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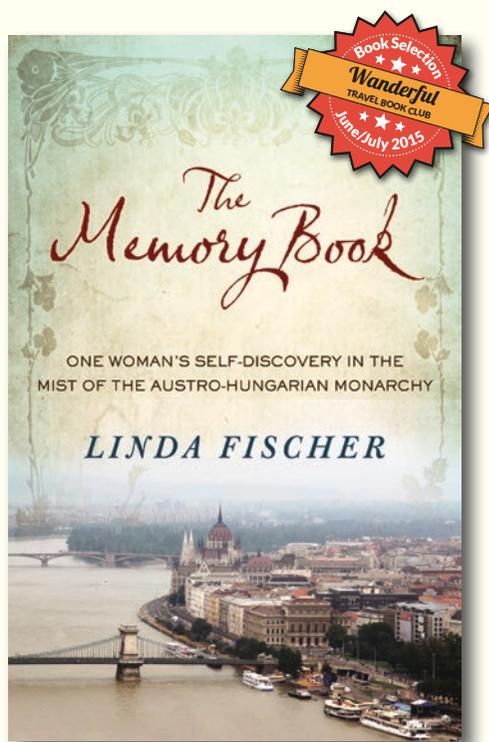
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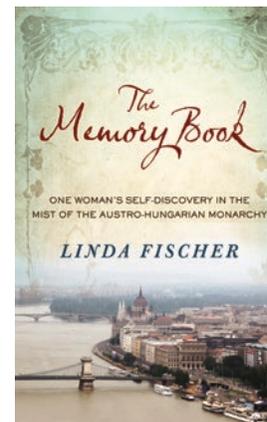


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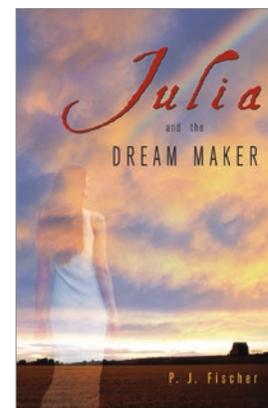
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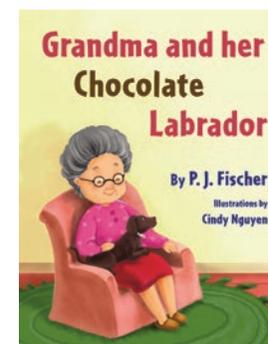
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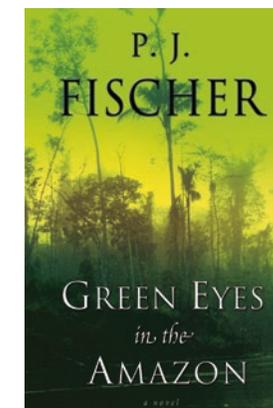


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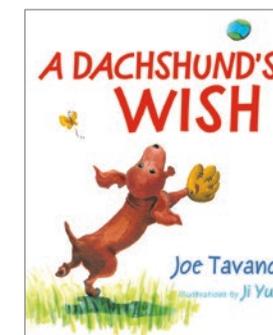


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The Memory Book

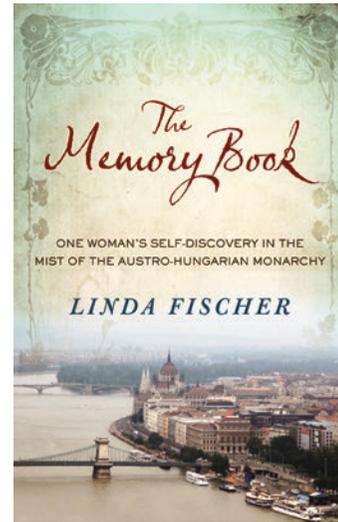
LINDA FISCHER



The Memory Book—a book of aphorisms, truisms, and pearls of wisdom—eternity in a pebble

On a short vacation to Budapest, the author finds a small leather book in an antique store. Opening it she discovers pages filled with watercolors, drawings, and messages. The book turns out to be a memory book—a keepsake album kept by Central European girls at the turn of the twentieth century in which to record advice and remember special events. This one contains evergreen truisms and aphorisms written to the book's owner when she visited places few Americans know. Curiosity and concern propel the author on a multi-year journey into the heart of Old Europe and deep into centuries of art, history, and war. The book lives, the girl lives on, and its message of love finds meaning in our time.

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—**Magdolna Fekete, Director,
Hungarian National Tourist Office, New York**

This book recounts my travels in Hungary and Central Europe, which began in 2005. I expected the trips with my husband, Phil, would be uncomplicated sojourns: new places, new friends, and more pictures. Yet they lingered and wove themselves into the whole of my life.

I call this story *The Memory Book: One Woman’s Self-Discovery in the Mist of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy* because in the process I became deeply immersed in Hungarian culture and history. This swept me into centuries past. There I saw myself among ruins, enormous castles, and dreams of things that never came.

In 2005, I learned that 1848 stood out as a seminal year. It cast the die for Hungary and Europe over the next 150 years, providing context for my own travels.

John Paget’s *Hungary and Transylvania* (1839), published a decade before Hungary’s War of Independence, became a favorite guide. It proved so helpful that I purchased a rare first edition.

Paget would be tickled if he knew that I found his travels thoroughly engaging over a century later. He was a noted intellectual and won an esteemed award at the Paris World Exhibition in 1878. Paget died in 1892 and is buried in Kolozsvár, now Cluj, Romania.

I haven’t seen Paget’s tombstone in Cluj but he deserves recognition through the ages for his passion in producing accurate and fair volumes about Hungary and Transylvania. This struck a nerve with me as I found myself walking down his path, thrashing with the same concerns Paget so eloquently expressed in his preface . . .

Aspirations always extend beyond the horizon but there does come a time when a book should be set free for people to read and enjoy.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

LINDA FISCHER is a global traveler with a passion for literature, languages, and the people she encounters along the way. A devoted student of the Hungarian culture, she spent nine years traveling and researching *The Memory Book*. This is her first book.

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Julia and the Dream Maker

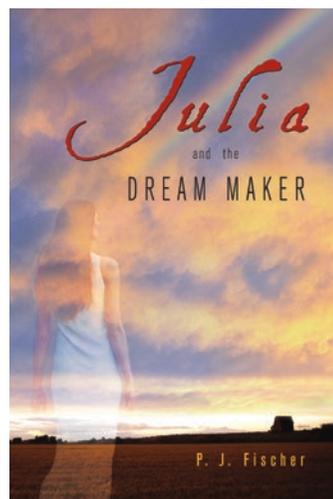
P. J. FISCHER



Julia and the Dream Maker—Expanding the world view to reflect a broader range of possibilities

Three graduate students in search of a little extra money create a toy for profit that pushes the limits of artificial intelligence and changes their future. One student lands in jail charged with violating genetic manipulation laws, while another becomes more deeply involved with their creation, Julia. Elements of science and fiction intertwine in this compelling tale. A new era of human history is ushered in through the enterprising activities of cash-strapped graduate students. There's a fine line between "can" and "should." In *Julia and the Dream Maker*, P. J. Fischer asks what would happen if we choose "can" and tamper with evolution?

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"Blending science fiction with heavy doses of theology and biology, Fischer's novel is a deep, thought-provoking work."

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—Willamette Week

"... the future of science, all science, is not what it used to be."

—The Kansas City Star

"P. J. Fischer has a true storyteller's talent . . . Highly recommended and entertaining reading for science fiction fans, *Julia and the Dream Maker* will leave the reader looking eagerly forward to the next book in Fischer's deftly crafted series."

—Midwest Book Review

"Fischer's world is strong on imagery . . . A successful introduction to the series."

—The Denver Post

The petting zoo was a success, but the rest of the project wasn't. Most of the people that Steven dealt with that week after the zoo trip were up to the usual things of life, ordinary things really. Combing one's hair or just going to work. Or just having coffee with a neighbor, over some ham and eggs with a hefty smattering of complaints about relatives and the weather. Traffic was a favorite topic, combined with a long round of disbelief about venial politicians and why nothing works the way it used to.

Even Steven himself—he was part of the great masses, moving about with normal things to do as well. But none of his days had been very ordinary the last few weeks. He looked like an average guy with his blue shirts and khaki pants. His appearance was fine, albeit a little absentminded. And he realized that it was really true; he was becoming very absentminded.

A person can get that way wandering around in his own head. For weeks, Steven had been making connections that he had not thought about before. Connections that everyone else he had ever read or talked with had not made before. Not just the chemical details of what the world was, but rather what it was going to become. What he was going to make it become.

His mood was good, but it shocked him a little to realize what was happening. His work always showed the same thing: The life force is multidimensional, not just philosophically but mathematically. Whatever life is, it is not just about flowers growing in the rain. Life is also about the way the math feeds on itself and makes his equations come to life. The dissertation still didn't interest him much, but the equations in it now interested him intensely.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

P. J. FISCHER grew up in Salem, Oregon, and holds a B.S. degree from Oregon State University and a doctorate from the University of Oregon. Fischer's fascination with science's potential is evident in his novels, *Julia and the Dream Maker* and *Green Eyes in the Amazon*, in which he explores its inevitable impact on our lives.

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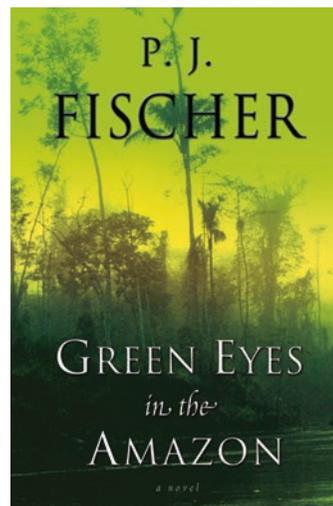
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Green Eyes in the Amazon— Science and religion at odds, now and in the near future

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Dr. Steven Sumpter, a brilliant biologist and mathematician, has a radical thesis: All the processes of life can be distilled to an elegant algorithm. His groundbreaking idea is a leap in evolution . . . and a heretical violation of the Mutant Laws. In a world powered by religion and a fear of science, Steven's work is seen as an abomination that must be destroyed. Desperate Steven and his girlfriend, Eli flee to a remote part of the Amazon forest. There they must survive the elements, a murderous crew, and powerful factions hell-bent on finding them. Ultimately, the fate of humankind rests in the hands of Julia, the fruit of Steven's algorithms and a young girl, a new Eve.



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"[A] thrilling page-turner...I can highly recommend this action-packed adventure to all readers who love science, unusual characters and, simply, a great story."

—**Brian Schwartz, professor of physics, vice president for research and sponsored programs, The Graduate Center of the City University of New York**

"Heresy is still heresy, even when you're right. *Green Eyes in the Amazon* is the story of biologist Steven Sumpter, a man who has made many great leaps in biology. But there are those who still hold faith as entirely too sacred, leaving Dr. Sumpter fearing for his life and the lives of his family, as they are forced to flee to most remote parts of the world. *Green Eyes in the Amazon* is an intriguing suspense novel that explores the conflict of science and religion."

—**Midwest Book Review**

"Green Eyes takes a dead-on look at how science and religion both have the potential for good and evil, sometimes simultaneously. Set in an all-too-real world in which religion holds mind (and body)—destroying power and science is looked at as a fearful menace, this is a novel of adventure and ideas that packs more than a bit of a punch."

—**Dan Hays, freelance journalist**

It was fall, and nature rolled out the welcome mat for another Halloween. The brown pumpkin patches patiently awaited. Soon diminutive goblins would descend in a mad hunt for the perfect jack-o'-lantern. The farms turned from summer green to gray, and the trees went crimson and yellow. Children played games of ghosts and graves, in a season of dying.

Eli half reclined in the passenger seat, arms crossed, eyes closed, introspective and peaceful, savoring a gentle moment of inner springtime. She thought about secrets. She was a secret. She held a mystery in her beyond the imagination of the ancients. She had become a vessel for a searing beam of immortality.

Eli thought about how science saw nature. She stretched a little and opened her eyes, seeing nature through the car's windows. Trees and birds bared all their subtleties. Nature exposed its essence for all to see. That is why secrets among men are such an oddity.

She sat up in her seat, dressed in a pair of Steven's oversize, worn jeans, his gray sweatshirt that hung loose on her, and she had on sneakers. She turned her head and looked at Dennis, Steven's father.

"Thanks for the outfit," she said, softly rubbing her arms.

Dennis glanced at her, keeping one eye on the road. "You barely got changed before passing out. How do you feel?"

"I'm still a little groggy, Dr. Sumpter."

"No more titles. I've had enough titles for a lifetime. Anyway, I don't think all our titles are going to help us right now. I'm Dennis," he said with a half smile.



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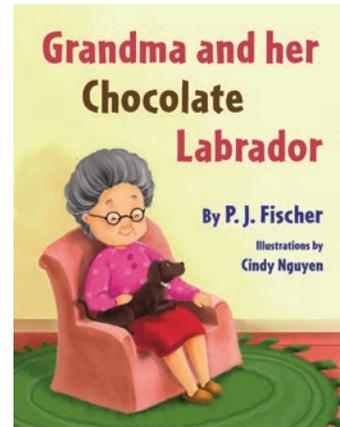
Grandma and her Chocolate Labrador

P. J. FISCHER

When her family moves away, grandmother misses the wonderful old times. With the spark of a quick trip to the attic, grandma rekindles some of the fun of her own childhood. But something is still missing . . . something loyal and lovable. How will grandma bring the best times of her life together and create some new ones? The perfect book for generations to read together, *Grandma And Her Chocolate Labrador* shows just how much we have in common at every age, and how learning, loving, and growing never cease throughout our lives.



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Grandma and her Chocolate Labrador— Grandma finds joy and companionship



Grandma waved goodbye as her family moved away.
"Don't forget to write," Grandma called.



Grandma hadn't been in the attic for years. There she found some old friends.

She played and played and then saw her fish bowl.

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"*Grandma and Her Chocolate Labrador* is an inspiring intergenerational story that explores the meaning of loneliness and the need for ongoing connection and friends at all ages. Grandma is a sweet lady whose family and grandchildren move away from her home town, leaving her time and space to fill with other memories. Grandma turns to her photo albums of her childhood to remember some of the things she used to enjoy as a child. Gradually she rediscovers ways to cheer herself, finding a new pet fish, old toys to treasure and play with, and best of all, a new chocolate Labrador puppy brought to her by a neighbor boy. Things continue, and Grandma and Chocolate become best friends and companions to each other. Her family and grandchildren visit, and of course, they are growing up. Grandma is happy to have her new lifelong companion, Chocolate, her best friend. Tender paintings of Grandma and her pets and family hold the intimacy and warmth of the story, slightly enhanced by the memory of emptiness. *Grandma and Her Chocolate Labrador* is a heartwarming experience for children of all ages to share."

—Midwest Book Review

"[A] moving story . . ." —Elizabeth O'Brien, Children's Literature Specialist, Miss O's Library Land blog



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

P. J. FISCHER was the little kid who lived around the corner from his grandmother. He used to bike over and stay a while! Back then, the author's dog was named Mustard. "My family was one big smash up of eight kids, parents, grandparents, relatives, dogs, chickens, and rabbits," Fischer said. "Everyone was in the mix and Grandma was always there." Remembering those sweet times, Fischer created *Grandma and her Chocolate Labrador*.

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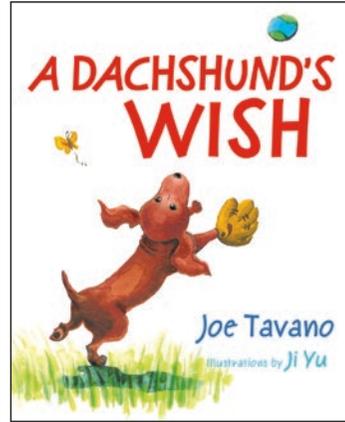
JOE TAVANO



A Dachshund's Wish— Paws's adventure into self-awareness, every dog has a dream

Richly illustrated and full of fun, this tale of wishes and what happens if they come true shows how valuable and enriching friendship is. In *A Dachshund's Wish*, Paws, a delightful dachshund puppy, is so happy with his new family that he wants to become a boy and join them in doing the things humans do. He soon realizes, however, that this idea carries consequences, and he risks giving up some of the things he loves about himself. By almost losing the characteristics that make him unique, he learns that being different is something to celebrate. In fact, all of Paws's friends are different and wonderful in their own ways, and the friendships they share are all the more special for it. *A Dachshund's Wish* is Joe Tavano's first children's book.

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—Mary Wanzer, elementary school teacher and S.U.N.Y. adjunct professor

At a shelter in Livingston, New Jersey, lay a red dachshund puppy in a cage behind a glass wall. His brother had left the day before and now he was alone. Only when he got up on his hind legs and leaned against the side of the cage could he talk to the old cat and the shaky Chihuahua. To make the time go by, he took a nap. He dreamed about his family on the farm—his brother; his mom, LeeAnn; and his dad, Bossy Joe. His mom said he was just like his dad. She'd find him in the afternoons hidden in a clump of dandelions, watching Emily the horse being brushed. In the fall, the farm was sold. LeeAnn and Bossy Joe moved with the family. The brothers were old enough to find new homes.

A tapping on the glass woke the puppy. He saw a boy smiling at him. He smiled back, got up, and started wagging his tail. This was the first time he was happy since leaving the farm and he felt a new life was about to begin.

"I want this one!" yelled the boy.

"I want this one!" the puppy barked.

"Dad, what kind of dog is that?"

"It's a dachshund, Jimmy."

His name is Jimmy, the dachshund thought.

"Can I have him, please, Mom, please, Dad?"

"Well, okay. But he has to be your responsibility," said his mom.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

When **JOE TAVANO** met the real Paws, they quickly became close friends. *A Dachshund's Wish* draws on Paws's reactions to the squirrels, birds and other wild animals in his backyard. Illustrated by Ji Yu, *A Dachshund's Wish* is Tavano's first children's book. Tavano lives in New York City and has visited schools there to talk about his book and writing. Tavano hopes Paws helps children learn that both humans and animals share love and dreams, just as the real Paws did.

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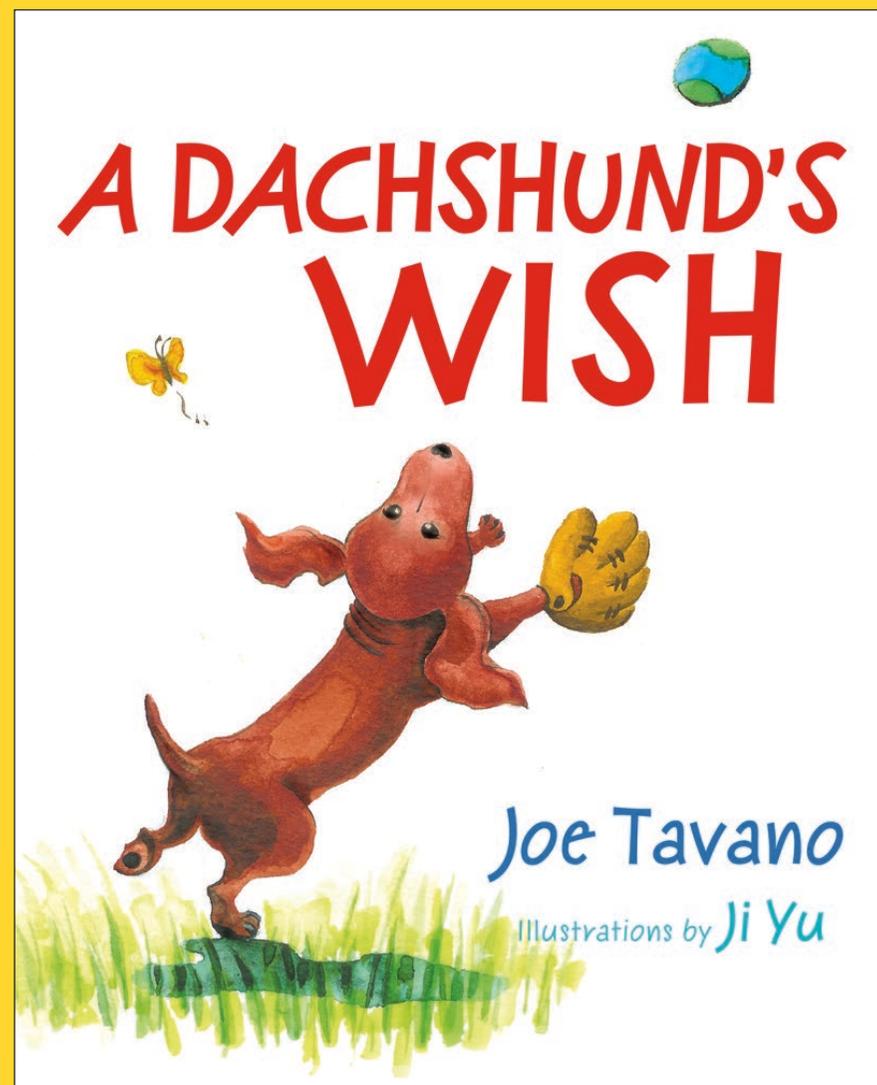
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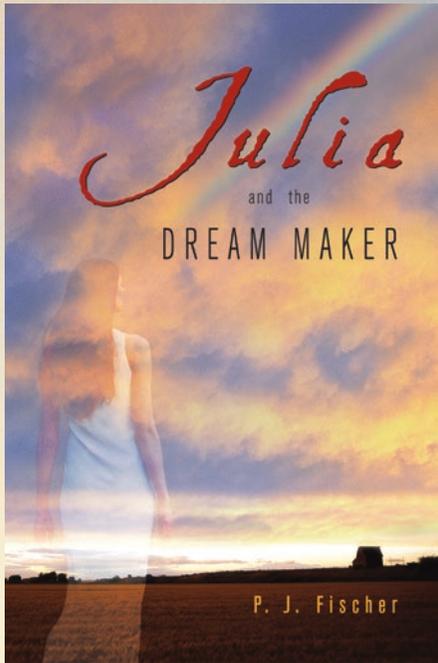


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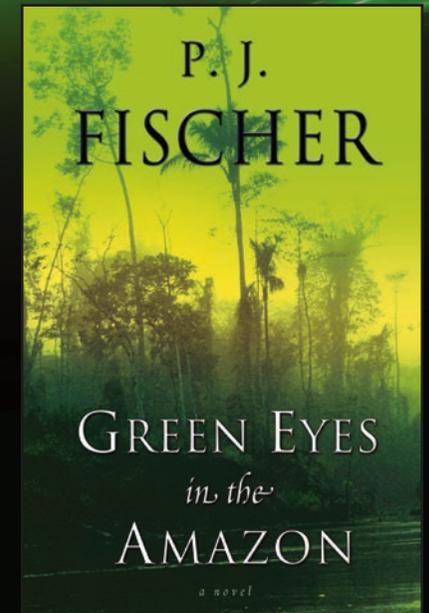
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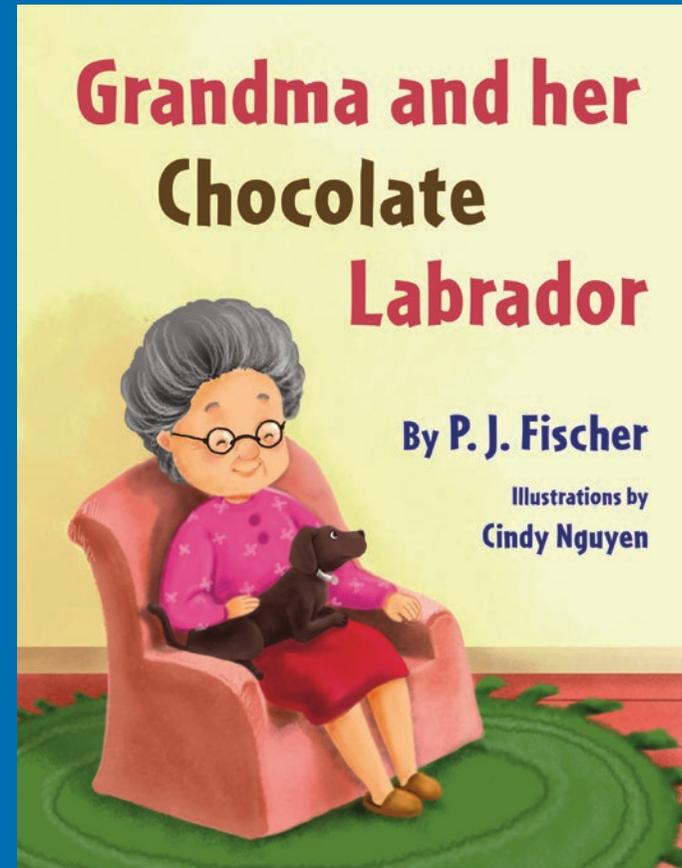
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