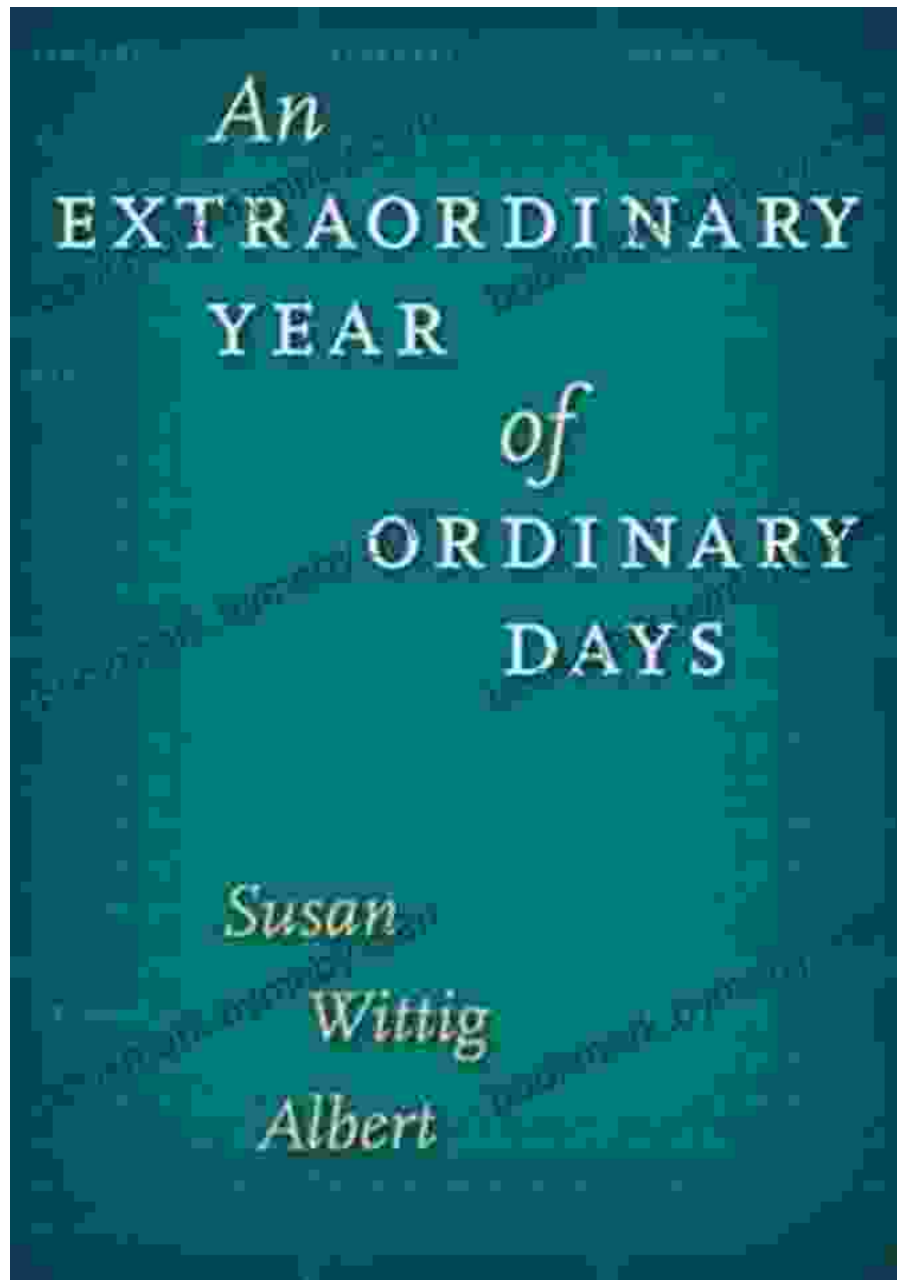
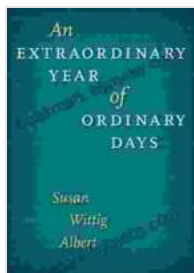


# Embark on an Extraordinary Literary Journey with "An Extraordinary Year of Ordinary Days"

A Southwestern Writers Collection from Wittliff: A Tapestry of Texas  
Tales



Delve into the captivating realm of the American Southwest with "An Extraordinary Year of Ordinary Days," a literary treasure from the renowned Southwestern Writers Collection at Wittliff. This extraordinary anthology, meticulously curated by esteemed editor Charles Adams, offers a vibrant tapestry of personal narratives and memoirs that paint an intimate portrait of life in this captivating region.



## **An Extraordinary Year of Ordinary Days (Southwestern Writers Collection Series, Wittliff Collections at Texas State University)** by Susan Wittig Albert

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Over the course of a full year, from the golden hues of autumn to the vibrant blooms of spring, "An Extraordinary Year of Ordinary Days" takes readers on a chronological journey through the Southwest. Each day unfolds as a distinct literary vignette, capturing the subtle shifts in seasons, the rhythms of daily life, and the profound impact of the land on its inhabitants.

Through the eyes of some of the region's most celebrated writers, including Cormac McCarthy, Larry McMurtry, and Sandra Cisneros, we witness the transformative power of the Southwest. We share in the triumphs and heartbreaks of ordinary people, the struggles of settlers, the resilience of

Native American communities, and the indomitable spirit of those who have called this land home.

## **A Literary Mosaic: Uncovering the Human Experience in the Southwest**

"An Extraordinary Year of Ordinary Days" is not merely a collection of stories; it is a literary mosaic that reflects the rich diversity of the Southwestern experience. Each narrative offers a unique perspective, revealing the complexities of human relationships, the search for meaning, and the enduring legacy of the past.

- In "The Wildcat," Gail Caldwell chronicles the adventures of a young woman who embarks on a solitary journey into the unforgiving wilderness of Big Bend National Park.
- With wry humor and poignant insight, Stephen Harrigan traces the history of the Rio Grande in "The Big River," exploring its role as a vital thread connecting the lives of those who live along its banks.
- Luis Alberto Urrea's lyrical essay "Al Norte" follows a group of migrants as they navigate the treacherous waters of the Rio Grande, seeking a better life on the other side.

## **A Testament to the Power of Storytelling**

Beyond its literary merits, "An Extraordinary Year of Ordinary Days" serves as a testament to the enduring power of storytelling. The narratives gathered within its pages celebrate the resilience of the human spirit and the profound impact of place on our lives.

As we delve into the stories of ordinary individuals, we are reminded of our own journey and the extraordinary beauty that can be found in the seemingly mundane. The book becomes a source of inspiration, encouraging us to embrace our own experiences and to share them with others.

## **A Literary Legacy: Preserving the Cultural Heritage of the Southwest**

The Southwestern Writers Collection at Wittliff, where "An Extraordinary Year of Ordinary Days" finds its home, has long been dedicated to preserving the rich literary heritage of the Southwest. This anthology is a testament to the collection's unwavering commitment to showcasing the voices and experiences of this unique region.

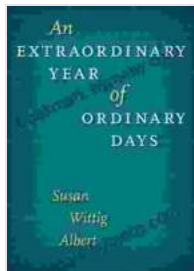
By bringing together such a diverse array of perspectives, "An Extraordinary Year of Ordinary Days" contributes to the preservation of Texas history and culture. It is a valuable resource for scholars, students, and anyone interested in exploring the literary tapestry of the Southwest.

## **An Invitation to Literary Exploration**

"An Extraordinary Year of Ordinary Days" invites readers to embark on a literary exploration of the Southwest, a journey that is both captivating and deeply resonant. Whether you are a long-time resident of the region or a visitor seeking a deeper understanding, this anthology offers a profound glimpse into the heart and soul of this extraordinary land.

Immerse yourself in the vivid landscapes, the complex characters, and the timeless themes that have shaped the Southwest. Allow the narratives within this book to inspire, challenge, and enrich your own journey.

Embrace the extraordinary in the ordinary and discover the enduring legacy of the Southwestern Writers Collection through "An Extraordinary Year of Ordinary Days."



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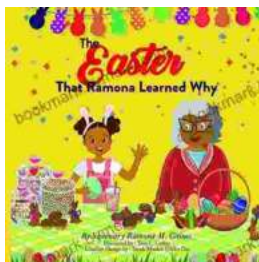
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