

### A Few Tips for a Simple Life

by Michael Guilfoil, The Spokesman-Review

rganic farmer MaryJane Butters long ago embraced Thoreau's dictum to "simplify, simplify." As a Forest Service ranger in the 1970s, she spent two summers roaming Utah's Uinta Mountains with her home on her back. Later, she maintained the most remote wilderness ranger station in the Lower 48. Today, Butters and her family live eight miles outside Moscow, Idaho, on their farm, headquarters of her mail-order dry-foods business. But even e-commerce hasn't tempered Butters' enthusiasm for simplicity.

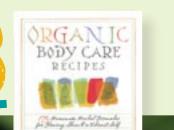
#### **Rustic Wedding Chic**

by Maggie Lord (Gibbs Smith, 2012, \$30). Rustic weddings are the hottest alternative to the traditional hotel ballroom. Get an insider's look at real rustic weddings as Maggie shares inspiration, ideas, and adviceall with an independent,

ecofriendly, and creative approach

#### MaryJane's **Organic Body Care**

**Recipes** (175 Homemade Herbal Formulas for Glowing Skin & a Vibrant Self) by Stephanie Tourles (Storey, 2007, \$18.95). Discover the joy and fun of crafting your own body care products. Stephanie, a licensed esthetician, herbalist, and aromatherapist, offers recipes that are fun, simple, and satisfying, and include notes on prep time, storage, and uses.



#### Charlie and the **Christmas Kittv** by Ree Drummond (HarperCollins,

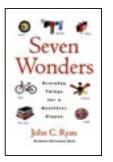
2012, \$17.99). In this follow-up to The Pioneer

Woman's New York Times best-selling picture book, Charlie the Ranch Dog, Charlie may not have put a kitty on his



Christmas list, but he learns that if you keep an open heart, new friends can come in unexpected packages.





n December 1999, a newspaper reporter from Washington called. He was writing a review of the book Seven Wonders: Everyday Things for a Healthier Planet by John C. Ryan. Michael Guilfoil of The Spokesman-Review newspaper asked me if I had my own "seven wonders." The story that ensued was headlined

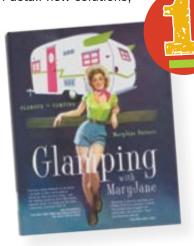
"Simple Solutions." Here, then, is the continuation of that story. Each issue of MaryJanesFarm will feature in detail new solutions, and will give you all the information

you need to make them your own.

Solutions from previous issues are available in the magazine section of my website: www.maryjanesfarm.org/ SimpleSolutions.

## sever **Create Your Own**

by Rayna Gillman (C & T Pub, 2011, \$27.95). In this follow-up to her popular Create Your Own Hand-Printed Cloth, Rayna shares her "can't make a mistake" approach to designing one-of-a-kind quilts with free-form cutting and piecing. You'll learn to trust your instincts so you can work more intuitively and develop a new appreciation for the therapy of sewing without a plan, creating stunning originals from leftovers and scraps. "This book is a must-have ... it is saving my quilting sanity ... and quilting will actually be fun!" - Jo, Amazon



## **Free-Form Quilts**

Trailerama by Phil Noyes (Gibbs Smith, 2012, \$24,99). From sheet music to greeting cards to postcards to Hollywood, the travel trailer figured prominently in 20th century American pop culture. It's put on grand display in this kitschy celebration culled from the coffers of Trailer Travel's Phil Noves-

the perfect companion to my Glamping book.



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## **books** for holiday giving

Books make the best gifts because they keep on giving, page after page. This holiday, pass out paths to new horizons! Here are a few of my favorites. All are available on Amazon.com.

#### Glamping with MaryJane

It's glamour. It's camping. It's glamping. It's me! Whether you want to glam up a backyard retreat, porch, or rooftop; gussy up a vintage travel trailer parked permanently in your back 40; or hit the road with your glampin' girlfriends, here's your must-have guide for all things glamping. (Gibbs Smith, 2012, \$24.99)



Wheat Belly (Lose the

nders

Wheat. Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health) by William Davis, MD (Rodale, 2011, \$25.99). Davis exposes the harmful effects of what he says is actually a product of genetic tinkering and agribusiness being sold to the American public as "wheat"—and provides readers with a user-friendly, step-by-step plan to navigate a new, wheat-free lifestyle that can lead to permanent weight loss and relief from digestive problems.