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Our books carry themes of diversity, inclusion, self-esteem, kindness, compassion, and care for our world, and our titles are intentionally multicultural in their artwork and characters.

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Home by Another Way

A Christmas Story

BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR

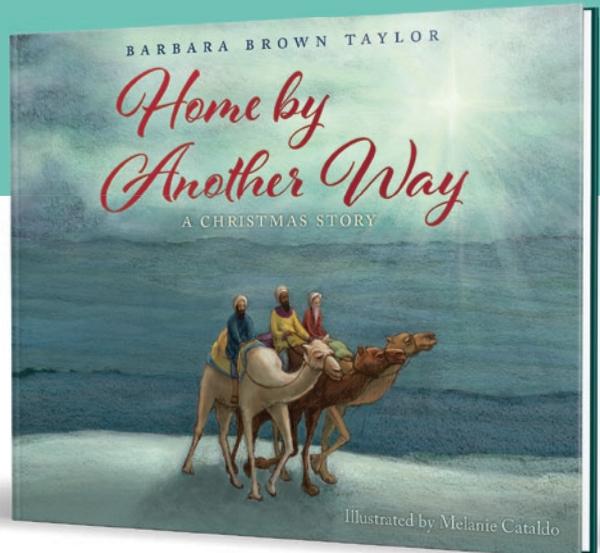
Illustrated by MELANIE CATALDO

“In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

—Matthew 2:1–2

This enchanting Christmas story follows the three wise men on their world-changing journey to Bethlehem. In this beautiful retelling of their adventure, Barara Brown Taylor captures the power of one very special star and gives readers a new perspective on the three wise men and their encounters with King Herod, Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. *Home by Another Way: A Christmas Story* features breathtaking artwork from illustrator Melanie Cataldo and is perfect for gift-giving. Ideal for children ages 8–10.

BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR is a New York Times best-selling author, teacher, and Episcopal priest. Her first memoir, *Leaving Church* (2006), won an Author of the Year award from the Georgia Writers Association. Her last book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark* (2014), was featured on the cover of *TIME* magazine. In 2014 *TIME* included her on its annual list of Most Influential People. For more information, visit www.barbarabrowntaylor.com.



July • Jacketed Hardback • \$18.00
 9781947888005 • 40 pages • 10.825" x 9"
 Rights: World • Market: Children, Ages 8–10
 Holiday

Key Selling Points

- Based on Barbara Brown Taylor’s beloved Christmas sermon “Home by Another Way”
- Brings the classic Christmas story of the three wise men and their journey to Jerusalem to life
- Gives readers a new perspective on the three wise men and their encounters with King Herod, Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus
- Designed to be given as a gift



What in the World Is Wrong with Gisbert?

JOCHEN WEEBER

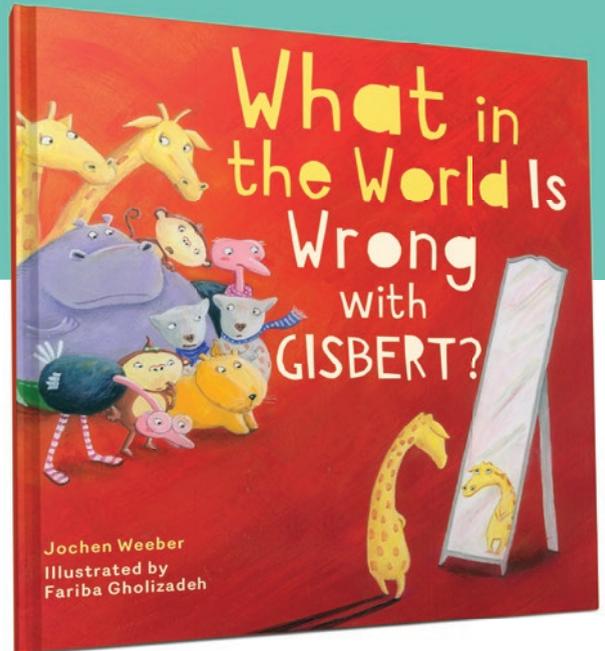
Illustrated by FARIBA GHOLIZADEH

Meet Gisbert, a tall, young giraffe. Gisbert is tall enough to do everything a giraffe might want to do, and his life is good. But one day, something happens. Gisbert's friends start making fun of him, and with each negative comment they say, he begins to shrink! What in the world is wrong with Gisbert?

This insightful book helps teach children about the consequences of bullying and the power of friendship. *What in the World Is Wrong with Gisbert?* features various animal characters and bright, playful illustrations. Ideal for children ages 3–8.

JOCHEN WEEBER is an author, poet, and musician in Reutlinger, Germany.

FARIBA GHOLIZADEH was born in Iran and studied graphic design in Tehran and in Mainz, Germany.



July • Hardback • \$16.00

9781947888029 • 32 pages • 8.5" x 9.5"

Rights: North American • Market: Children, ages 3–8
Bullying, Emotions, and Feelings

Key Selling Points

- Helps children understand the consequences of bullying
- Teaches children about the power of friendship
- Features bright, playful illustrations with various animal characters



When God Gave Us Words

SANDY EISENBERG SASSO

Illustrated by DARCY DAY ZOELLS

Words.

*There are long words and short words,
nice words and mean words.*

There are silly words, scary words, and hard-to-spell words.

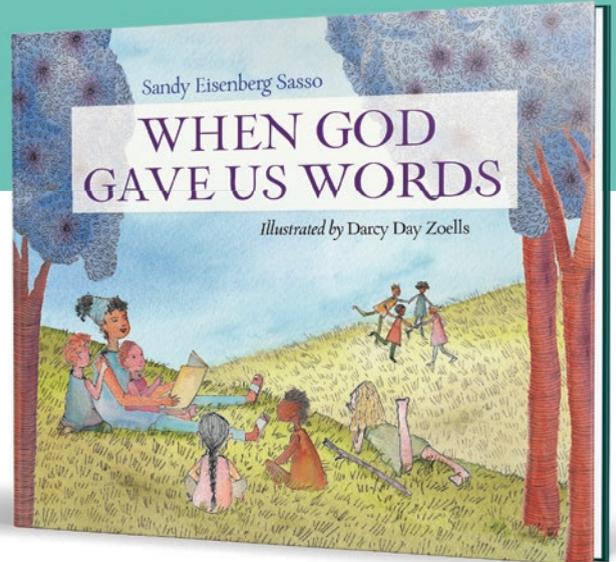
*There are so many words in our world! But
where did they all come from?*

Award-winning children's book author Sandy Eisenberg Sasso tells a creative tale about the origin of words, and the power of language, in *When God Gave Us Words*. Inside this innovative children's book, God gives the power of words to humankind. At first God and the angels are pleased with how people use words, but over time the people start to use words to make curses, lies, and threats. The angels beg God to take back the gift of language, and just as God is about to take it back, new beautiful words begin to fill the air.

When God Gave Us Words features imaginative illustrations by Darcy Day Zoells and is ideal for children ages 3–8.

SANDY EISENBERG SASSO is the Director of Religion, Spirituality and the Arts Initiative at Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary. She is also Rabbi Emerita of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, the author of *Midrash: Reading the Bible with Question Marks*, and the coauthor or author of many award-winning children's books, including *Who Counts? 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons, God's Paintbrush, and In God's Name*.

DARCY DAY ZOELLS is a graduate of Northwestern University and a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. For more information, visit www.darcydayzoells.com.



September • Hardback • \$16.00
9781947888012 • 40 pages • 10.875" x 9.5"
Rights: World • Market: Children, ages 3–8

Key Selling Points

- Presents children with an imaginative story about where words came from
- Helps children understand the power of language
- Features innovative interpretations of God and angels that appeal to secular and nonsecular audiences alike



Baptism Promises

CAROL A. WEHRHEIM

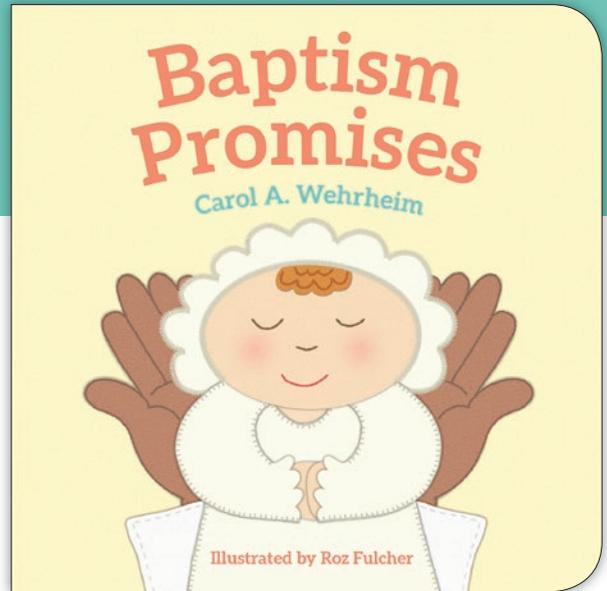
Illustrated by ROZ FULCHER

The perfect baptism gift!

Baptism Promises helps explain to children the significance of their baptism and the promises their family and church community made to them during the sacrament. Featuring easy-to-follow language, bright, inclusive artwork, and four simple prayers, this inspiring book is perfect for gift-giving and comes in a board-book format so that even the smallest of hands can hold it. A special dedication page is included in the front of the book. Ideal for children ages 2–4.

CAROL A. WEHRHEIM is the author of *The Baptism of Your Child*; *Getting It Together: Spiritual Practices for Faith, Family, and Work*; and *Giving Together: A Stewardship Guide for Families*. She is an award-winning Christian educator in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and served as co-editor of *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible* and general editor for the Feasting on the Word Curriculum. She was on the editorial board for the Common English Bible and named APCE Educator of the Year in 2001.

ROZ FULCHER is an illustrator with over seventeen years of experience in children's book publishing. For more information, visit www.rozfulcherillustration.com.



September • Board book • \$8.00
 9781947888036 • 18 pages • 8" x 8"
 Rights: World • Market: Children, ages 2–4
 Baptism

Key Selling Points

- Helps children understand the significance of baptism and the promises their family and church made to them during the sacrament
- Features bright, inclusive artwork and four short prayers
- Designed to be perfect for gift-giving
- Published in an easy-to-hold format for toddlers and young children



Simon and the Big, Bad, Angry Beasts

A Book about Anger

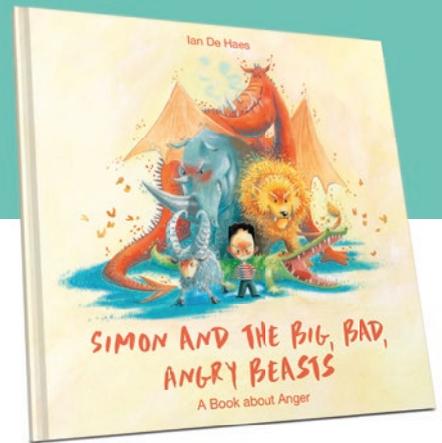
IAN DE HAES

“An incredible tool for children, parents, and educators, Simon’s story is a creative visual representation and guide for children, encouraging the recognition of feelings and equipping kids with positive strategies for managing anger in a constructive way.”

—Foreword Reviews

When Simon gets mad, he gets REALLY mad. So mad that big, bad, angry beasts appear. Featuring colorful and expressive illustrations, this insightful book helps children ages 4–8 learn how to handle their anger. A guide for parents and teachers in the back of the book features strategies for talking to children about their emotions along with various exercises they can use to cope with anger.

9780664263553 • \$16.00 • Hardback • Ages 4–8



No One Else like You

SISKA GOEMINNE

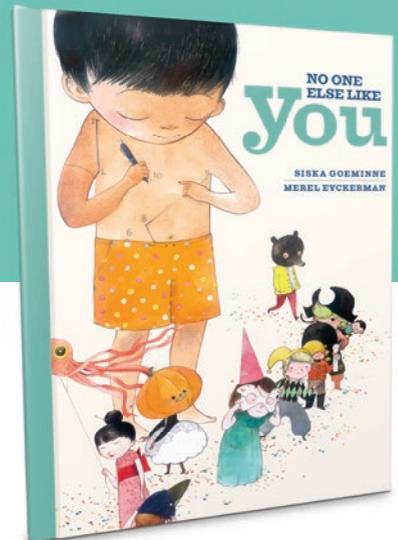
Illustrated by MEREL EYCKERMAN

“A joyous and realistic commemoration of the strengths and weaknesses of the human race . . . children will enjoy exploring the multifaceted illustrated examples within the intricate scenes.”

—Kirkus Reviews

There are so many people in the world. Over seven billion! They come in all sorts of shapes, sizes, and colors. Some are happy, and some are grumpy. Some live in tall towers in the city, while others live in cottages in the field. Some like to read, and some like to sing. And yet, even with so many people in this world, there is no one quite like you!

9780664263539 • \$16.00 • Hardback • Ages 4–8



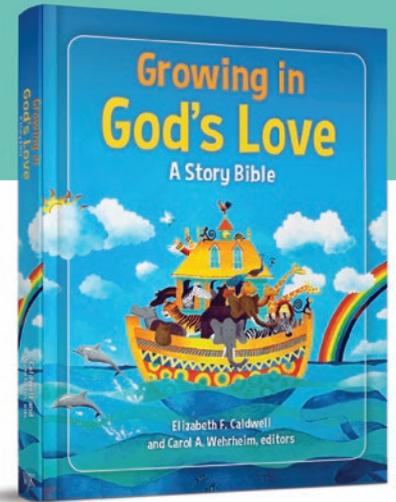
Growing in God’s Love

A Story Bible

ELIZABETH F. CALDWELL and CAROL A. WEHRHEIM, editors

Help nurture the faith of the children in your life with *Growing in God’s Love: A Story Bible*. This engaging resource features 150 popular Bible stories that are organized by 13 themes, including Strong Women and Men; Listening for God; Parables; Healings and Miracles; and more. Each story helps children begin to understand the Bible and apply its teachings to the world around them. *Growing in God’s Love* features diverse artwork from more than twenty artists to appeal to a variety of ages and learning styles. Three reflection questions—Hear, See, Act—are included at the end of each story to help children further ponder the message of the story.

9780664262914 • \$25.00 • Hardback • Ages 4–8



The Marvelous Mustard Seed

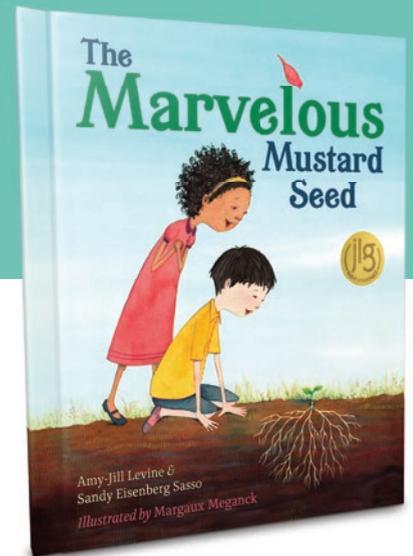
AMY-JILL LEVINE and SANDY EISENBERG SASSO

Illustrated by MARGAUX MEGANCK

“A child plants a mustard seed in an empty garden. It is an itty-bitty seed. It isn’t anything very special—yet.”

Discover the surprising potential of one small seed in *The Marvelous Mustard Seed*. Based on Jesus’ parable of the Mustard Seed, this inspiring children’s book shows young readers that one tiny seed—just like one small child—carries a world of potential. *The Marvelous Mustard Seed* features ethnically diverse characters and it is ideal for children ages 4–8. A special note for parents and teachers is included.

97806642262754 • \$16.00 • Hardback • Ages 4–8



Where Are You Hiding, God?

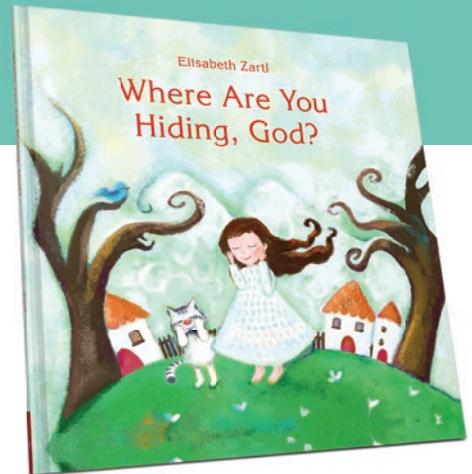
ELISABETH ZARTL

"Swirls and whorls of dreamy, windswept artwork in soothing shades enhance the simple, reflective message as the girl realizes that, while she may not be able to see God underneath her socks, she can always feel God's presence wherever she may be."

—Foreword Reviews

With beautiful illustrations that offer a treasure trove for exploring, recognizing, and naming, this touching story shows children that God is always with them.

9780664263522 • \$12.00 • Hardback • Ages 3–6



Who Counts?

100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons

AMY-JILL LEVINE and SANDY EISENBERG SASSO

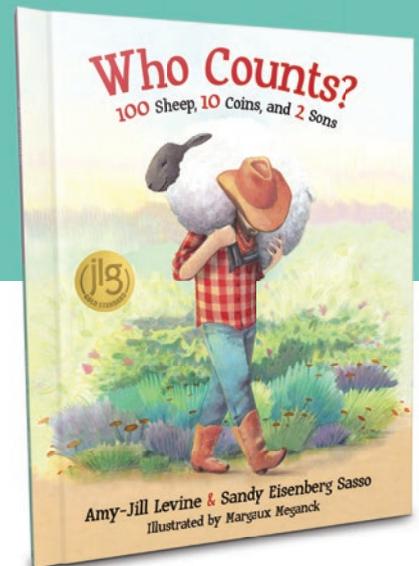
Illustrated by MARGAUX MEGANCK

"All three stories are true to their biblical roots, but Meganck's handsome paintings of diverse characters and present-day settings may help readers find greater connections to their messages about value, faithfulness, and appreciation."

—Publishers Weekly

Who Counts? is a creative retelling of three popular parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son. As young readers count to help the characters find what's missing, *Who Counts?* teaches that every one of us counts in God's eyes and that everyone should feel counted. The stories are beautifully illustrated with modern-day characters and a diversity of ethnicities so that all children will be able to see themselves in the stories.

9780664262747 • \$16.00 • Hardback • Ages 4–8



Not Your White Jesus

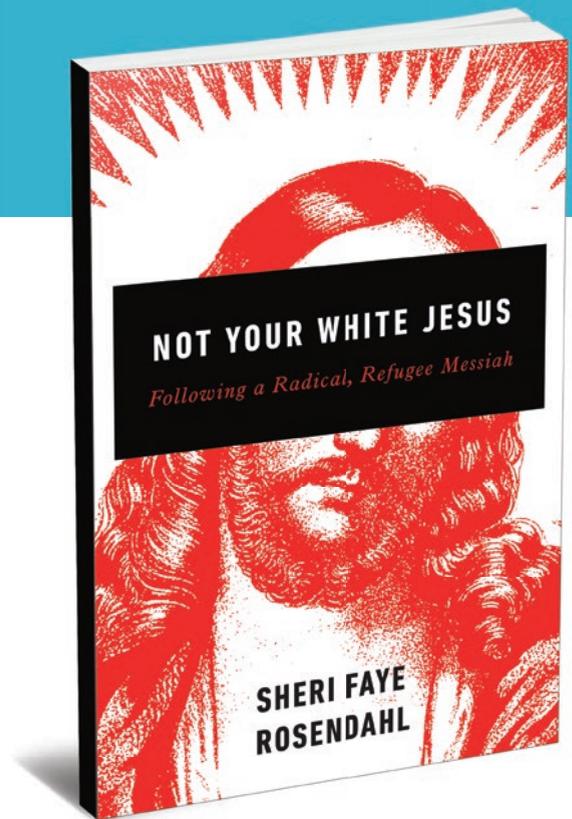
Following a Radical, Refugee Messiah

SHERI FAYE ROSENDAHL

Jesus is not white. Jesus is not American. Jesus does not want to make America great. While many of us grew up looking at gleaming portraits of Jesus with blond, flowing hair and hearing sermons reaffirming that we have the answers to save a fallen world, the real Jesus—a Middle Eastern Jew preaching radical, humble, self-emptying love—calls us to a different life.

As we see oppression and hate run rampant in our nation, it's as if Christianity has lost sight of the red letters altogether. Sheri Faye Rosendahl takes a look at important social issues in our society, the responses of American Christians, and the true ways behind the red letters. *Not Your White Jesus* addresses the need to reexamine the true ways of Jesus that we find clearly in the red letters, enabling readers to discover what it truly means to follow the ways of Jesus in contrast to following the ways of the American Christian elite.

SHERI FAYE ROSENDAHL is Codirector at The Nations DSM, a nonprofit that is dedicated to advocacy and working with refugees from the Middle East, both domestically and abroad. She is a regular contributor to *HuffPost* and a blogger at NotYourWhiteJesus.org.

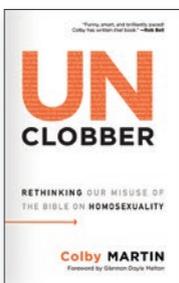


October • Paper • \$16.00
9780664264161 • 176 pages • 5.5" x 8.5"
Rights: World • Market: General Reader
Christianity

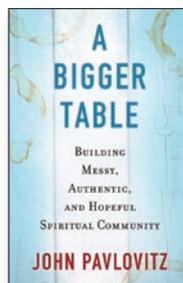
Key Selling Points

- Looks at important social issues in our society and how American Christianity responds
- Reevaluates the ways of the red letter Jesus
- Offers a place for those who are outside the traditional church

Related Titles



9780664263904
Resist and Persist
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A Bigger Table
\$16.00

Together at the Table

*Diversity without Division
in The United Methodist Church*

KAREN P. OLIVETO

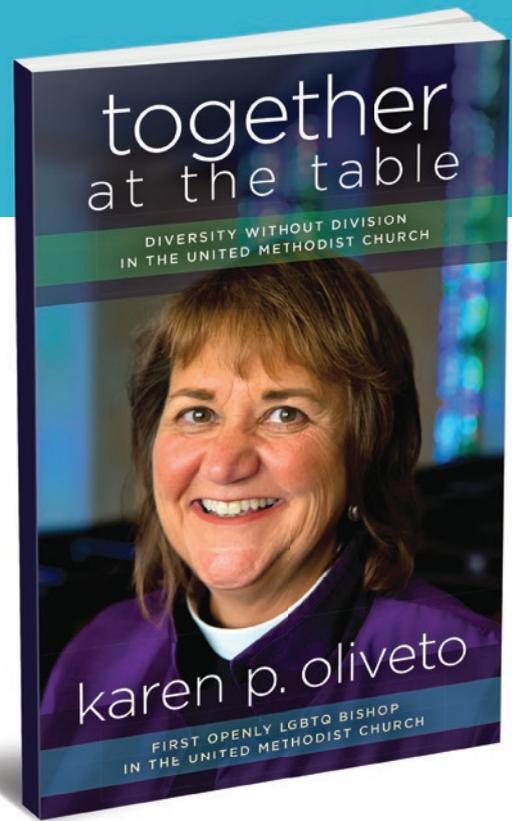
“In Together at the Table Bishop Karen Oliveto reveals . . . the extraordinary capacity to articulate hard truths with clarity and love. It speaks to pastors, laity, leaders, and any pilgrims on the faith journey with deeply moving stories and respect for persons of all persuasions.”

—Bishop Jane Allen Middleton

Together at the Table is the personal story and public message of Bishop Karen Oliveto, the first openly LGBTQ person to be elected as a bishop in The United Methodist Church. Her election was and is controversial, with opponents seeking to have her removed and some even threatening violence against her. The denomination has been debating the inclusion of LGBTQ people for decades and will be gathering in February 2019 to determine whether it can agree to let conferences within the church ordain as they see fit and let congregations decide what weddings to hold or whether conservative and liberal factions will break off from the denominational body.

Bishop Oliveto believes that the church can stay together—that people of different convictions can remain in communion with one another. Woven together with her own story of coming out and following God’s call to ordained ministry is her guidance for how to live together despite differences—by practicing empathy, living with ambiguity, appreciating the diversity of creation, and embracing unity without uniformity.

KAREN P. OLIVETO is the first openly LGBTQ bishop of The United Methodist Church, the second-largest Protestant denomination in the United States. She has served churches in New York and California and now oversees the Mountain Sky region, which includes churches in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho.

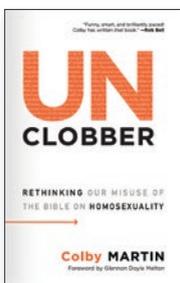


August • Paper • \$16.00
9780664263607 • 176 pages • 5.5" x 8.5"
Rights: World • Market: General Reader
Christianity

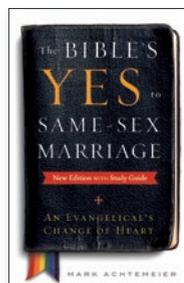
Key Selling Points

- Includes the personal story of Karen Oliveto
- Offers guidance for how to live together despite differences
- Provides a hopeful message for the future of The United Methodist Church

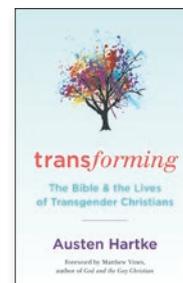
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UnClobber
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The Bible's Yes to
Same-Sex Marriage
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Transforming
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A Lens of Love

Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World

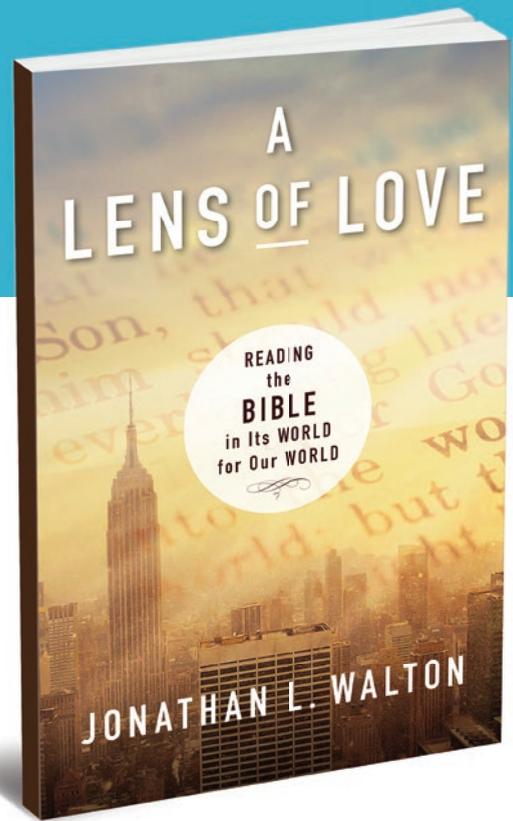
JONATHAN L. WALTON

“Jonathan Walton is one of the very few grand figures in American culture who is both public intellectual and prophetic preacher. His brilliant work and visionary words are legendary at Harvard and throughout the country and world. This timely book is another testament to his calling rooted in the legacies of Martin Luther King Jr., Benjamin Elijah Mays, Reinhold Niebuhr and Fannie Lou Hamer!”

—Dr. Cornel West, Professor of the Practice of Public Philosophy, Harvard University

In order to engage the Bible in the spirit of justice, compassion, and love, Jonathan L. Walton suggests reading the Bible in its world for our world. Perfect for individual or group study, *A Lens of Love* helps Christians to read and interpret the Bible morally and confidently as they engage society’s pressing issues. Walton provides interpretive tools to help understand the context of the Scriptures along with the Scriptures themselves in order to engage the richness of the Bible as readers strive to live in the world in a biblically grounded, theologically sound, and socially responsible way.

JONATHAN L. WALTON is the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Professor of Religion and Society, and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church of Harvard University. He is the author of *Watch This! The Ethics and Aesthetics of Black Televangelism*.

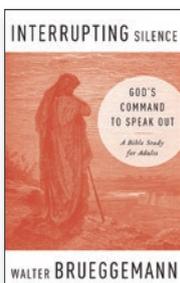


September • Paper • \$16.00
 9780664263546 • 208 pages • 5.5" x 8.5"
 Rights: World • Market: General Reader Bible

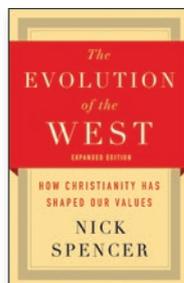
Key Selling Points

- Provides skills and tactics for reading the Bible
- Helps the reader understand the text within its context to apply to the current world
- Suited for individual or group study

Related Titles



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 Interrupting Silence
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 The Evolution of the West
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Surrendering My Ordination

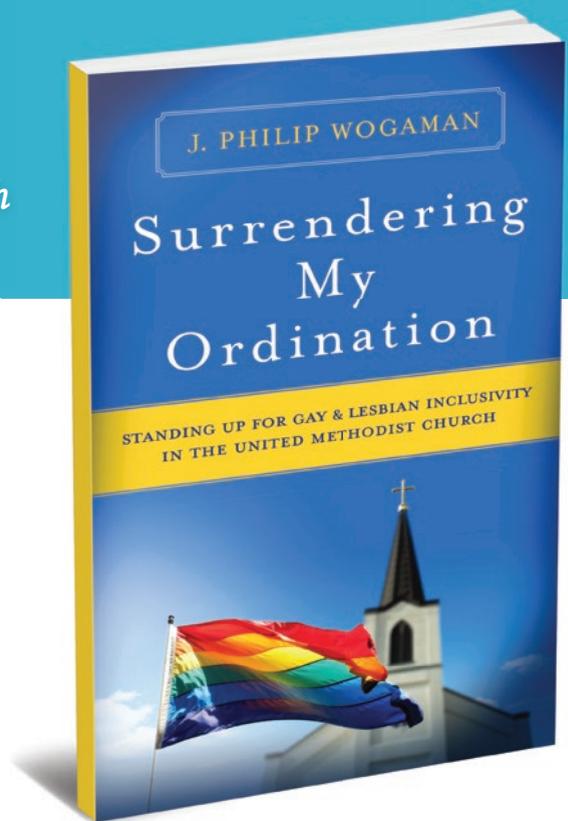
*Standing Up for Gay and Lesbian
Inclusivity in The United Methodist Church*

J. PHILIP WOGAMAN

In May 2017, after sixty years as an ordained United Methodist minister, Rev. J. Philip Wogaman surrendered his ordination, choosing to exit a community of clergy who will not allow an openly gay person to join. By surrendering his ordination, he chose to join the group of devoted Christians outside the clergy who welcomed gay and lesbian individuals.

Beginning with an examination of ordination and what it means theologically, ethically, and pastorally, Wogaman then describes the action itself and its aftermath. *Surrendering My Ordination* also explores how The United Methodist Church can move forward, beyond the polarized present situation found in many contemporary Christian churches.

J. PHILIP WOGAMAN is Professor Emeritus of Christian Ethics at Wesley Theological Seminary, past President of the American Theological Society, past President of the Society of Christian Ethics, and past President of the Interfaith Alliance. He is the former Senior Pastor at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, DC, and is the author of many books, including *Moral Dilemmas: An Introduction to Christian Ethics* and *What Christians Can Learn from Other Religions*.

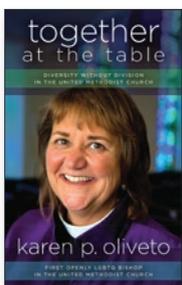


September • Paper • \$15.00
9780664264178 • 112 pages • 5" x 8"
Rights: World • Market: General Reader
Social Issues

Key Selling Points

- Explains Wogaman's decision to surrender his ordination
- Explores the theological, ethical, and pastoral meanings of ordination
- Includes an optimistic look at how The United Methodist Church can move forward

Related Titles



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Together
at the Table
\$16.00

Advent for Everyone: Luke

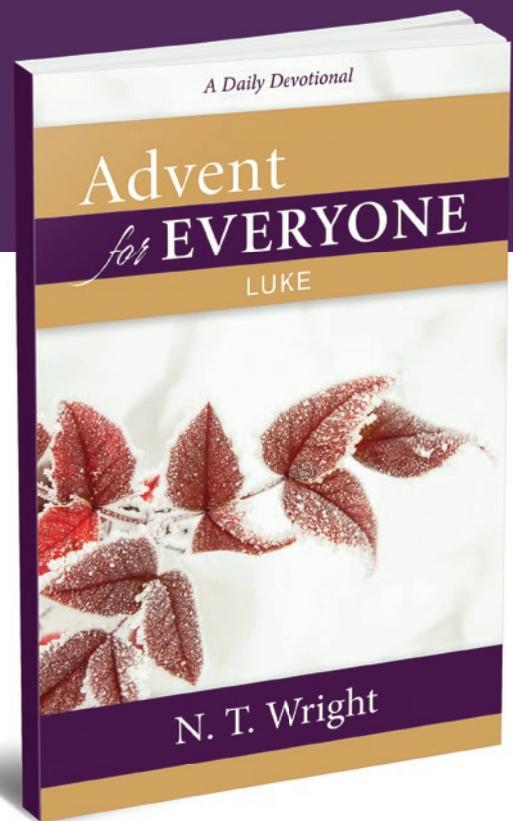
A Daily Devotional

N. T. WRIGHT

Advent for Everyone: Luke provides readers with an inspirational guide through the Advent season, from the first Sunday in Advent through the Saturday after the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Popular biblical scholar and author N. T. Wright provides his own Scripture translation and brief reflection, exploring the Gospel themes of faith, repentance, justice, and celebration.

Wright's engaging reflections take you on a journey of spiritual enlightenment, guiding you toward the wonder and joy of Christmas. This book is suitable for both individual and group study and reflection.

N. T. WRIGHT is the Chair in New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. He is the former Bishop of Durham in the Church of England and is a prolific author and noted New Testament scholar. His books include the New Testament for Everyone series, *Scripture and the Authority of God*, *Surprised by Hope*, *Simply Christian*, and *Evil and the Justice of God*.

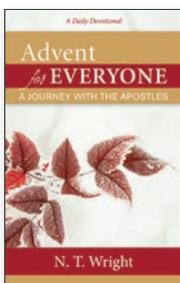


September • Paper • \$16.00
9780664263430 • 136 pages • 5.06" x 7.81"
Rights: U.S. • Market: General Reader
Advent

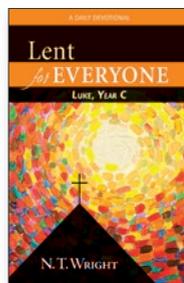
Key Selling Points

- Written as a companion to Wright's best-selling *Lent for Everyone* volumes
- Includes Wright's Scripture translation and reflections
- Presents a new devotional from a popular author

Related Titles

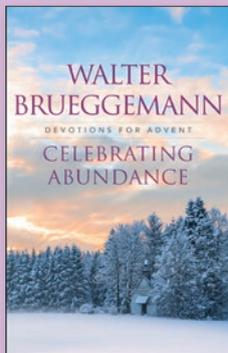


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Advent for Everyone
A Journey with the Apostles
\$16.00



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Lent for Everyone,
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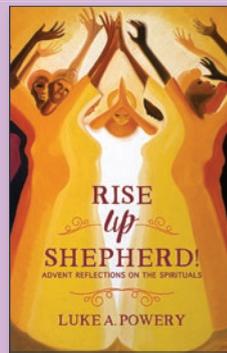
Recently Released Advent Titles



Celebrating Abundance *Devotions for Advent*

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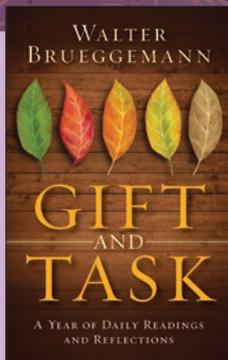


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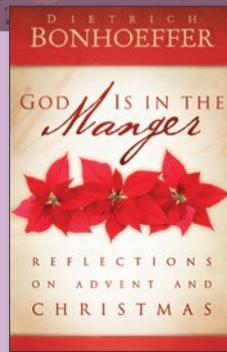


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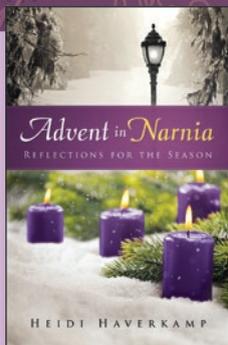
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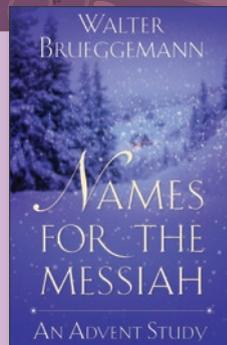
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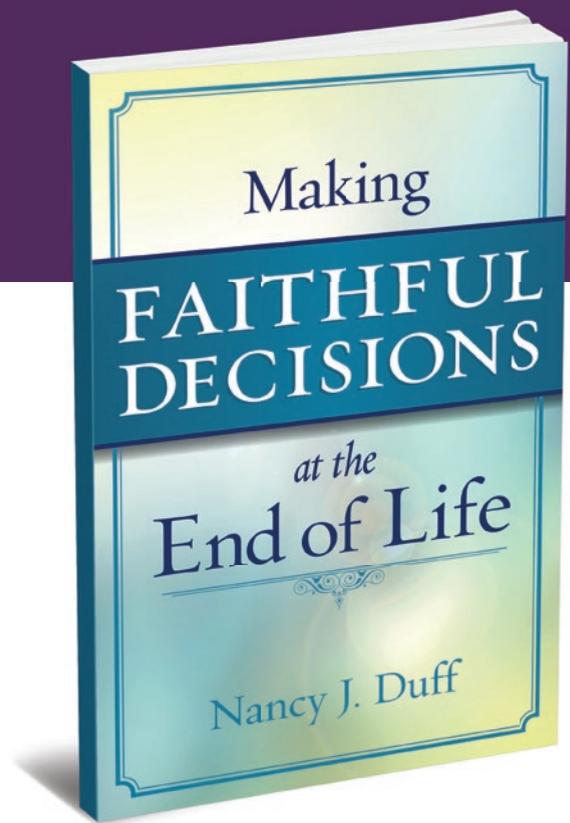
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NANCY J. DUFF is the Stephen Colwell Associate Professor of Christian Ethics at Princeton Theological Seminary.

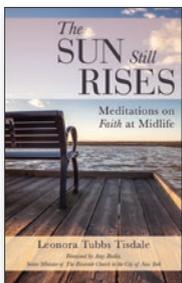


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- Explores the ethics of resisting and accepting death from a Christian perspective
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Related Titles



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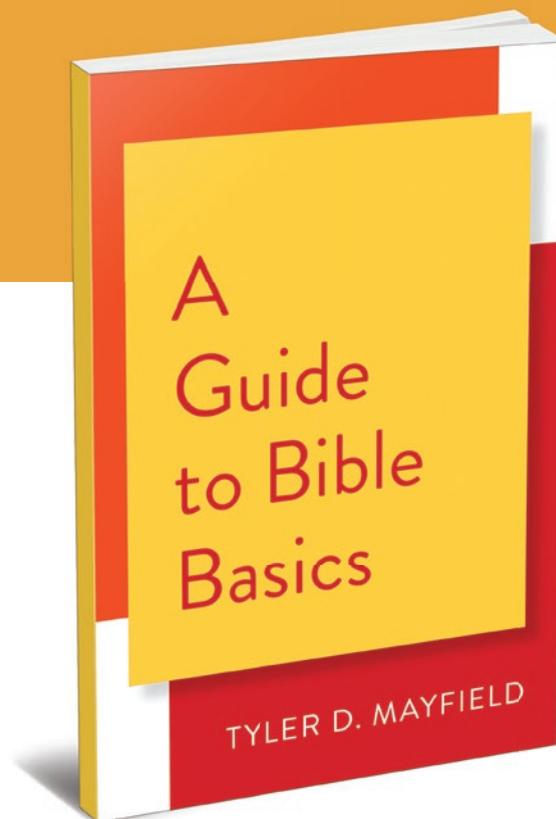
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TYLER D. MAYFIELD is the A. B. Rhodes Associate Professor of Old Testament and Faculty Director of the Louisville Granemeyer Award in Religion at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

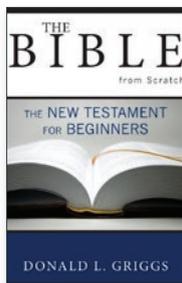


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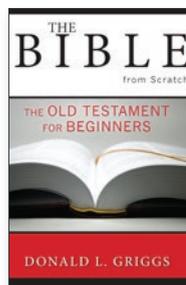
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Loving and Leaving a Church

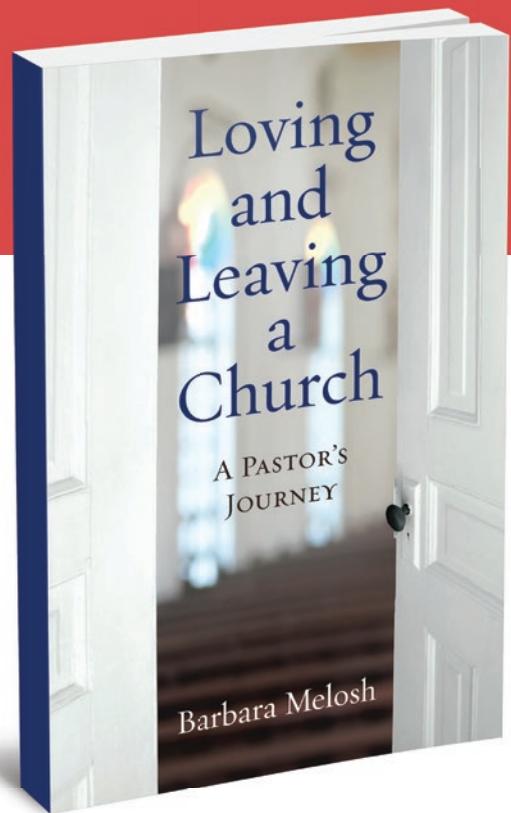
A Pastor's Journey

BARBARA MELOSH

Barbara Melosh's story was a common one. A second-career seminarian, she arrived at her first pastorate brimming with enthusiasm and high hopes. The blue-collar congregation to which she'd been called had a glorious past but an uncertain future. Certain that she could turn around its slow yet undeniable slide into decline, Melosh inaugurated a number of church growth and outreach programs. Most of these efforts had little effect, and the ones that did seem to work soon suffered reverse outcomes and eventual demise. In the end, Melosh had to conclude that the members of the congregation liked their church the way it was and that she could not drag them into a future they did not want.

Yet while the congregation failed to change itself, Melosh notes, it succeeded in changing her. Simply put, it made her a pastor. At times heartbreaking and hilarious, *Loving and Leaving a Church* offers a glimpse into the challenges and opportunities of ministry in a mainline church.

BARBARA MELOSH is an ordained Lutheran pastor and former college professor at George Mason University. She writes for *Christian Century* and other clergy journals.

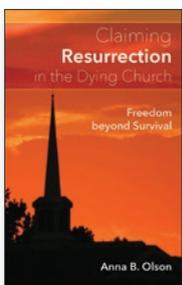


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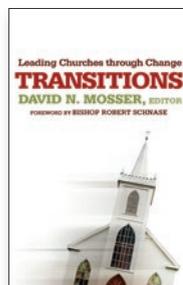
Key Selling Points

- Names the situation of congregational decline in which so many mainline pastors find themselves
- Offers inspiration for how to minister faithfully
- Provides humor despite difficult subject matter

Related Titles



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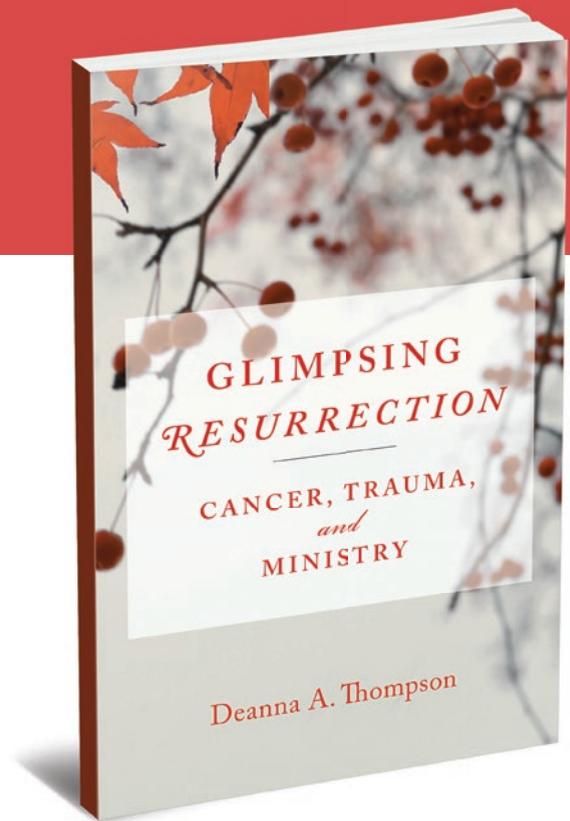
Cancer, Trauma, and Ministry

DEANNA A. THOMPSON

In *Glimpsing Resurrection*, Deanna A. Thompson combines recent trauma research with compelling first-person narrative to provide insight into the traumatic dimensions of living with a serious illness. Her aim is to help those who are ill and those who care for and minister to them deepen their understanding of how best to offer support.

“The tendency for Christians to move almost immediately from death to proclamations of new life risks alienating those for whom healing and new life seem out of reach,” says Thompson. *Glimpsing Resurrection* focuses less on the “why” to help readers instead come to terms with the “how” of living with a serious disease. In particular, Thompson provides a framework and concrete suggestions for how to be a church where those who are undone by illness can be undone, as well as a place that can love and support them to hope.

DEANNA A. THOMPSON teaches religion at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. Diagnosed with stage IV cancer in 2008, she has spent the years since talking and writing about how cancer and faith might coexist. Her books include *Hoping for More: Having Cancer, Talking Faith, and Accepting Grace* and *The Virtual Body of Christ in a Suffering World*. For more information, visit www.deannaathompson.com.

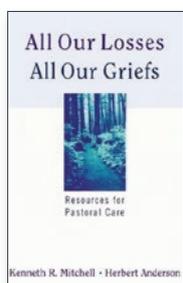


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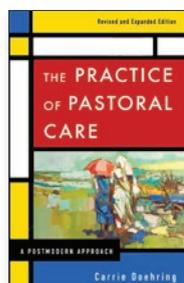
Key Selling Points

- Helps churches better understand how to support people with chronic illness
- Includes the author's account of her own experiences living with a cancer diagnosis
- Explores spaces in the biblical narrative where those who suffer from illness might find a home

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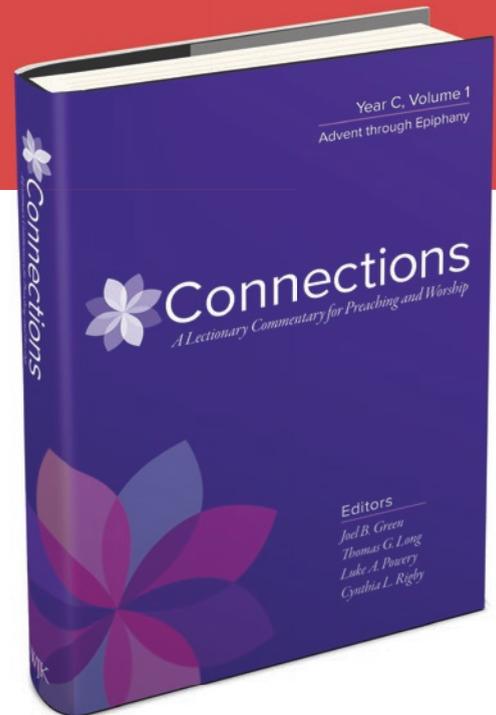
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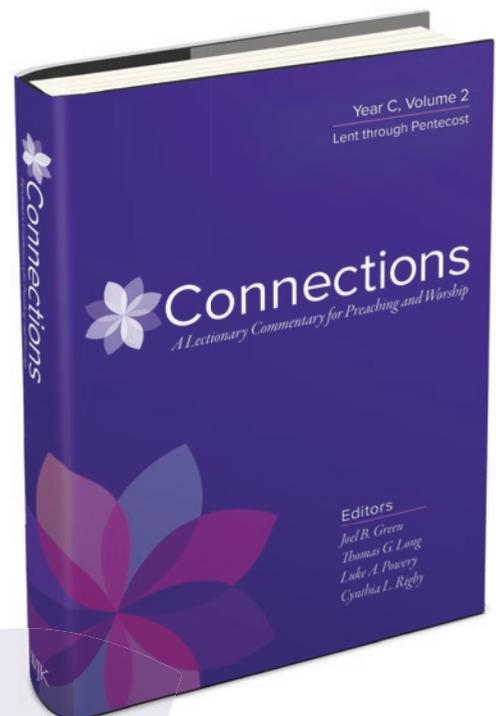
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Miracles

God's Presence and Power in Creation
Interpretation: Resources for the
Use of Scripture in the Church

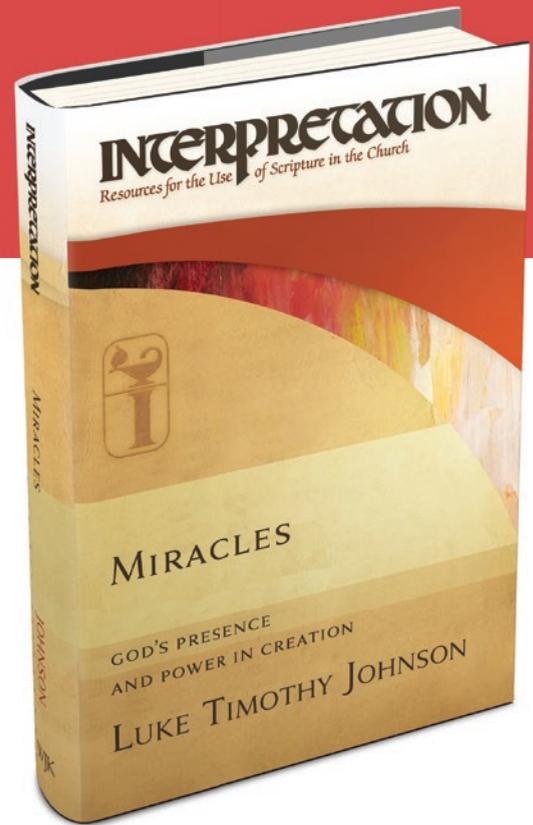
LUKE TIMOTHY JOHNSON

Miracles are not confined to the stories of Scripture; these signs of God's presence and power in creation are experienced throughout our daily existence. Yet cultural challenges and modernity's skepticism have marginalized belief in them as unreasonable and irrational, says Luke Timothy Johnson.

In this excellent resource for church professionals, Johnson reclaims Christian belief in miracles as integral to recovering a proper and strong sense of creation, recognizing the validity of personal experience and narrative and asserting the truth-telling quality of myth. His analysis includes:

- a description of the competing symbolic worldviews that have framed the discussion on miracles, including secular debates and theological imagination;
- interpretation of miracles consonant with the biblical construction of reality in the Old and New Testaments; and
- suggestions for four areas in the church's life—teaching, preaching, prayer, and pastoral care—that can work together to shape a symbolic world, within which believers can expect, perceive, and celebrate the miracles in everyday life.

LUKE TIMOTHY JOHNSON is the Robert W. Woodruff Professor Emeritus of New Testament and Early Christian Origins at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. A New Testament scholar and historian of early Christianity, he is the author of over thirty books. He is also the winner of the 2011 Grawemeyer Award in Religion for *Among the Gentiles: Greco-Roman Religion and Christianity*.

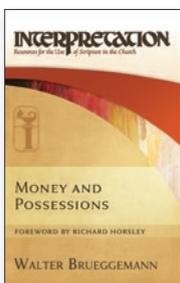


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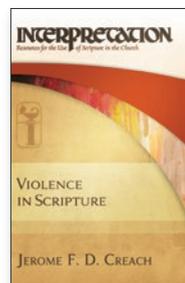
Key Selling Points

- Offers an exploration and explanation of how Christian skepticism of miracles developed
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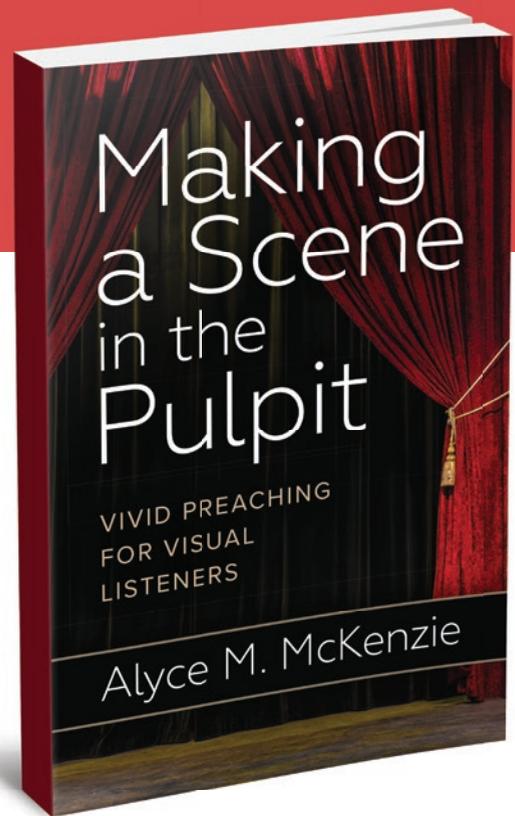
Vivid Preaching for Visual Listeners

ALYCE M. MCKENZIE

How can preachers ensure that their sermons continue to engage listeners in a world defined by visual media and the short, segmented delivery of information? Alyce McKenzie harnesses the element of drama and the human fascination with scenes to offer ministers a modern means of sermon development and delivery.

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ALYCE M. MCKENZIE is Le Van Professor of Preaching and Worship and Director of the Center for Preaching Excellence at Perkins School of Theology. She is the author of several books, including *Novel Preaching: Tips from Top Writers on Crafting Creative Sermons*.

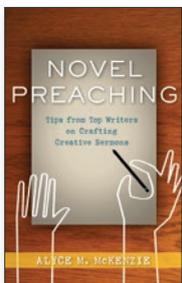


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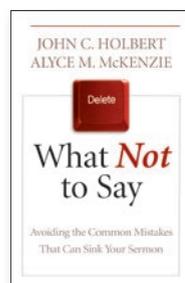
Key Selling Points

- Helps readers prepare and deliver more vivid, affecting sermons
- Explores the argument that modern "hearers" process information in visual terms
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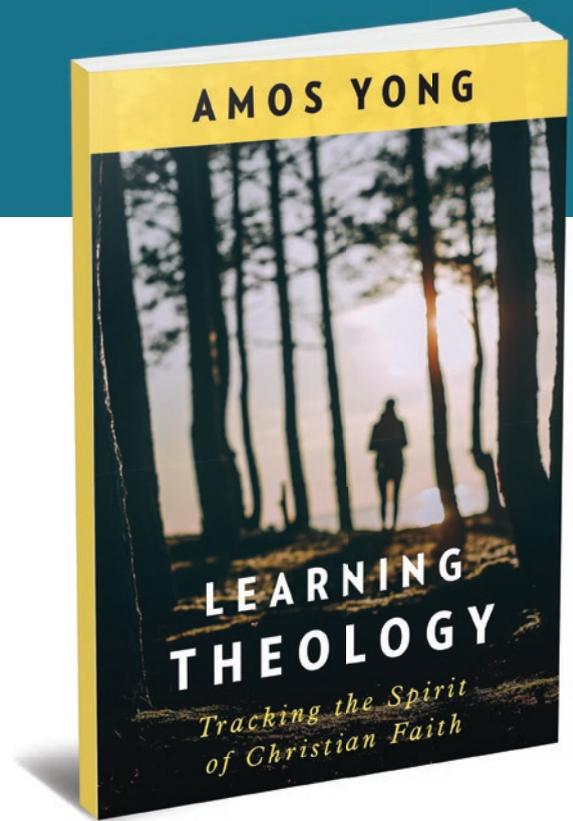
Tracking the Spirit of Christian Faith

AMOS YONG

Theology—the attempt to come to a deeper, more faithful understanding of one’s encounter with God—is something to which all Christians are called. In *Learning Theology*, Amos Yong invites the reader to lay claim to that calling and to see it as yet another opportunity to love God.

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AMOS YONG is Professor of Theology and Mission and Director of the Center for Missiological Research at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California.

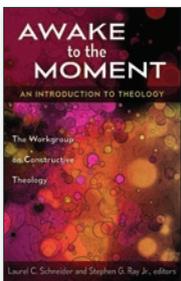


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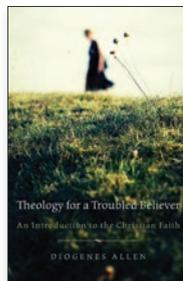
Key Selling Points

- Introduces the foundational sources and tasks of theology
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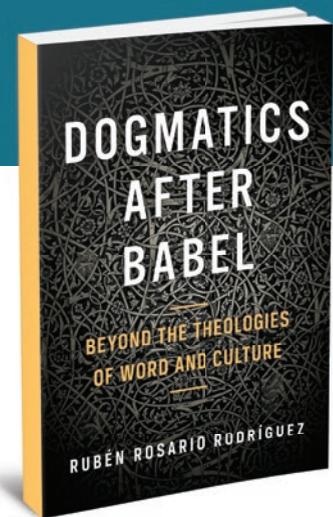
Beyond the Theologies of Word and Culture

RUBÉN ROSARIO RODRÍGUEZ

Rubén Rosario Rodríguez addresses the long-standing division between Christian theologies that take revelation as their starting point and focus and those that take human culture as theirs. Rosario argues that in order to get beyond the impasse between theologies of the Word and culture, we need a different starting point. He discovers that starting point in two sources: (1) through the work of liberation and contextual theologians on the role of the Holy Spirit, and (2) through a comparative analysis of the teachings on the hiddenness of God from the three “Abrahamic” religions —Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. His work will shift readers’ understanding of the options in theological discourse beyond the false alternatives of theologies of the Word and culture.

RUBÉN ROSARIO RODRÍGUEZ is Associate Professor at Saint Louis University, where he also serves as International Studies Director for the Mev Puleo Scholarship Program. He is the author of *Racism and God-Talk: A Latino/a Perspective* and *Christian Martyrdom and Political Violence: A Comparative Theology with Judaism and Islam*.

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Key Selling Points

- Examines the division between theologies of culture vs. theologies of Word
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Schleiermacher and Sustainability

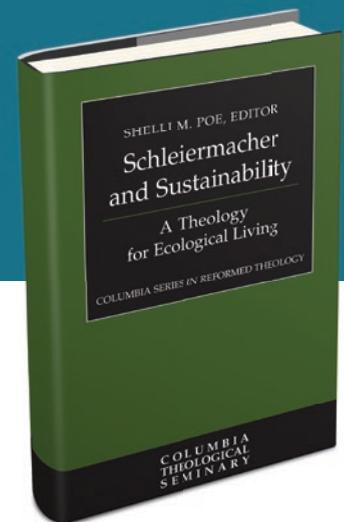
A Theology for Ecological Living

SHELLI M. POE, EDITOR

Since the 1960s, theologians have been involved in efforts to guide Christians to reflection and action in light of planetary peril. The contributors to this volume illustrate how Friedrich Schleiermacher’s theological work could fulfill that need. Each chapter deals with a particular locus in Schleiermacher’s systematic theology, focusing on its implications for sustainable living. In so doing, *Schleiermacher and Sustainability* offers a sophisticated account of Schleiermacher’s thought that will upend many estimations of his value for current constructive theology and provide a potent resource for those seeking to integrate ecological living into the marrow of their daily existence.

SHELLI M. POE is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Director of the Initiative for Vocational Inquiry at Millsaps College. Her scholarship focuses on Friedrich Schleiermacher’s theology, African American studies in higher education, and the intersection of modern and liberation theologies.

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Key Selling Points

- Offers a deep, coherent vision of one particular form of Christian ecological living
- Allows for evaluation, extension, and application of the theological vision presented
- Proves insightful for both scholars and educated lay readers

Introduction to Christian Ethics

Conflict, Faith, and Human Life

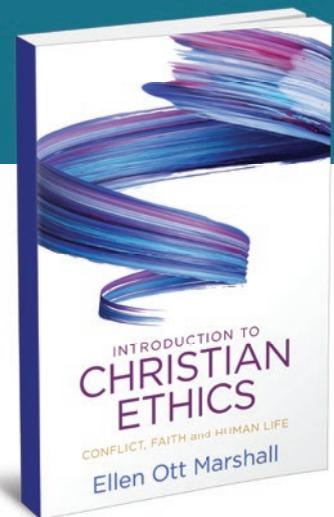
ELLEN OTT MARSHALL

All Christians read the Bible differently, pray differently, and value their traditions differently. These differences are the basis of conflict. The question Christian ethics must answer, then, is, "What does the good life look like in the context of conflict?"

In this new introductory text, Ellen Ott Marshall uses the inevitable reality of difference to center and organize her exploration of the system of Christian morality. This innovative approach to Christian ethics will benefit a new generation of students who wish to engage the perennial questions of what constitutes a faithful Christian life and a just society.

ELLEN OTT MARSHALL is Associate Professor of Christian Ethics and Conflict Transformation at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. She is the author of multiple books on Christian ethics.

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Key Selling Points

- Challenges students to explore the idea of Christian morality through the lens of conflict
- Written by a well-known Christian ethics guild member, especially one in the branch that focuses on peacebuilding and conflict resolution and transformation

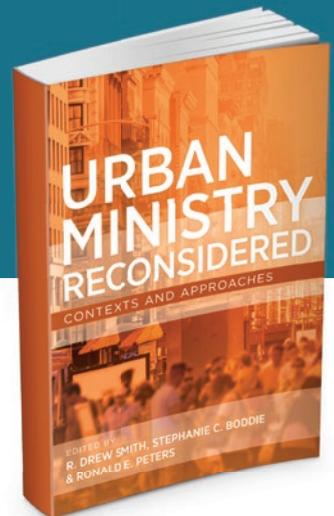
Urban Ministry Reconsidered

Contexts and Approaches

R. DREW SMITH, STEPHANIE C. BODDIE, and RONALD E. PETERS, editors

Christian ministries often struggle to account for urbanization's growing force, complexities, and reach—and to formulate theologically and sociologically appropriate responses. *Urban Ministry Reconsidered* features a collection of original essays by leading scholars and practitioners that explores current issues and challenges in urban communities. Together these articles consider how cultural and structural frameworks have led to new conceptualizations and configurations of urban ministry.

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Key Selling Points

- Provides a variety of insights for tackling current urban issues and challenges
- Written by contributors who teach urban ministry or related courses
- Addresses issues both in the United States and beyond

The Protestant Reformation of the Church and the World

JOHN WITTE JR. and AMY WHEELER, editors

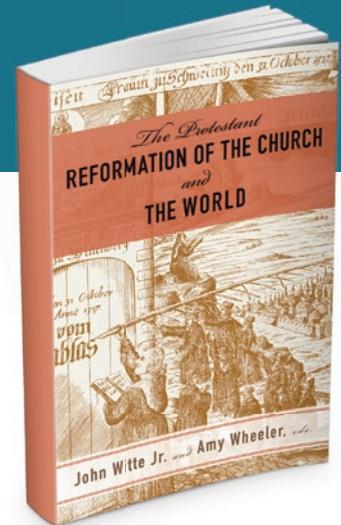
From a distinguished assembly of twelve internationally acclaimed scholars comes this rich, interdisciplinary study that explores the Protestant Reformation and its resultant effects on the church as well as the world.

Each contributor to this volume draws on distinctive methods and themes in an effort to understand the Reformation on its own complex terms, as well as to reconstruct its teachings and warnings for our day.

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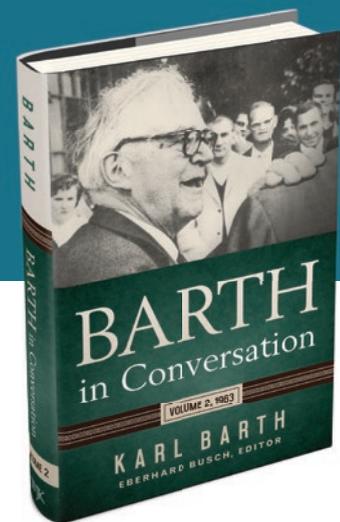
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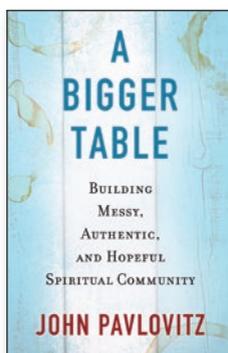
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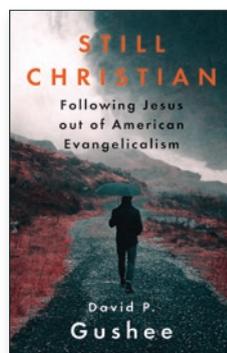
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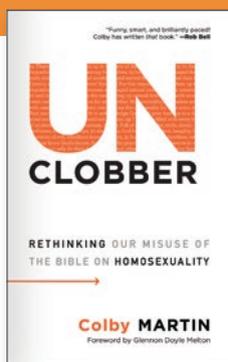
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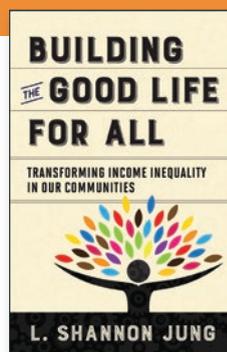
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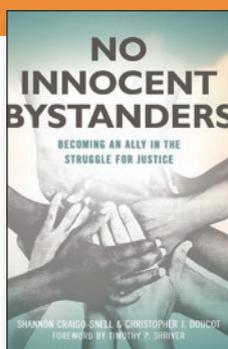
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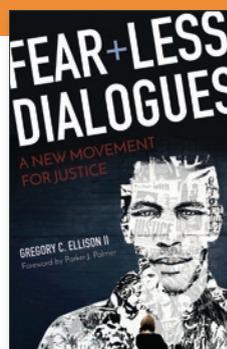
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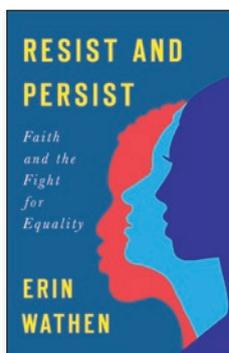
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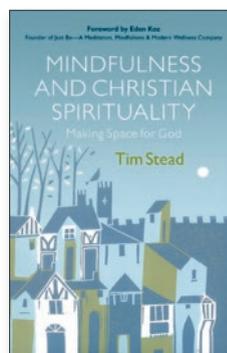
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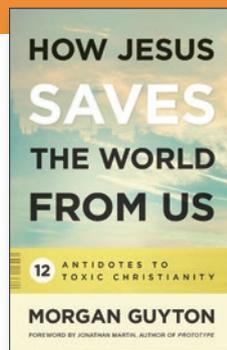
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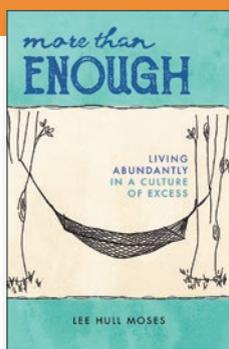
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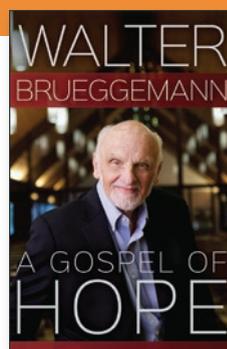
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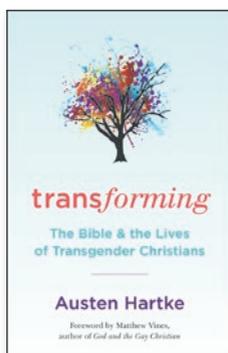
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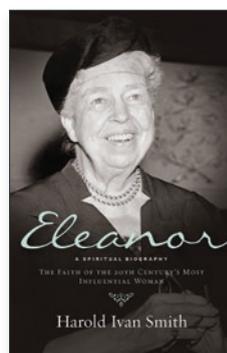
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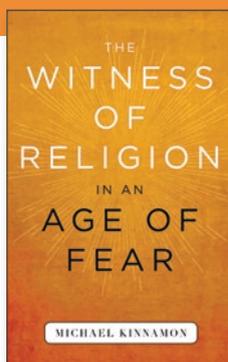
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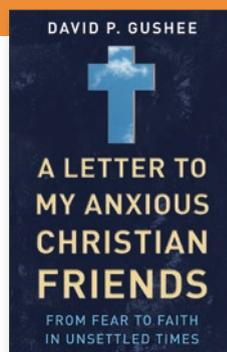
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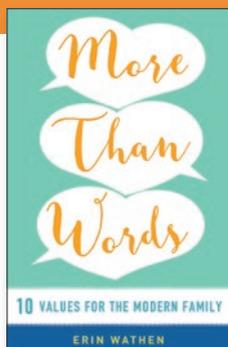
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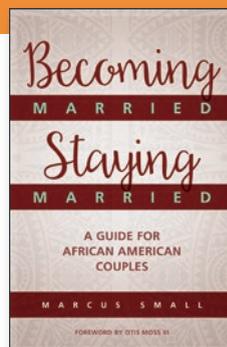
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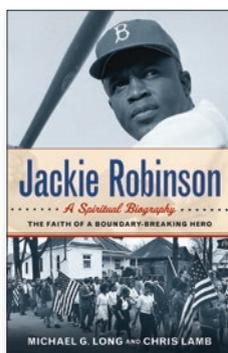
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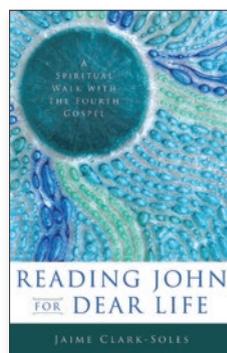
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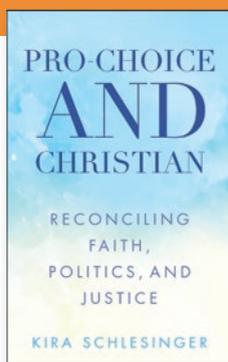
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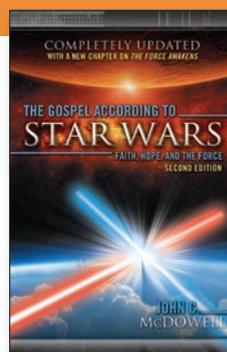
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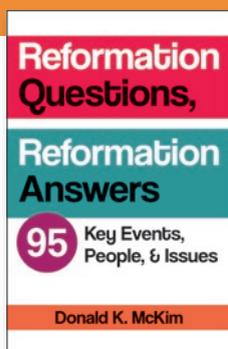
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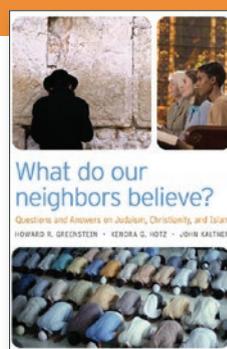
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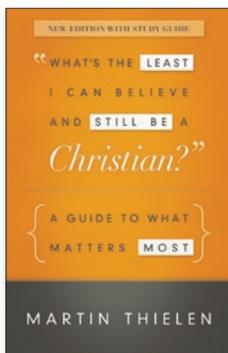
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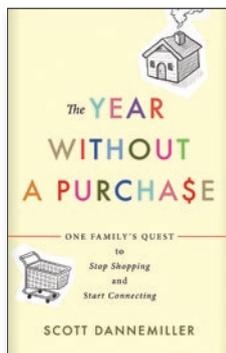


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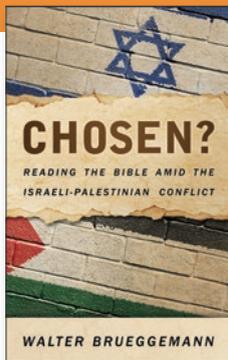


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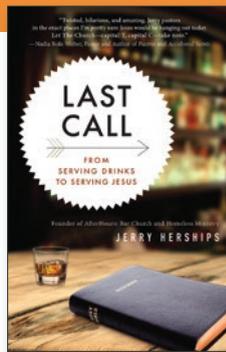


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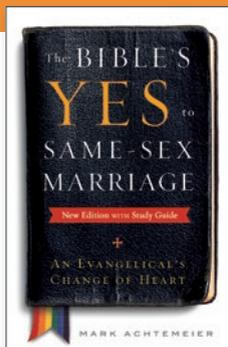


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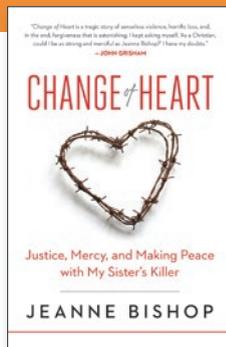


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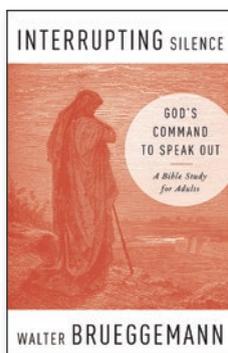
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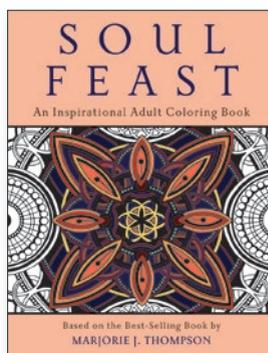
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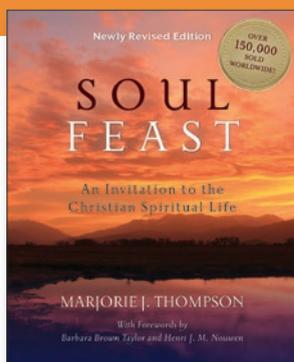
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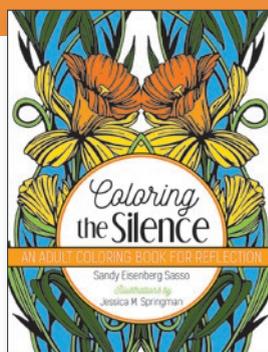


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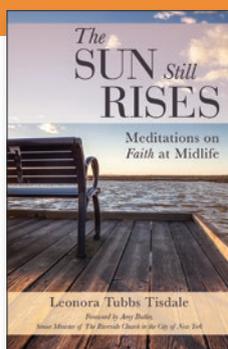
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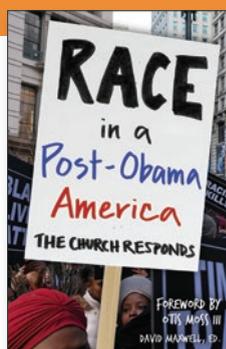
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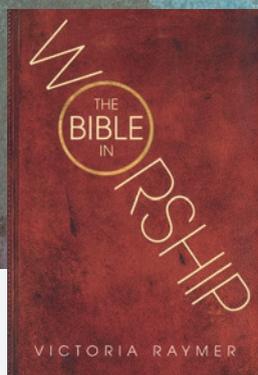


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Victoria Raymer is Tutor in Liturgy at Westcott House, Cambridge. She qualified as a lawyer and earned a PhD in Church History at Harvard.

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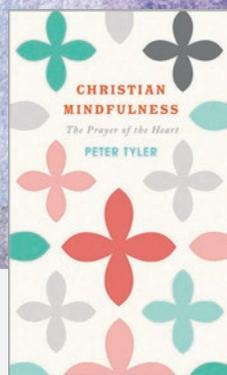
Eve Poole

Christians are deeply concerned about global capitalism, but lack the tools to be able to engage robustly in the debate about its future. Economists obfuscate, politicians polarise, and church leaders bluff.

In *Buying God*, Eve Poole argues that the Church has vital and useful things to say about the economy, rooted in theology; and a vital role to play in redeeming the marketplace both at home and abroad.

Dr Eve Poole teaches leadership and ethics for Ashridge Business School. She is Chair of Faith in Business at Ridley Hall, Cambridge and is the Third Church Estates Commissioner for the Church of England. Her most recent books are *Capitalism's Toxic Assumptions* (Featherstone 2015) and *Leadersmithing* (Bloomsbury 2017).

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Christian Mindfulness

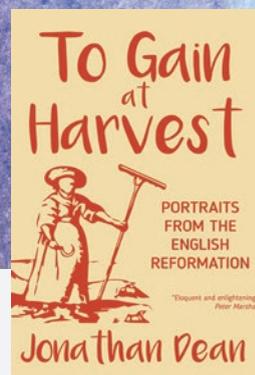
The Prayer of the Heart
Peter Tyler

Many Christian commentators have been taken aback by the seemingly unstoppable rise of the 'mindfulness revolution' that has occurred over the past decade. But there are many Christians who worry that mindfulness techniques constitute a covert import from Buddhism. How far are Christians adopting Buddhist techniques, ideas and ideologies? Do we risk squaring Buddhist ideology and approaches to fit the Christian circle?

Beginning with an exploration of the practice of mindfulness in its Buddhist origins, Peter Tyler reflects on the practical use of mindfulness, its place within the Christian tradition of prayer, and its future within the Christian tradition.

Peter Tyler is Professor of Pastoral Theology and Spirituality at St Mary's University, London. He is the author of numerous books, most recently *The Pursuit of the Soul: Psychoanalysis, Soul-making and the Christian Tradition* (Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 2016)

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To Gain at Harvest

Portraits from the English Reformation

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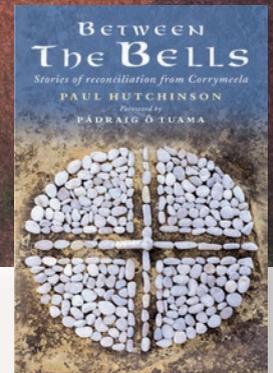
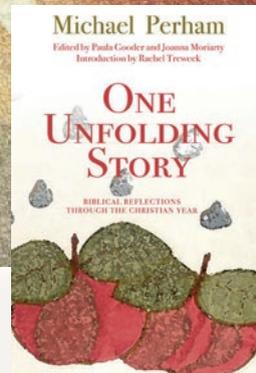
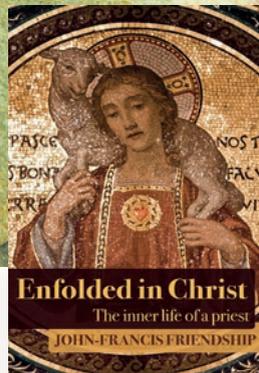
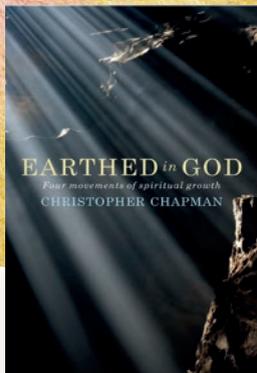
To Gain at Harvest celebrates the courage, intellect, humility and passion displayed by figures of all shades of opinion and belief during the English Reformation.

Offering insights into the turbulent period of the English Reformation and its ideas, Jonathan Dean demonstrates the qualities of mind and heart, and the gifts of faith and character, which some of its leading proponents possessed.

The book will provide a vital resource for students and general readers seeking to understand a crucial moment in church history.

Jonathan Dean is an ordained Methodist minister and Methodist Tutor at The Queen's Foundation, Birmingham and author of *A Heart Strangely Warmed: The Writings of John and Charles Wesley* (London: Canterbury Press, 2014)

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Earthed in God

Four movements of spiritual growth

Christopher Chapman

This resource for spiritual directors offers exercises and prayer tools on the theme of spiritual growth. Using the Biblical image of gardening, Christopher Chapman offers material for those seeking to live a more abundant and fruitful life.

He explores four stages of spiritual development:

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- Abundance and maturity: how to recognize resistance to the work of the Spirit.
- Fruitfulness and falling: finding fulfilment in giving and receiving.

The material is also ideal for personal reading during a retreat or by those receiving spiritual direction.

Christopher Chapman has been a spiritual director and retreat leaders for 30 years. Formerly Spiritual Formation Adviser for the Diocese of Southwark, he teaches ordinands at St Augustine's College, Southwark.

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The Inner Life of the Priest
John-Francis Friendship

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- Healthy relationships

John-Francis Friendship is an Anglican priest, a pastoral supervisor and a senior team member at the London Centre for Spiritual Direction. He is a founder member of the progressive Anglo-Catholic organization, the Sodality of Mary and belongs to the Society of Catholic Priests.

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Michael Perham

Michael Perham shaped the worship of the Church of England as we know it today. This collection brings together the very best of his unpublished writings to offer inspiring reflections on the seasons of the Christian year.

From Advent to Christ the King, Michael Perham shares his passion for the worship and its ability to draw us into God's presence. He explores how celebrating the life, death and resurrection of Jesus opens us to growth and to change.

Michael Perham was an influential liturgist and author of numerous books on worship. A key architect of Common Worship and formerly the bishop of Gloucester, he was also Chair of SPCK, the Alcuin Club, Ripon College Cuddesdon, WATCH, and a member of the Franciscan Third Order. He died in 2017.

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Between the Bells

Stories of reconciliation from Corrymeela

Paul Hutchinson

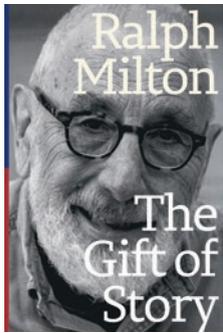
Foreword by Pádraig Ó Tuama

Corrymeela - a Christian community committed to reconciliation, is bounded by bells. Twice a day - morning and evening - a large bell sounds out over the site overlooking Rathlin Island. This is a call to come to worship and to reflect on God, self, neighbour, stranger.

Between the Bells recounts the varied experiences of many whose lives have been changed by their visit to Corrymeela, and the changes they have effected in others. Narrated by the former leader of the Corrymeela Community, it is full of wild and beautiful and funny stories that linger in the heart. Each one shows what it really means to work for reconciliation, to be sorely in need of it, and to receive it.

Paul Hutchinson was the former Centre Director of Corrymeela, where he still regularly leads retreats. He is a Visiting Professor at Dalhousie University and an award winning filmmaker, musician and writer.

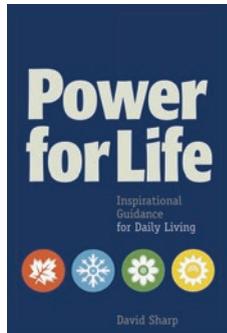
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The Gift of Story
Ralph Milton

Ralph Milton shares insights about storytelling related to themes ranging from mythology and human identity, to social justice, changing from the inside out, tragedy, awe and mystery, hope and promise, and more. *But the story is always central; the story is always "the thing."* Includes key biblical stories about seminal biblical characters – Eden and Eve, Jonah, the prodigal, Mary and Elizabeth, the Ethiopian eunuch, Zacchaeus, Mary of Magdala, Sarah...and more. In *The Gift of Story*, Milton romps through a lively reflection on what stories mean to humans, "the story-telling animal," how we can all stories to enrich our lives, and rejoice in the complimentary role that stories and the logic of science play in our lives. It's a fun read full of lively, refreshing stories and insights.

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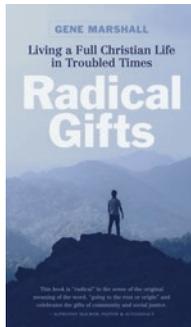
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David Sharp

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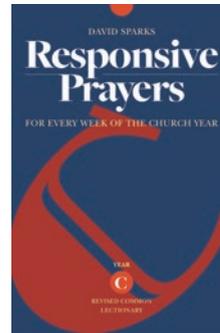
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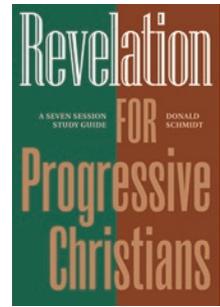
This collection of responsive prayers is based on the *Revised Common Lectionary, Year C*, as is perfect for clergy and lay leaders alike.

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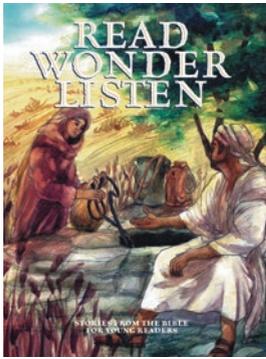
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A seven session study guide
Donald Schmidt

Revelation is a powerful book that was written a long time ago to express a powerful message. Unfortunately, so many people have played with it and interpreted it and have found in it only the things they wanted to find, it's difficult to "hear" the original intent through all the interpretation.

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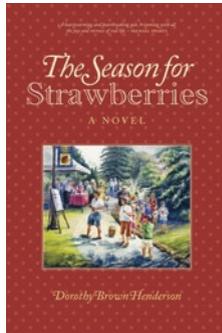
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Stories from the Bible for Young Readers
Laura Alary and Ann Sheng

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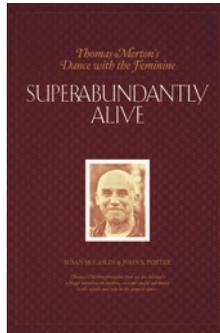


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Dorothy Brown Henderson

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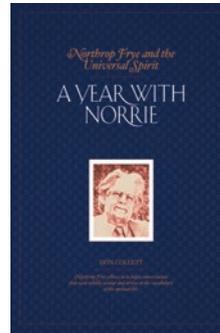
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Susan McCaslin and John S. Porter

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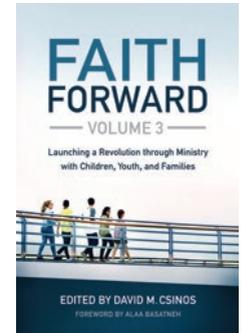
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Northrop Frye and the Universal Spirit
Don Collett

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Though he was a minister in the United Church of Canada, Northrop Frye rarely inhabited a pulpit in the usual way. A brilliant thinker and academic, a guiding light in the world of the university, his pulpit and his discipline were his classroom. As an educator, he felt it highly unethical to share his faith stance with his students... He considered his witness to be his role as critic, as one who articulates a form of culture, including Christian culture.

As Don Collett writes in *A Year with Norrie*, “Frye conceived of a world beyond the normal confines of Christian doctrine and theology and then... found a place for Christian doctrine and theology to provide the hope this world needs.”

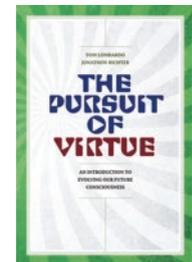
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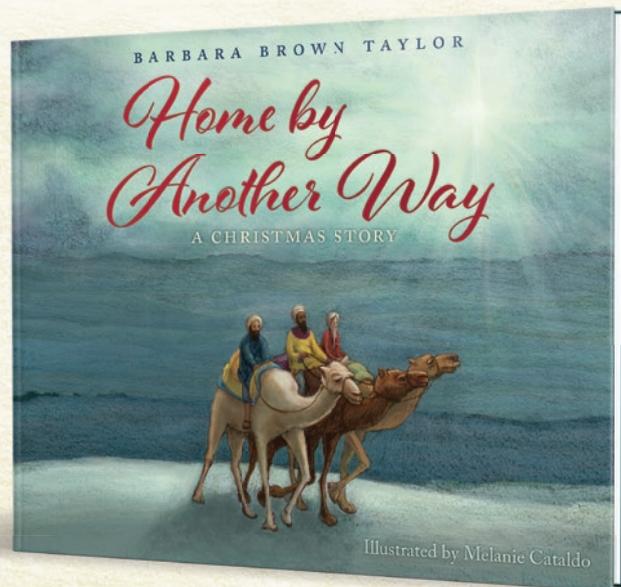
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