

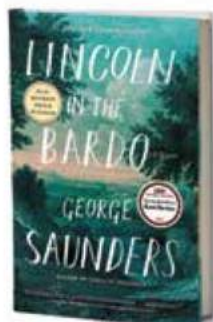


AMANDA SHIRES

SINGER-SONGWRITER, VIOLIN PLAYER

Amanda Shires wrote most of her new album in her bedroom closet, piecing together lyric ideas taped to the walls. "I tried to write the songs in my study, but my 2 ½-year-old daughter would hear me playing and wanted to play," says Shires. "I wasn't getting a lot done." Listening to *To the Sunset*, out this month, one would never know it. The record blends Nashville soul with an edgy guitar and Shires's poetic rhyme told from the female perspective. "I was able to communicate exactly what I wanted to say and accept myself more in the process," says Shires, who is touring into fall. — **MATT McCUE**

"I ALWAYS HAVE TO GET AN AUNTIE ANNE'S PRETZEL."



For a playlist of songs from Shires, visit delta.com/sky magazine.

- 1 **AIRPORT INDULGENCE** "I always have to get an Auntie Anne's pretzel—the pretzel nuggets and the lemonade."
- 2 **TRAVEL ESSENTIAL** Shout wipes. "They'll take everything from the mustard to wine out of your clothes."
- 3 **IN-FLIGHT MUSIC** Petit Biscuit, Father John Misty and Damien Jurado.
- 4 **IN-FLIGHT READING** "One book I've read recently is *Lincoln in the Bardo: A Novel* by George Saunders."
- 5 **FAVORITE HOTEL** Soniat House in New Orleans. "The breakfast they bring you has homemade biscuits and preserves. Those biscuits are to die for."
- 6 **PREFERRED TRAVEL OUTFIT** "I wear the Elizabeth cut Imogene + Willie jeans, some kind of a T-shirt and my Rick Owens leather biker jacket."
- 7 **IN-FLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT** "I like to download shows on Netflix, and I [recently] watched *Mindhunter*."
- 8 **UNIQUE TRAVEL ITEM** A Microfleur, a microwave flower press. "I get flowers and put them in this flower press and microwave it... and I glue them into my journal."
- 9 **FAVORITE NASHVILLE SPOT** "1892 restaurant in Leiper's Fork, outside of Nashville. It's warm and inviting."

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