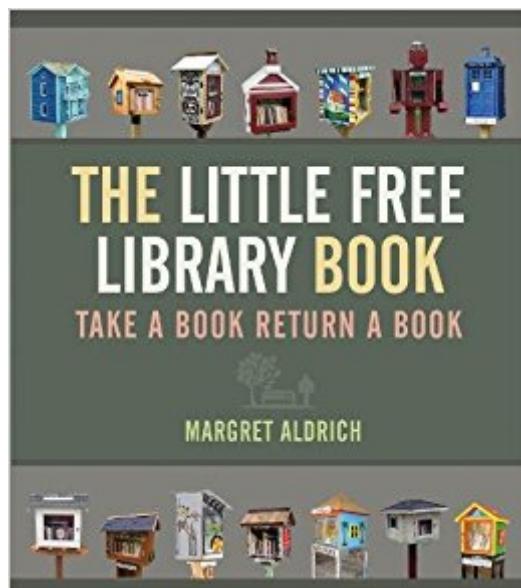


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# The Little Free Library Book (Books In Action)



## Synopsis

"The Little Free Library is a terrific example of placing books&#151;poetry included&#151;within reach of people in the course of their everyday lives. Free is always a good thing, and the project has a nice give-and-take feel to it. Here's hoping we bump into literature when we turn the next corner&#151;before we have time to resist!"&#151;Billy Collins"Take a book. Return a book." In 2009, Todd Bol built the first Little Free Library as a memorial to his mom. Five years later, this simple idea to promote literacy and encourage community has become a movement. Little Free Libraries&#151;freestanding front-yard book exchanges&#151;now number twenty thousand in seventy countries. The Little Free Library Book tells the history of these charming libraries, gathers quirky and poignant firsthand stories from owners, provides a resource guide for how to best use your Little Free Library, and delights readers with color images of the most creative and inspired LFLs around. Margaret Aldrich is a freelance writer and editor. Her articles have appeared in the Utne Reader, Experience Life!, and elsewhere. She lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with her family.

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The Little Free Library Book, a 200-page hardcover published by Minneapolis-based Coffee House Press and written by Twin Cities author Margaret Aldrich, explains the history and the philosophy of LFL creator Todd Bol, stories of stewards around the world, tips for starting and

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BEST BOOK EVER! I am a steward for a Little Free Library and was so excited when I saw this book was being published! I ordered it as soon as it was available for pre-order and from that moment on, I counted the days until I would receive it just like I count down for birthdays and Christmas! (I am willing to admit I am a "mature" (over 65) female). Actually, my family got tired of me yammering on about how great it was going to be. It more than met my expectations! It is a quality book with quality paper. The photography is wonderful! I expected it to be more of a coffee-table book with mostly pictures and I would have loved it as much if that had been the case. I was pleasantly surprised that it was more than just a coffee-table book. It is jam-packed with inspiring personal stories from other stewards, lots of "mini" pictures of other Little Free Libraries and a complete history of this fantastic Little Free Library movement. It was fun seeing what inspired others and I am in awe of the many creative Little Free Library other stewards have made. My personal library contains about 2,000 "real" books and the majority live on a shelf in my library. This one most definitely gets a place of honor in my living room. This book will put a smile on your face and will warm your heart!

This book is a compendium of little free libraries and how to make them and keep them going. Very interesting, giving information about how the idea started and what a bunch of them look like. Chapter 2 is titled, "Get Started. Launching a Little Free Library." Many testimonials about how the libraries started and how it is going. Chapter 6, "Make it Work," is a bit about the challenges that some book stewards have had. Interesting reading and inspirational!

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