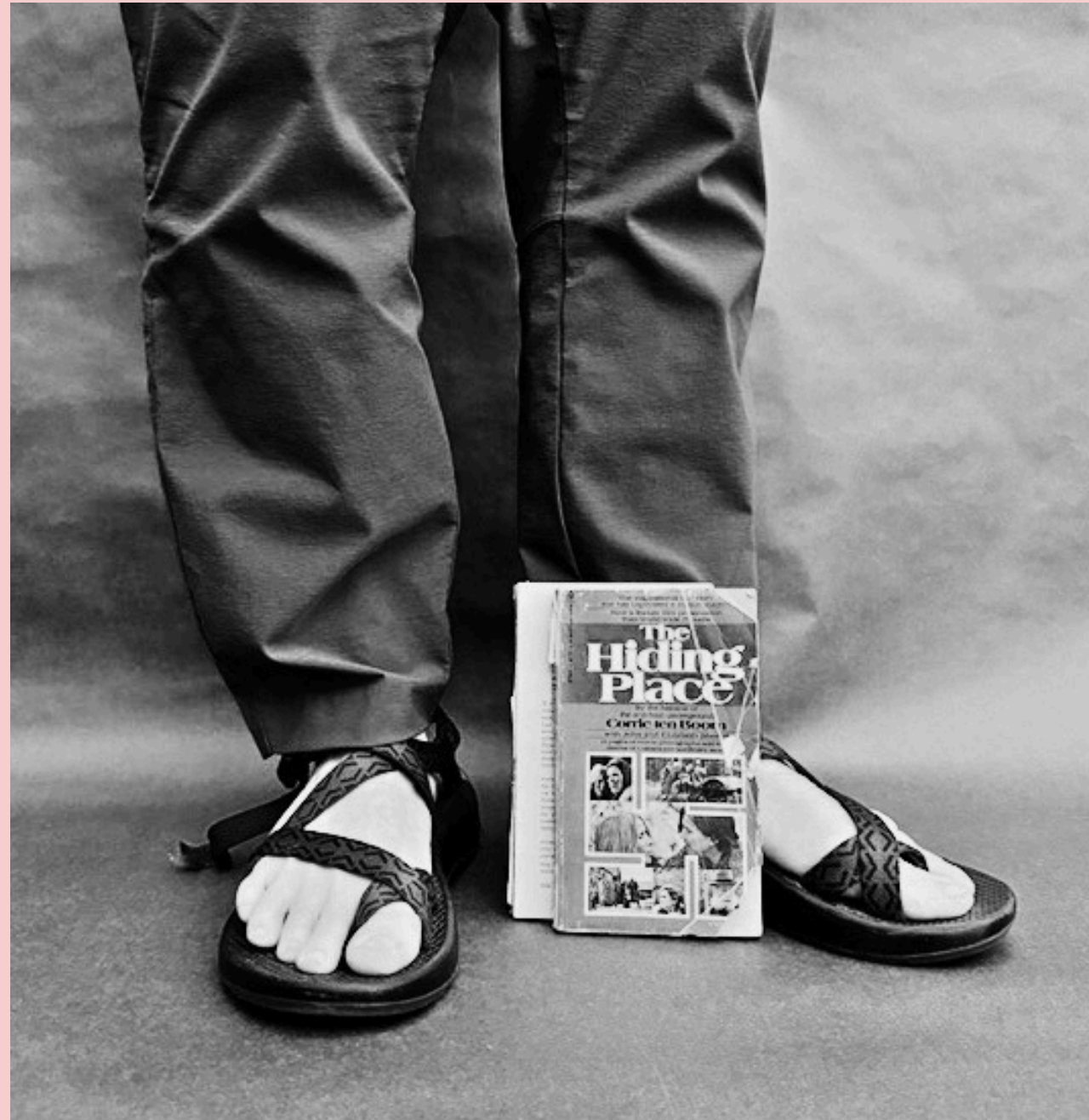
"AN AUTISTIC JOURNALIST  
DISCOVERS SHE IS AUTISTIC AS  
AN ADULT, WHICH HELPS HER  
MAKE SENSE OF WHY SHE  
EXPERIENCES LIFE SO  
DIFFERENTLY THAN OTHERS."

**‘A LITTLE LESS BROKEN: HOW AN AUTISM DIAGNOSIS FINALLY  
MADE ME WHOLE’  
BY MARIAN SCHEMBARI**



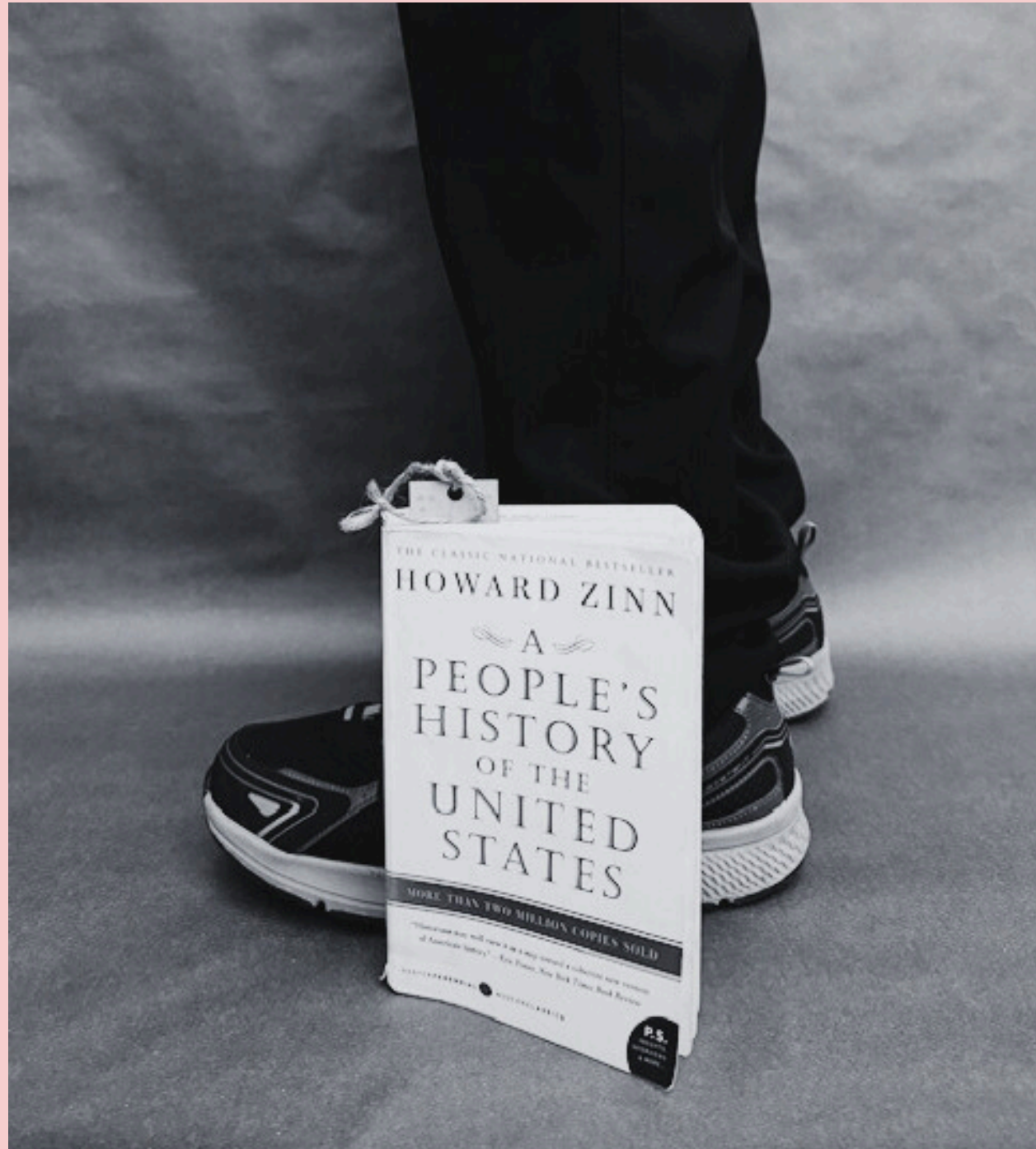
“THE SERIES WAS MY  
BIGGEST INSPIRATION FOR  
STARTING MY WRITING  
CAREER.”

**‘PERCY JACKSON’S GREEK HEROES’  
BY RICK RIORDAN**



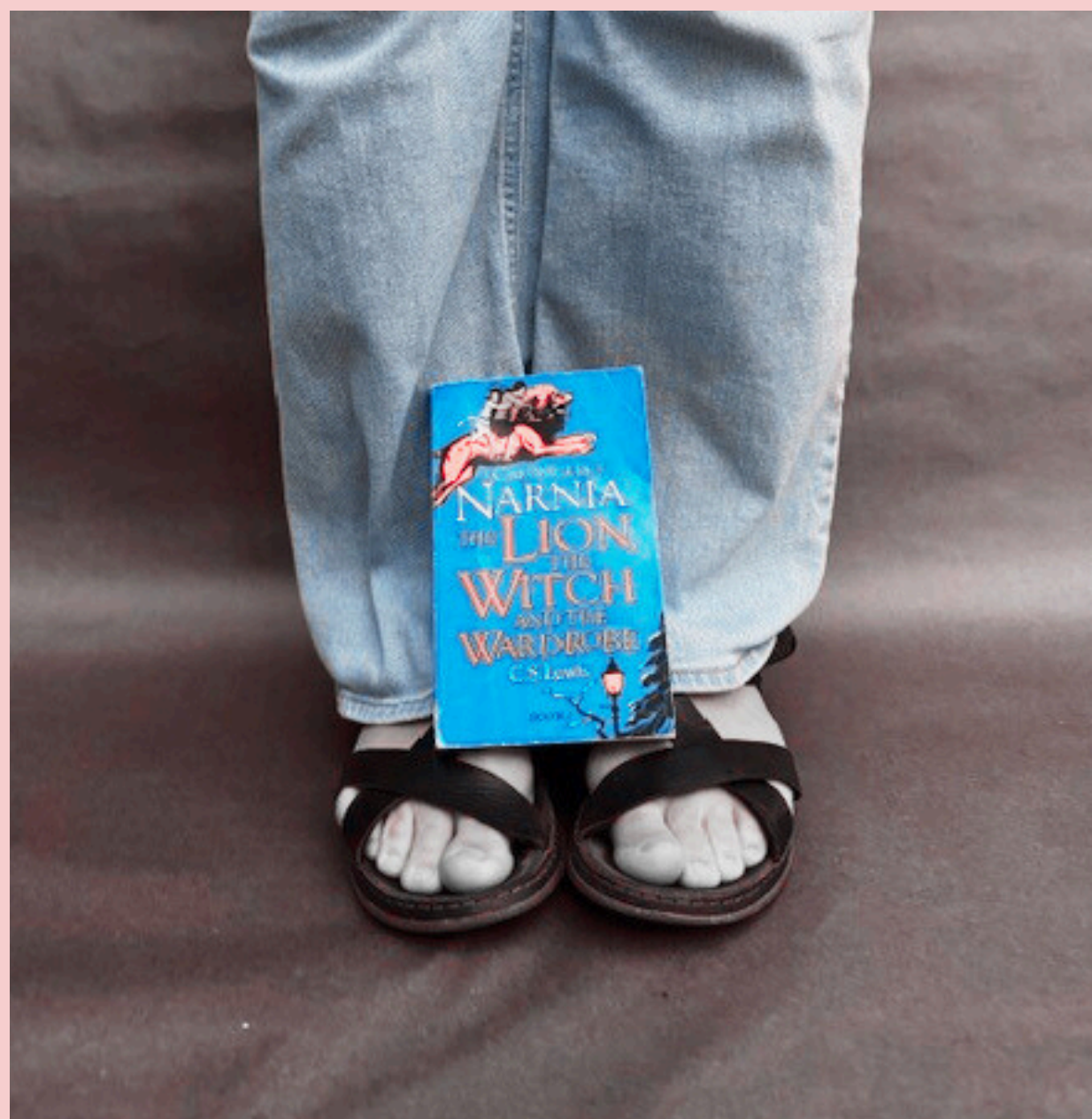
"MY MOTHER'S WELL LOVED COPY OF  
THE HIDING PLACE."

**'THE HIDING PLACE' BY CORRIE TEN BOOM**



“UNLIKE ANY OTHER U.S. HISTORY BOOK I’VE  
READ, THIS ONE IS WRITTEN FROM THE  
LAYPERSONS POINT OF VIEW.  
IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT HOW THE PEOPLE  
FELT AND REACTED TO DECISIONS MADE BY  
THOSE IN LEADERSHIP, THEN THIS BOOK  
WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH MANY DETAILS  
HERETOFORE UNKNOWN.”

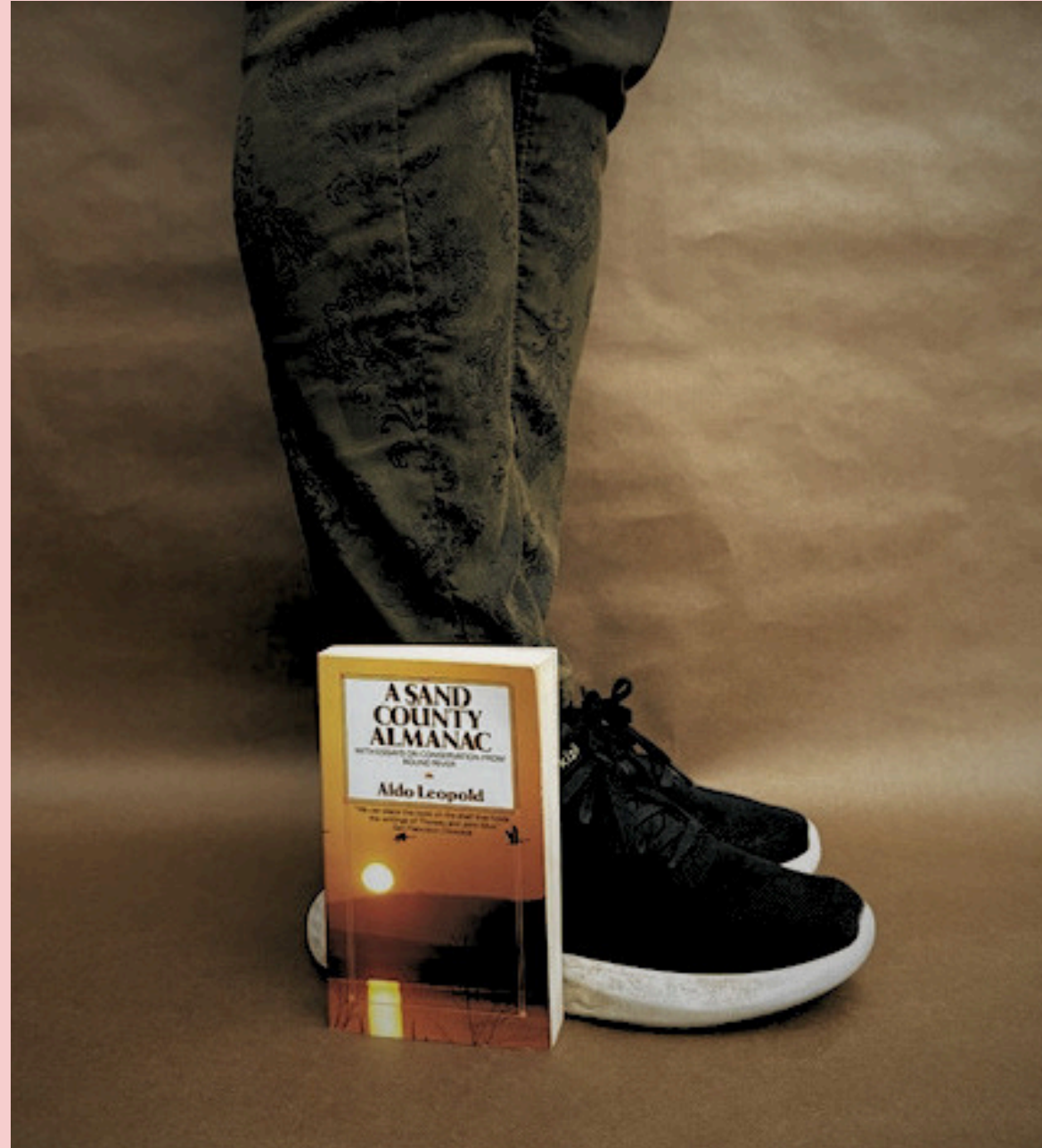
**‘A PEOPLE’S HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES’ BY HOWARD ZINN**



“THIS BOOK REMINDS ME OF COZY,  
SNOWY EVENINGS IN NEW  
ENGLAND, LISTENING TO MY MOM  
READ THE STORY ALOUD TO ME AND  
MY OLDER SISTER. OVER THE YEARS,  
I’VE HAD THE JOY OF READING THIS  
TO MY OWN CHILDREN AS WELL.”

**“THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE’**

**BY C.S. LEWIS**



“THIS BOOK IS A QUIET AND CONTEMPLATIVE  
READ, LIKE A LONG WALK THROUGH A  
GENTLE WOOD.

IT IS A TRUE LOVE LETTER TO THE NATURAL  
WORLD AND THE KIND OF PEACE THAT CAN  
ONLY BE FOUND THERE.”

**‘A SAND COUNTY ALMANAC’ BY ALDO LEOPOLD**



"A PERFECT BLEND OF ADVENTURE,  
SCIENCE FICTION, AND THE FANTASTICAL.  
A WRINKLE IN TIME IS A TIMELESS  
CLASSIC, WITH MESSAGES ABOUT  
HUMANITY, LOVE, AND THE WORLD THAT  
ARE STILL APPLICABLE TODAY."

**'A WRINKLE IN TIME' BY MADELINE L'ENGLE**



"AN INSPIRING STORY ABOUT SECOND CHANCES, NEW BEGINNINGS, AND FOUND FAMILY WRAPPED UP IN A CLASSIC TABLE TOP ROLE PLAYING GAME FANTASY SETTING."

**'LEGENDS & LATTES' BY TRAVIS BALDREE**



"A NO-NONSENSE, COMEDIC  
INTRODUCTION TO FEMINISM AND  
NAVIGATING THE WORLD AS A WOMAN.  
MY DAD GAVE ME THIS BOOK WHEN I  
WAS 15 YEARS OLD."

**'KISS MY TIARA: HOW TO RULE THE WORLD AS A SMARTMOUTH GODDESS'**  
**BY SUSAN JANE GILMAN**



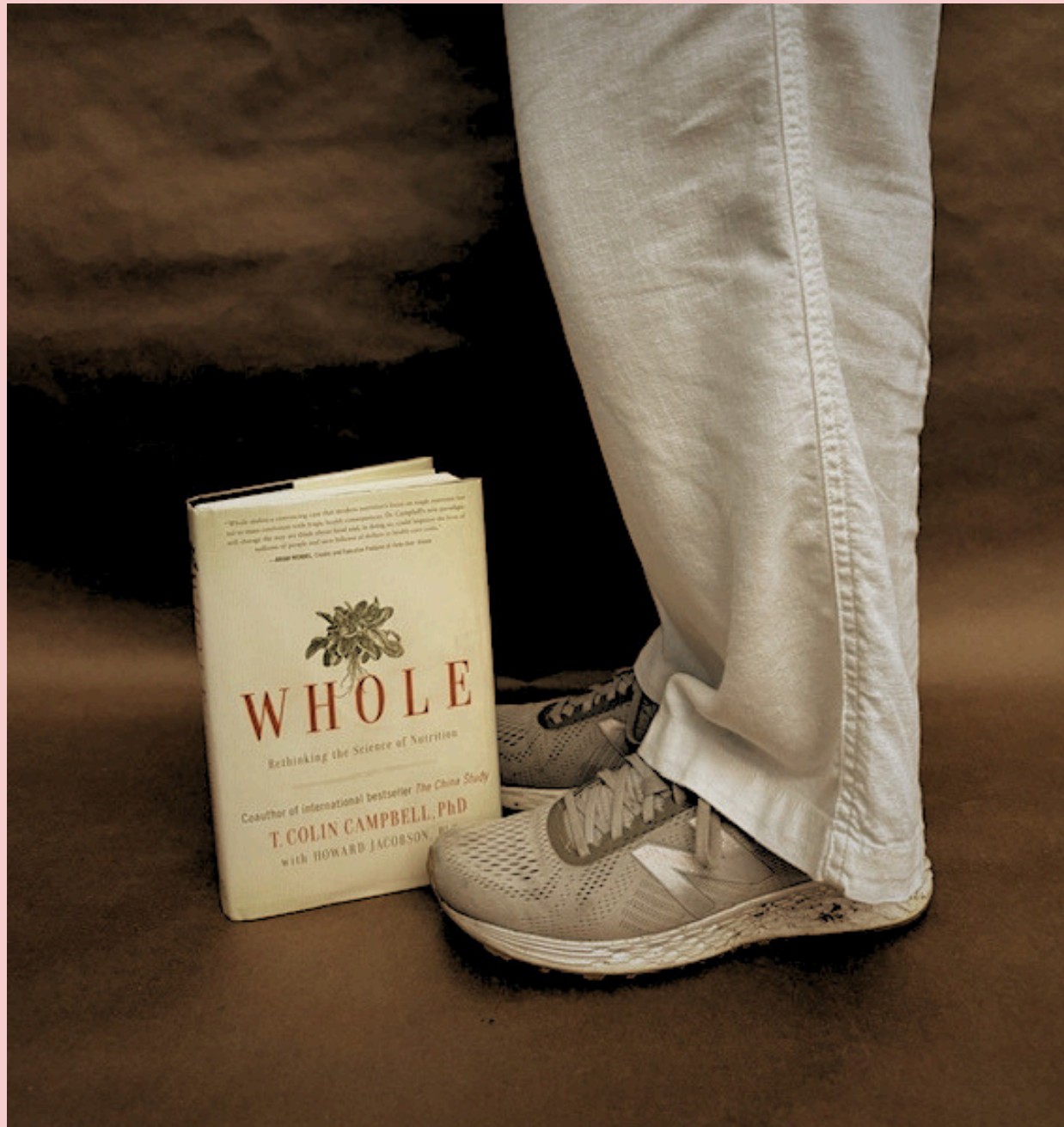
"LIFE SUCKS, THEN YOU'RE A BUG. I FOUND THIS BOOK WHEN I WAS AN ANGST-RIDDEN-ALIENATED TEEN. IT HAS ALWAYS STUCK WITH ME."

**'METAMORPHOSIS' BY FRANZ KAFKA**



"THIS BOOK CAPTURES THE  
ESSENCE THAT ONE SMALL ACT  
CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.  
YOU MATTER. WHAT YOU DO  
MATTERS. CHANGE THE WORLD  
ONE KIND ACT AT A TIME."

**'11/22/63: A NOVEL' BY STEPHEN KING**



“THE QUINTESSENTIAL BOOK ON  
NUTRITION, FOR THOSE WHO ARE  
SERIOUS ABOUT THEIR HEALTH.”

**‘WHOLE’ BY T. COLIN CAMPBELL WITH HOWARD JACOBSON**



“THIS BOOK WAS MEANINGFUL  
BECAUSE IT OFFERED ME THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND TIME WITH  
MY GRANDCHILDREN TEACHING  
THEM LOVE AND KINDNESS.”

**“THE SPIFFIEST GIANT IN TOWN’ BY JULIA DONALDSON**

What will your inspired interior look like?