

Books for mom include titles by local moms

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If you've ever tried to shop for a card and flowers at the last minute for your Mother's Day gift, then you know the struggle. Instead of following the herd, head to the gift shop at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center where you can browse without the crowds or rush.

Jewelry, home décor, Chisholm Trail collectibles and books are some of the many gift items available at the Heritage Center's gift shop. If your mom enjoys books, we've rounded up a variety to consider for your Mother's Day gift giving this year.

The first one is written by Cindy Parks, a local mother, educator and artist. She teamed up with artist painter Larry Gillette to create "Movements" featuring his work and her words, in poetry form. Consider this hardback book for the artistic and visual appeal it provides.

For moms of young children, pick up a copy of "What Wolves are Wearing" by local teacher and mother, Jami Cole. This softcover children's book will make bedtime story reading fun. "Did you ever wonder what can happen if you put a wolf in human clothing,"



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gives you an idea of Cole's creativity for children stories.

For the serious reader, "Never Give Up: The Life of Pearl Carter Scott" by Paul F. Lambert, is a treat for those who remember this Marlow native who met Wiley Post when she was 12. Post became her mentor, putting her in the pilot's seat. Within a year, her father had bought her an airplane.

This is a great true story to share with the young women in your life because Pearl's motto was, "Never Give Up." She was inducted into the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame and the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

"Dynamic Chickasaw Women" written by Phillip Carroll Morgan and Judy

Goforth Parker, tells how the title phrase actually originated. Each chapter is filled with history. It begins with what it would have been like to have been a Chickasaw woman in the year 1740, and the hardships they endured.

The book is full of surprises, including the story of Ataloo, who was born near Duncan (Indian Territory), actually on a farmstead on the old Chisholm Trail, in March 1896. Ataloo, Mary Stone McClendon, was described in a 1931 Washington Post article as "artist, philosopher, educator and humanitarian. The stories within this book are as much a part of Oklahoma and United States history as they are Chickasaw history.

The final two books in our recommended "Mother's Day" gift list are visual delights.

"Glamping with Mary Jane" by Mary Jane Butters gets a recommendation on the front hardcover by Oklahoma's own Ree Drummond. "One busy, hectic afternoon in my house, I sat down to take a quick peek at Glamping. Over two hours later, I was still reading ..." shares Drummond. Glamping is all about the world of glamour and camping. Photographs and graphics, retro and modern aren't boring.

It is also full of helpful tips for the next camping trip your mom might be planning. Chapters include how to glamp in your backyard, necessary gear or the long haul

traveler, safety, food and entertainment. Oh, and the ever important chapter for shopping for the right glamping trailer. The book has several DIY projects, such as a dish drainer quilt, creating a camp table, stool and cot.

"Trailerama" by Phil Noyes is a nod to nostalgia. Packed with photos of families camping and travel trailers, art, advertisements and even sheet music from years gone past, this book is eye-candy for moms who like photography and graphic design. It's more like a family album-scrapbook of the relatives you never knew existed. Definitely a fun book. There's even photos of vintage toys that are all about travel trailers.

Be sure to pick mom up some chocolate from our Bedre' Chocolate selection, so she has a sweet snack to enjoy while reading her book.

Chisholm Trail Heritage Center's gift shop is open seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. CTHC is located at 1000 Chisholm Trail Parkway, north of the Simmons Center. There is no charge to visit and browse the gift shop. For information, call 580.252.6692.