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As a sister imprint of Westminster John Knox Press, we work with a varied group of authors and illustrators to create children's books that will inspire the next generation to fly.

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.

For more information about Flyaway Books, please visit www.flyawaybooks.com.

The Story of AND

The Little Word That Changed the World

SANDY EISENBERG SASSO

Illustrated by

JOANI KELLER ROTHENBERG

With a song by

CARRIE NEWCOMER

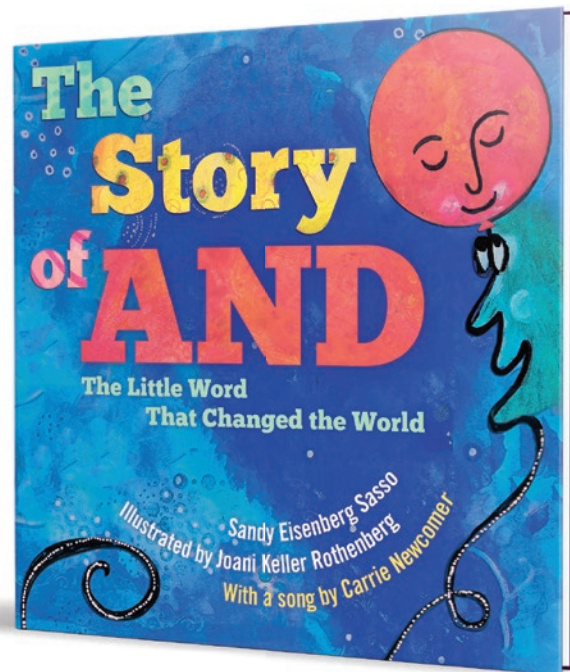
Poor *and*: the word everyone takes for granted. So tiny, so common, so easily overlooked. Yet if it weren't for *and*, so much would fall apart! Who knew such a little word could make such a big difference?

When an array of opinionated shapes just can't find common ground, AND comes to the rescue. AND is the link that helps each pair of shapes overcome their differences, teaming up to create something entirely new. Bouncy rhyming text and colorful paintings come together in a fable that will prompt children to look for the unexpected connections all around them. Singer/songwriter Carrie Newcomer has recorded an original song based on the story, available to readers as a bonus download at www.flyawaybooks.com.

SANDY EISENBERG SASSO is the Director of Religion, Spirituality and the Arts Initiative at Indiana University–Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) Arts and Humanities Institute, as well as Rabbi Emerita of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Her many children's books include the classic *God's Paintbrush* and the New Testament parable retellings *Who Counts?* and *The Marvelous Mustard Seed*, cowritten with Amy-Jill Levine and named Junior Library Guild selections. For more information, visit www.allaboutand.com.

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CARRIE NEWCOMER is an award-winning singer and songwriter known for her solo recordings and her collaborations with other creative people, including previous work with Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. She travels and performs worldwide in support of cultural and humanitarian causes. For more information, visit www.carrienewcomer.com.



April • Jacketed Hardback • \$18.00
9781947888050 • 40 pages • 10" x 10"
Rights: World • Market: Children, Ages 3-7

Key Selling Points

- Encourages children to look for the unexpected connections all around them
- Features colorful, whimsical artwork
- Teaches children about shapes in a creative way
- Includes a downloadable song by singer/songwriter Carrie Newcomer based on the story, available at www.flyawaybooks.com



Who Is My Neighbor?

AMY-JILL LEVINE
and SANDY EISENBERG SASSO

Illustrated by
DENISE TURU

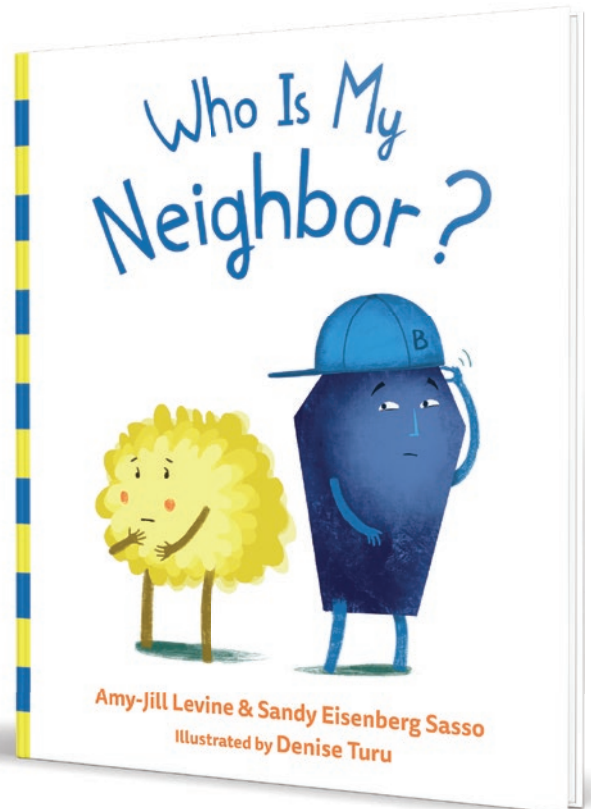
Blues and Yellows just don't mix, and that's how it's always been. No one remembers why. But then comes the day Midnight Blue takes a tumble along the road. His friends Navy and Powder Blue don't even stop to help! It's only when a Yellow comes along that everything changes—forever.

This creative story is sure to prompt rich conversations, encouraging new ways of seeing our neighbors and ourselves. A note for parents and educators is included.

AMY-JILL LEVINE, the author of numerous acclaimed books, is University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies, and Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Science. *Who Counts?* and *The Marvelous Mustard Seed*, her first two children's books cowritten with Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, were named Junior Library Guild selections.

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DENISE TURU has created illustrations for many picture books, graphic novels, and magazines and has exhibited her artwork around the world. For more information, visit www.deniseturu.com.



January • Jacketed Hardback • \$17.00
9781947888074 • 32 pages • 9" x 10.875"
Rights: World • Market: Children, ages 3-7
Relationships

Key Selling Points

- Helps prompt conversations with children about diversity and accepting others
- Includes a note for parents and educators
- Features colorful, playful illustrations



Bruno's Hat

CANIZALES

Sergio said that my best friend Bruno's hat was weird. When I told him to stop, he called me a weirdo! If I had kept playing with Bruno, Sergio would have kept teasing me, too. But now I miss my friend terribly. What should I do?

Told from the point of view of Bruno's best friend, Peter, this insightful children's book explores bullying—especially the choices children face in defending others who are bullied. Readers will see Peter's struggle to overcome his own fear of being bullied as he learns how to help a friend. *Bruno's Hat* features a variety of animal characters and colorful, lively illustrations. The book also includes a downloadable guide to help children, parents, and educators navigate the challenges of childhood bullying. The in-depth guide, available at www.flyawaybooks.com/resources, features various questions and activities for children.

CANIZALES has been creating works for children for more than twenty years. He currently devotes his time to the creation of books that stimulate children's imaginations while helping them deal with sensitive issues. His works have been published in Spanish, English, Italian, French, Polish, and Korean.



January • Jacketed Hardback • \$17.00
9781947888135 • 32 pages • 8.375" x 8.375"
Rights: World English • Market: Children, ages 3-7
Bullying, Emotions, and Friendship

Key Selling Points

- Helps children understand the consequences of bullying
- Approaches bullying from the perspective of the victim's best friend
- Teaches children about the power of friendship and the choices children face in defending others who are bullied
- Includes a downloadable guide to help children, parents, and educators navigate the challenges of childhood bullying
- Features colorful, lively illustrations with various animal characters

God's Big Plan

ELIZABETH F. CALDWELL
and THEODORE HIEBERT

Illustrated by
KATIE YAMASAKI

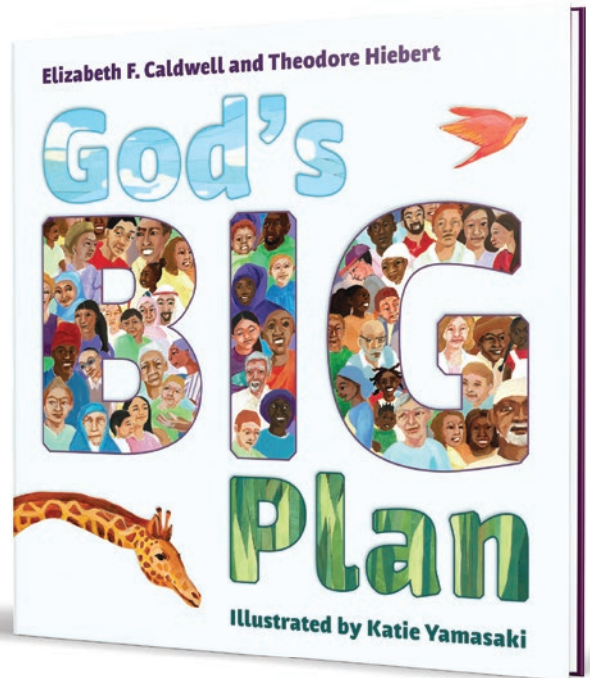
The world is full of so many different things: animals, plants, foods, languages, people. But it might not have been that way if it weren't for God's big plan . . .

This vibrant picture book illuminates a new understanding of the story of Babel in Genesis, revealing God's plan for wonderful diversity throughout the world. *God's Big Plan* includes a note for parents and educators.

ELIZABETH F. CALDWELL is a noted Christian educator, author, coeditor of *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible*, and an editor of the Common English Bible. She is Professor Emerita of Pastoral Theology at McCormick Theological Seminary and Visiting Professor in Religious Education at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

THEODORE HIEBERT is Francis A. McGraw Professor of Old Testament Emeritus at McCormick Theological Seminary, where he served as a member of the faculty and academic dean, and was an editor and translator of the Common English Bible. A leading scholar among theological educators, he has done groundbreaking work in the study of Genesis.

KATIE YAMASAKI is a muralist, teaching artist, and author/illustrator of children's books. She views her work as a vehicle for dialogue within diverse communities and travels widely to create conversations around art. For more information, visit www.katieyamasaki.com.

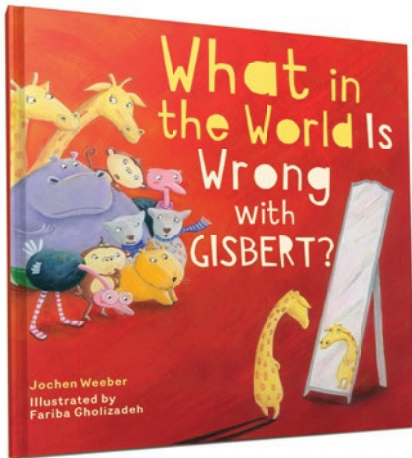


April • Jacketed Hardback • \$17.00
9781947888067 • 40 pages • 10" x 10"
Rights: World • Market: Children, ages 3-7
Bible Stories

Key Selling Points

- Presents a new understanding of the story of Babel in Genesis based on new biblical scholarship
- Celebrates diversity in our world
- Features bright, ethnically diverse illustrations





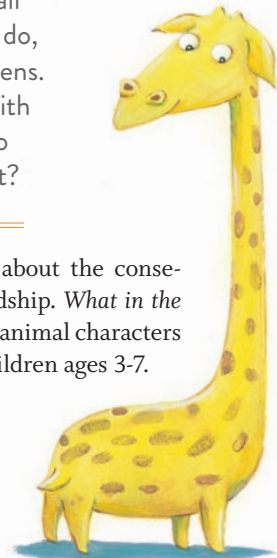
9781947888029 • \$16.00
Hardback • Ages 3-7

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 3-7.



9780664263553 • \$16.00
Hardback • Ages 3-7

Simon and the Big, Bad, Angry Beasts

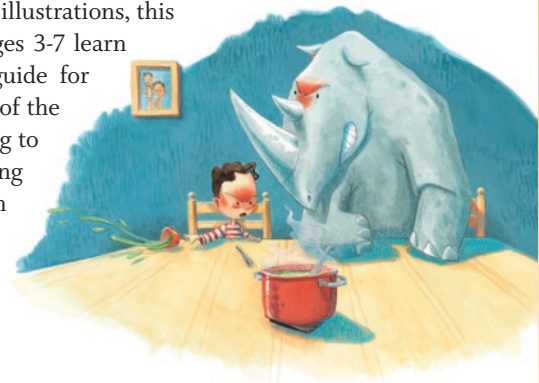
A Book about Anger

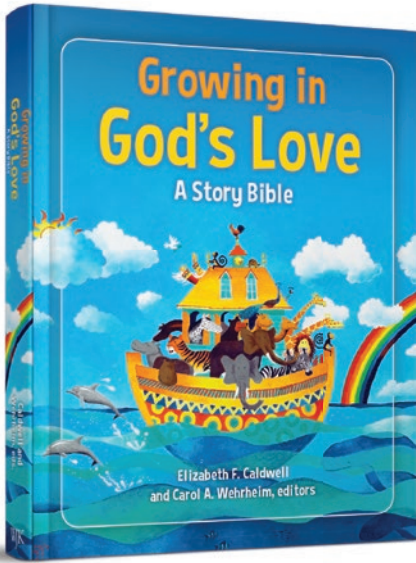
IAN DE HAES

When Simon gets mad, he gets REALLY mad. So mad that big, bad, angry beasts appear. At first Simon loves having the beasts around to help scare off anyone who upsets him, but over time he realizes that no one wants to be around him or the beasts. This makes Simon sad, so he decides to try to still his mind and practice being calm. And the beasts disappear!



Featuring colorful and expressive illustrations, this insightful book helps children ages 3-7 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.





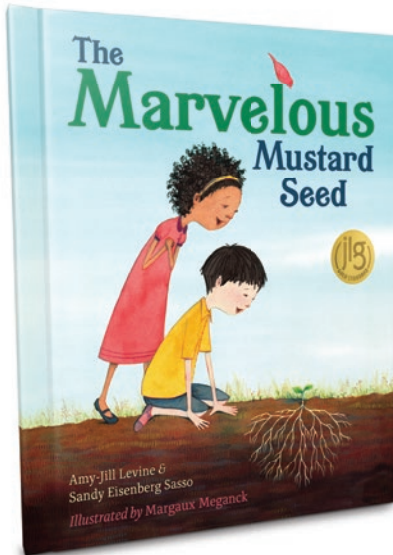
9780664262914 • \$25.00
Hardback • Ages 4-8

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.



9780664262754 • \$16.00
Hardback • Ages 4-8

The Marvelous Mustard Seed

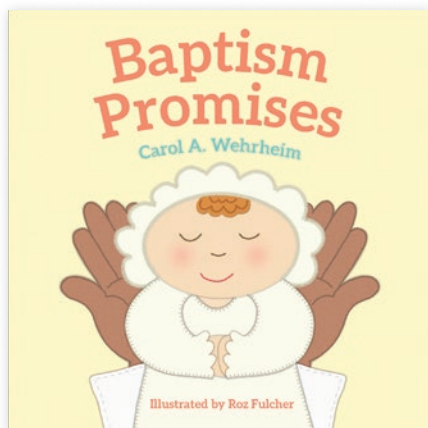
AMY-JILL LEVINE
and SANDY EISENBERG SASSO

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.





9781947888036 • \$8.00
Board book • Ages 2-4

Baptism Promises

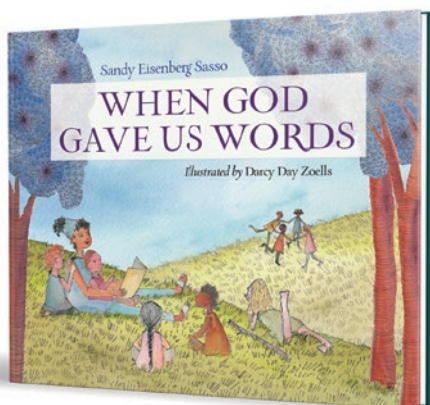
CAROL A. WEHRHEIM

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.



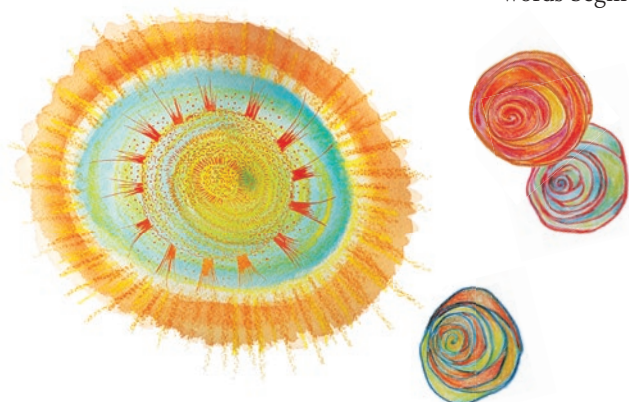
9781947888012 • \$16.00
Hardback • Ages 3-8

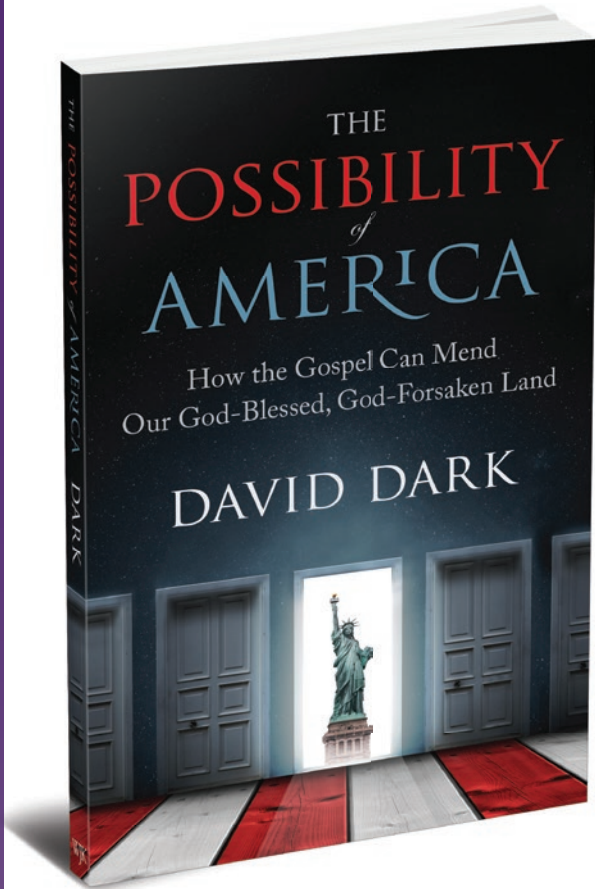
When God Gave Us Words

SANDY EISENBERG SASSO

Illustrated by
DARCY DAY ZOELLS

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 they 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.



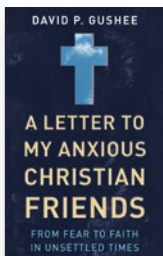


April • Paper • \$17.00
 9780664264659 • 190 pages • 5.5" x 8.5"
 Rights: World • Market: General Reader
 Christianity

Key Selling Points

- Presents an expanded revision of *The Gospel according to America* to address Trump-era problems
- Features a Progressive Christian voice analyzing this era's mix of religion, politics, and culture
- Written by popular author David Dark

Related Title



A Letter to My Anxious
 Christian Friends
 \$15.00
 9780664262686

The Possibility of America

How the Gospel Can Mend Our God-Blessed, God-Forsaken Land

DAVID DARK

Published in the years following 9/11, David Dark's book *The Gospel according to America* warned American Christianity about the false worship that conflates love of country with love of God. It delved deeply into the political divide that had gripped the country and the cultural captivity into which so many American churches had fallen.

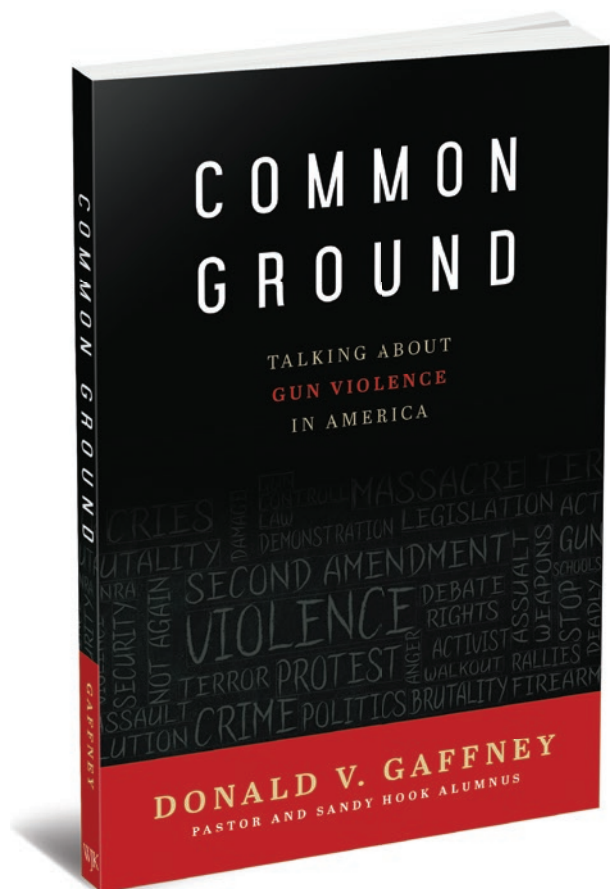
In our current political season, the problems Dark identified have blossomed. The assessment he brought to these problems and the creative resources for resisting them are now more important than ever. Into this new political landscape and expanding on the analysis of *The Gospel according to America*, Dark offers *The Possibility of America: How the Gospel Can Mend Our God-Blessed, God-Forsaken Land*. Dark expands his vision of a fractured yet redeemable American Christianity, bringing his signature mix of theological, cultural, and political analysis to white supremacy, evangelical surrender, and other problems of the Trump era.

DAVID DARK is Assistant Professor of Religion and the Arts at Belmont University. In addition to writing *The Gospel according to America*, he is the author of *Life's Too Short to Pretend You're Not Religious*, *The Sacredness of Questioning Everything*, and *Everyday Apocalypse*. His work has appeared in *Pitchfork*, *Paste*, and *America Magazine*.

Common Ground

Talking about Gun Violence in America

DONALD V. GAFFNEY



February • Paper • \$15.00
9780664264550 • 136 pages • 5.5" x 8.5"
Rights: World • Market: General Reader
Social Issues

Every time a shooting makes national headlines, the same debates erupt: Is the problem guns or mental health? Why is the United States unique in its gun violence problem? Can we reduce this violence while protecting the right to bear arms?

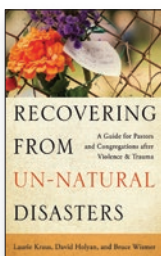
Newtown, Connecticut, native and Disciples of Christ minister Donald V. Gaffney brings a calm and compassionate voice to these complex questions, offering a guide for individuals and groups to reflect on and discuss guns and gun violence. *Common Ground* explores the place of guns in our individual and national histories, violence in Scripture, the legal issues surrounding gun rights, and ways in which we as moral, life-valuing people can bridge the divide to help solve the problem of gun violence in the United States. To move beyond the talking points and rhetoric dominating gun violence discussions, Gaffney concludes chapters with questions for reflection and discussion to encourage self-examination, exploration, and evaluation of potential solutions to gun violence.

DONALD V. GAFFNEY is a Disciples of Christ minister who was born and raised in Newtown, Connecticut, and attended Sandy Hook Elementary School as a child. Profoundly affected by the mass shooting at Sandy Hook on December 14, 2012, Gaffney has immersed himself in the issues surrounding gun violence, especially as it is discussed in the church. He serves as an elder at Central Christian Church in Hermitage, Pennsylvania.

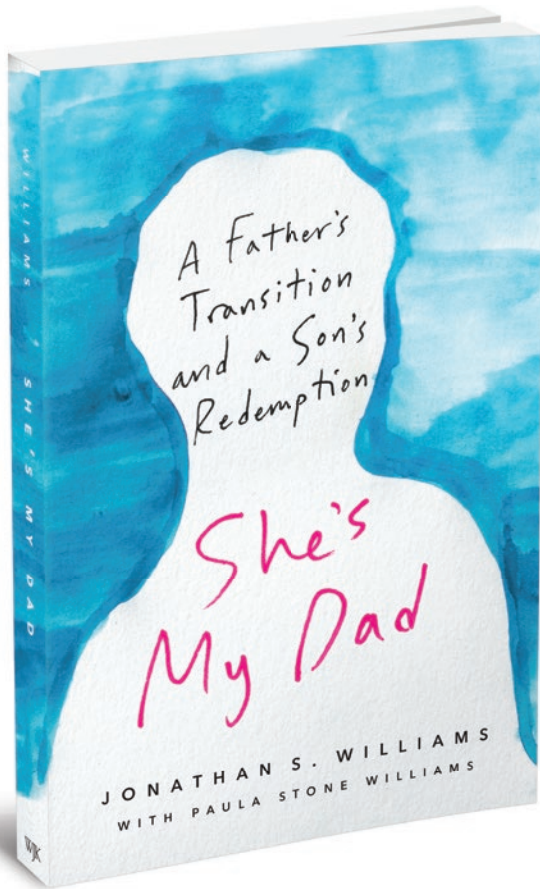
Key Selling Points

- Examines potential solutions to gun violence from the perspective of Christian morality
- Presents a unique perspective by a pastor, former NRA member, and Sandy Hook alumnus
- Offers questions to bring opposing sides together for meaningful discussion on gun violence

Related Title



Recovering from
Un-Natural Disasters
\$20.00
9780664262150



November • Paper • \$17.00
 9780664264352 • 200 pages • 5.5" x 8.5"
 Rights: World • Market: General Reader
 LGBTQ+

Key Selling Points

- Offers a unique perspective intended for family members of trans persons
- Written with a son and trans parent perspective in conversation
- Navigates the feelings of loss and trauma that can occur even in the most LGBTQ-affirming households

Related Title



"Mom, I'm Gay,"
 Revised and Expanded
 Edition
 \$17.00
 9780664262228

She's My Dad

*A Father's Transition
 and a Son's Redemption*

JONATHAN S. WILLIAMS
 with PAULA STONE WILLIAMS

"Written with gut-wrenching honesty and a raw vulnerability that exposes both deep pain and deep compassion, this gripping memoir of love and loss reveals the heartache and the beauty of navigating life when a family member comes out."

—Amber Cantorna, national speaker, leader, and author

Jonathan S. Williams was three months into pastoring a new, evangelical church plant when his father confessed a secret: he was transgender. His father, Paul, a prominent evangelical pastor, soon became Paula, and Jonathan's life and ministry went into a tailspin. Feeling betrayed by his mentor and confidante and scared that his church would lose funding and support if Paula's secret was exposed, Jonathan sunk into depression and alcoholism.

She's My Dad explores Jonathan's long and winding journey toward reconciliation, forgiveness, and acceptance of his father as well as his church's journey to become one of the few fully LGBTQ-inclusive, evangelical churches in America. Jonathan and Paula offer insight and encouragement for those with trans family members, empathizing with the feelings of loss and trauma and understanding that even being LGBTQ-affirming doesn't mean the transition of a family member will be easy. Jonathan writes of his family's continuing evolution, the meaning of remaining loyal to one's father even when she is no longer a man, the ongoing theological evolution surrounding transgender rights and advocacy in the church, and the unflinching self-scrutiny of a pastor who lost his God only to find God again in his father's transition.

JONATHAN S. WILLIAMS is a writer, speaker, and pastor. He currently serves as the Senior Pastor of Forefront Church in New York, a progressive church that works to bring a just and generous Christianity to New York City.

PAULA STONE WILLIAMS is a nationally known speaker on gender equity and LGBTQ advocacy. She is the Pastor of Preaching and Worship at Left Hand Church in Longmont, Colorado, and a therapist with RLT Pathways, Inc.

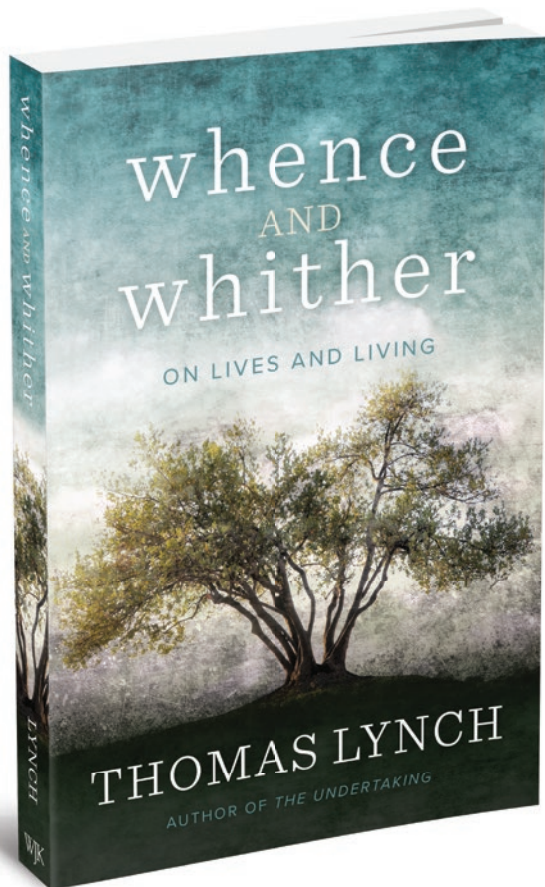
Whence and Whither

On Lives and Living

THOMAS LYNCH

“This book is marked by such humor, confidence, and grace that I wish everyone who is unsettled by death –and who isn’t?—could read it.”

—Jeanne Murray Walker, American poet and playwright



February • Paper • \$18.00
9780664264918 • 240 pages • 5.5" x 8.5"
Rights: World • Market: General Reader
Christian Living

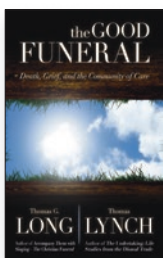
From one of our most gifted writers and thinkers about death and the meaning of living comes a collection of writings about “what comes next.” Thomas Lynch, funeral director, poet, and author of the National Book Award finalist *The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade*, has an uncanny knack for writing about death in ways that are never morbid, always thoughtful, often humorous, and quite moving. From his account of riding in the hearse at the funeral of poet laureate Seamus Heaney, to his recounting of the funeral for a young child in the 1800s, to his compelling essay about his own mortality, Lynch always finds ways to make sense of senseless things, as he ponders what will come next.

THOMAS LYNCH is a funeral director and writer whose work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Paris Review*, *The New York Times*, and *Harper's*, among others. He is the author of five collections of poems and four books of essays, including *The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade*, which was nominated for the National Book Award in 2008. He lives in Milford, Michigan, and Moveen, County Clare, Ireland.

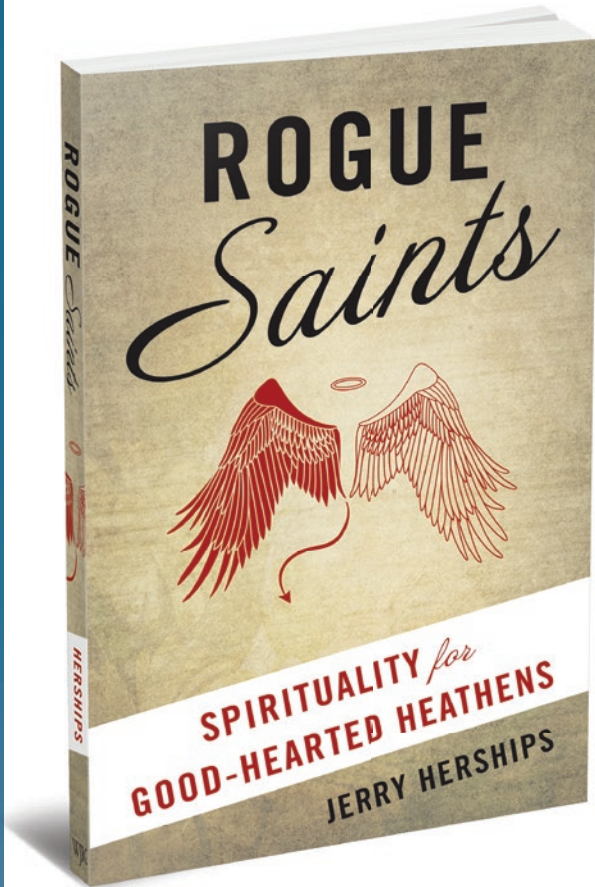
Key Selling Points

- Presents a moving collection on mortality and life, what comes next, and what it means to live
- Features stories told with profound empathy, humor, and intelligence
- Written by renowned writer, poet, and funeral director Thomas Lynch

Related Title



The Good Funeral
\$25.00
9780664238537



March • Paper • \$14.00
 9780664264420 • 130 pages • 5" x 8"
 Rights: World • Market: General Reader
 Spirituality

Rogue Saints

Spirituality for Good-Hearted Heathens

JERRY HERSHIPS

The world is full of good-hearted heathens, those who love people and those who want to do good in the world. They're not against God—they just have no use for church. Church is boring and hypocritical. Plus, who wants to sit through a sermon every week? But while organized religion doesn't appeal to them, these heathens long for a connection to something bigger than themselves: meaning, community, mission.

Pastor Jerry Hershops leads a church-ish community full of good-hearted heathens. They may hate church, but they love sitting around a bar talking about what really matters and doing some good for their city's poorest residents. Hershops takes that experience and absolves other former churchgoers of their guilt. No, you don't have to go to church to love and serve God. Yes, God still loves you and wants to help you love the world.

JERRY HERSHIPS is the founding pastor of After Hours Denver, a faith community of rebels and misfits that meets in dives and pubs to talk God and the Holy over drinks while making PB&Js to pass out to the hungry and homeless of downtown Denver. A former bartender turned comedian, Hershops was drawn into ministry after realizing that the connections and conversations he had with his customers were deeper and more real than anything he'd ever experienced in church. He is the author of *Last Call: From Serving Drinks to Serving Jesus*.

Key Selling Points

- Encourages spirituality and mission outside the church
- Offers alternative ways to serve God from traditional ministry and mission
- Lets readers know that they aren't "bad Christians" just because they don't attend church

Related Title



Last Call
 \$17.00
 9780664260583

Modern Kinship

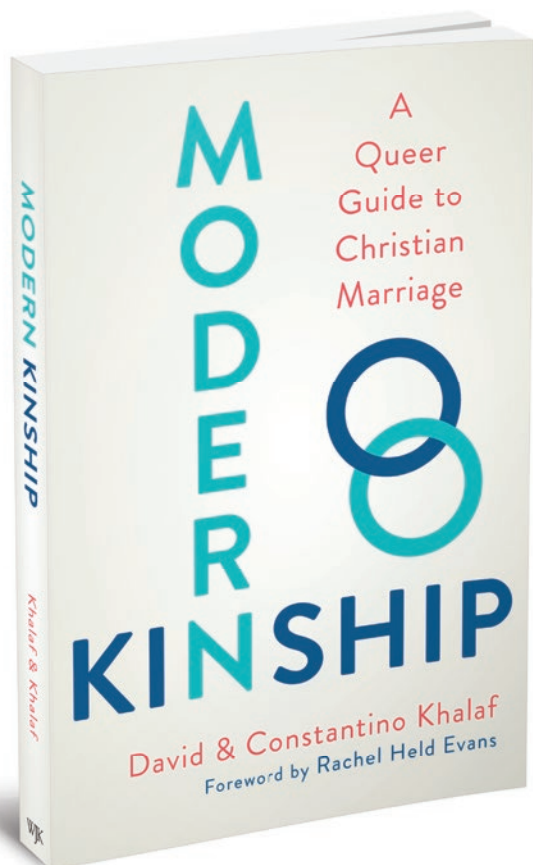
A Queer Guide to Christian Marriage

DAVID KHALAF
and CONSTANTINO KHALAF

Foreword by
RACHEL HELD EVANS

“Christians are overdue for a marriage resource that is intentionally architected to be inclusive across all sexual orientations. Modern Kinship is an instant classic, helpful to couples of any arrangement—including straight folks.”

—Mike McHargue, co-founder of The Liturgists



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Christianity

Key Selling Points

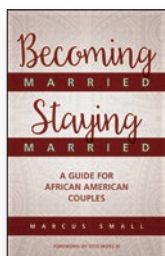
- Presents a unique guide for LGBTQ couples exploring Christian marriage
- Written from the perspective of a gay Christian couple
- Navigates specific challenges faced by LGBTQ Christian couples

Same-sex marriage may be legal in America, but it's still far from the accepted norm, especially in Christian circles. So where can LGBTQ Christians who desire a lifelong, covenantal relationship look for dating and marriage advice when Christian relationship guides have not only simply ignored but actively excluded same-sex couples?

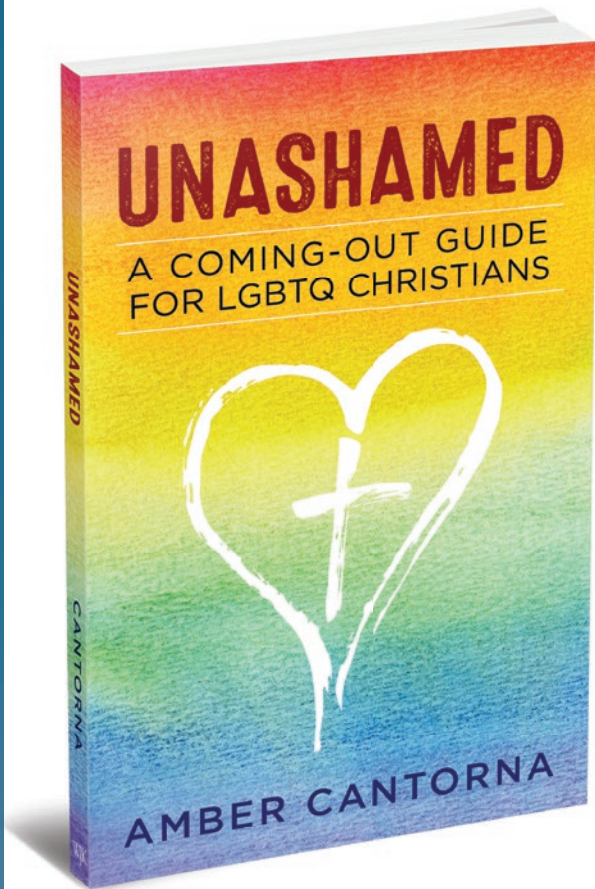
David and Constantino Khalaf struggled to find relational role models and guidance throughout dating, their engagement, and the early months of their marriage. To fill this void, they began writing *Modern Kinship*, a blog exploring the unique challenges queer couples face on the road from singleness to marital bliss. Part personal reflection, part commentary, and full of practical advice, *Modern Kinship* explores the biblical concept of kinship from a twenty-first-century perspective. This important resource tackles subjects such as dating outside of smartphone apps, overcoming church and family issues, meeting your partner's parents, deciding when and how to have children, and finding your mission as a couple. *Modern Kinship* encourages queer Christian couples to build God-centered partnerships of trust and mutuality.

DAVID AND CONSTANTINO KHALAF are a married couple based in Portland, Oregon, who write the blog *Modern Kinship* to provide a model and guide for other LGBTQ Christians pursuing lifelong partnerships. Their writing also appears at the Gottman Institute, a leader in relationship counseling and advice.

Related Title



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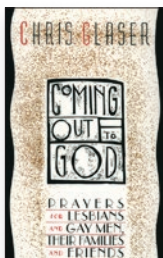


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 Christianity

Key Selling Points

- Presents first guide of its kind in helping LGBTQ Christians from a conservative background come out
- Written by Amber Cantorna, LGBTQ daughter of a Focus on the Family executive
- Offers an affirming perspective for LGBTQ Christians

Related Title



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Unashamed

A Coming-Out Guide for LGBTQ Christians
 AMBER CANTORNA

On a daily basis, author and LGBTQ advocate Amber Cantorna receives emails asking the same question: How does one reconcile their sexuality with their faith? Depression, despair, and thoughts of suicide often haunt LGBTQ Christians as they feel unable to imagine the possibility of living a happy, fulfilling life as an LGBTQ person of faith.

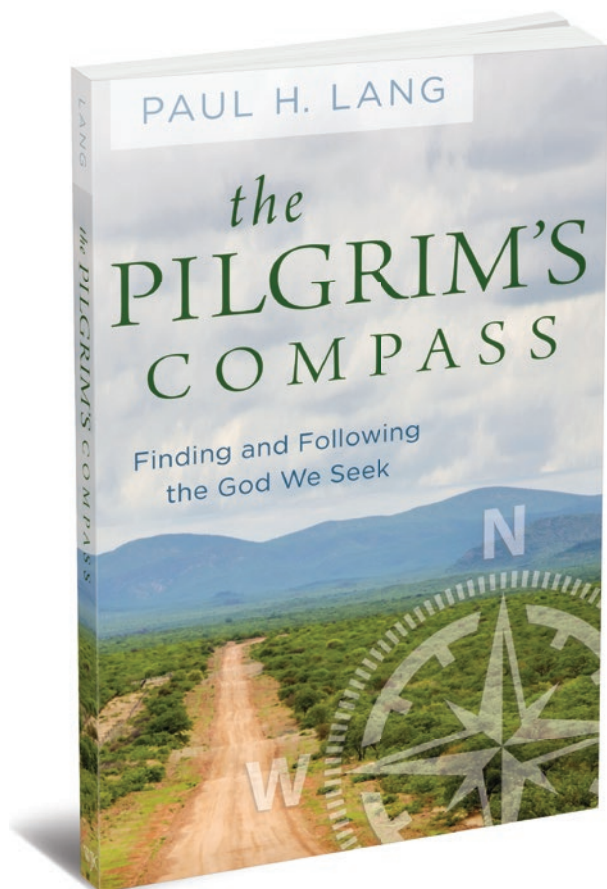
As the gay daughter of a thirty-plus-year executive of conservative Christian organization Focus on the Family, Amber lost everything when she came out as gay in 2012. However, her journey to embrace her authenticity brought her fulfillment and wisdom to share. *Unashamed* serves as a guide for Christians considering coming out, tackling tough subject matters such as demolishing internalized homophobia, finding an affirming faith community, reestablishing your worth as a child of God, navigating difficult family conversations (especially in cases where family is involved in church leadership/ministry), and healing from the pain of rejection. *Unashamed* encourages LGBTQ Christians to embrace their unique identities and to celebrate the diversity placed inside them by God.

AMBER CANTORNA is a national speaker, a columnist for *Patheos*, and the author of *Refocusing My Family: Coming Out, Being Cast Out, and Discovering the True Love of God*. As a leader dedicated to supporting LGBTQ people throughout their coming out process, Cantorna uses her platform to inspire others and works to dissolve shame, foster self-acceptance, and generate a message of love and inclusion for all.

The Pilgrim's Compass

Finding and Following the God We Seek

PAUL H. LANG



February • Paper • \$14.00
9780664264697 • 120 pages • 5.5" x 8.5"
Rights: World • Market: General Reader
Spirituality

As we make our way into the twenty-first century, many Christians are looking for an expression of discipleship that speaks meaningfully to our time, a faith yearning that is at once personally intimate and relevant and that grows out of and nurtures authentic Christian community.

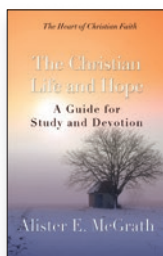
The Pilgrim's Compass shepherds readers through a metaphorical pilgrimage to consider one's life a journey for faith formation. Using this book as a guide to help Christians consider their journey as they walk through the four stages of intentional faithfulness, disciples will encounter God; wrestle with God; be wounded, as will God; and be reborn as a new person with a new name. *The Pilgrim's Compass* encourages individuals to embrace the ancient practice of pilgrimage both as metaphor for the daily walk of discipleship and as an intentional journey of faith, which uses prayerful travel to assist an inner transformation.

PAUL H. LANG is Head of Staff at First Presbyterian Church in Fargo, North Dakota, and Executive Director of The Institute of Church Renewal. A graduate of Furman University, Lang has earned a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary. He is the creator of The Pilgrimage, an adult faith-formation program.

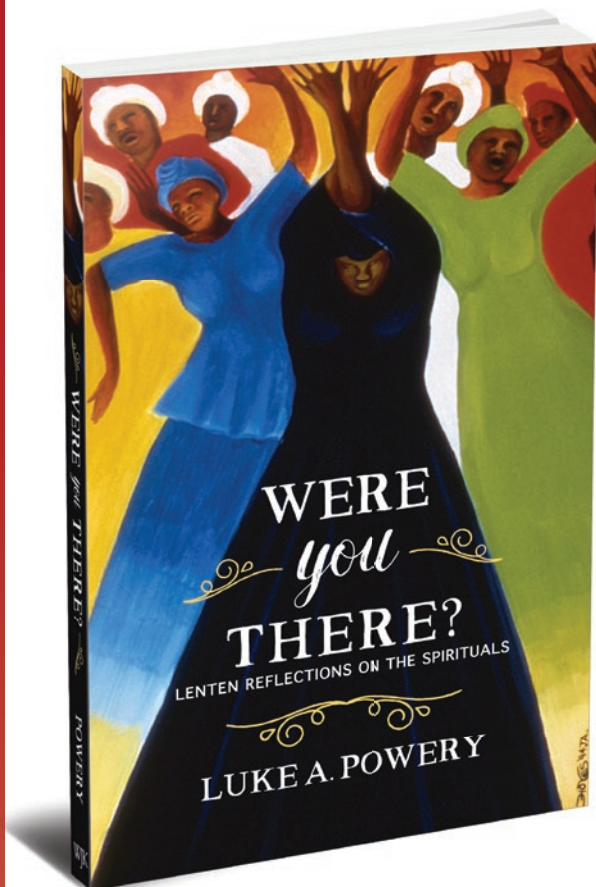
Key Selling Points

- Written by Paul H. Lang, Executive Director of The Institute for Church Renewal
- Offers readers a literal compass to follow for faith formation
- Encourages pilgrimage as discipleship to develop inner transformation

Related Title



**The Christian Life
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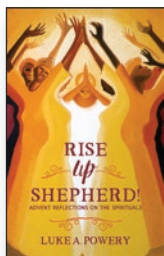


January • Paper • \$13.00
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 Lent

Key Selling Points

- Presents unique Lenten devotional using the power of African American spirituals to spark reflection
- Serves as a companion to *Rise Up, Shepherd!*, an advent devotional based on the spirituals
- Written by Rev. Dr. Luke A Powery

Related Title



Rise Up, Shepherd!
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Were You There?

Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals

LUKE A. POWERY

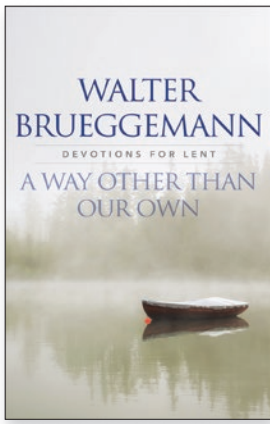
“Open the pages of Luke Powery’s new devotional and discover in those poignant African-American spirituals of times past a powerful, living faith in Jesus, reminding us that, despite all we face, we too shall overcome.”

—The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding
 Bishop, The Episcopal Church

Valuable not only for their sublime musical expression, the African American spirituals provide profound insights into the human condition and Christian life. Many spirituals focus on the climax of the Christian drama, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the ways in which those events bring about the liberation of God’s people.

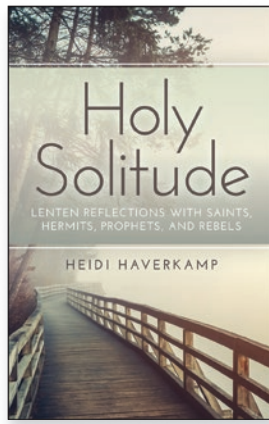
In these devotions for the season of Lent, Luke A. Powery leads the reader through the spirituals as they confront the mystery of Christ’s atoning death and victory over the grave. Each selection includes the lyrics of the spiritual, a reflection by the author on the spiritual’s meaning, a Scripture verse related to that meaning, and a brief prayer.

LUKE A. POWERY is Dean of Duke University Chapel and Associate Professor of Homiletics at Duke Divinity School. Prior to his appointment at Duke, he served as the Perry and Georgia Engle Assistant Professor of Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary. He is one of the General Editors of Connections, a lectionary worship resource series from Westminster John Knox Press.



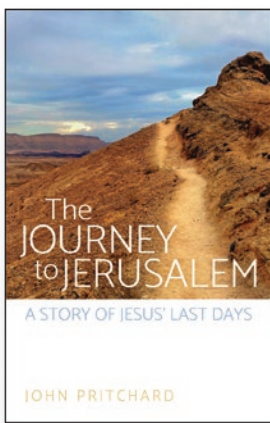
A Way Other than Our Own
 Devotions for Lent
WALTER BRUEGGEMANN
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Walter Brueggemann's thought-provoking reflections for the season of Lent invite us to consider the challenging, beautiful life that comes with walking the way of grace.



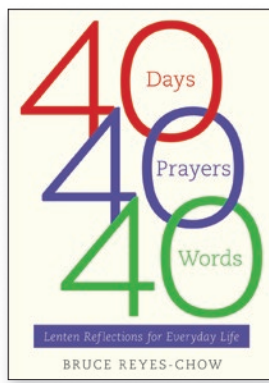
Holy Solitude
 Lenten Reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets, and Rebels
HEIDI HAVERKAMP
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While most of us can't take weeks—or even a few days—for private retreat, *Holy Solitude* offers readers thoughtful inspiration and practical ideas for quiet reflection and deep devotion to experience God more powerfully this Lent.



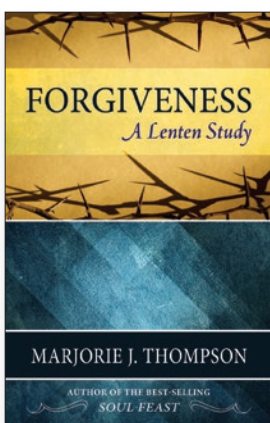
The Journey to Jerusalem
 A Story of Jesus' Last Days
JOHN PRITCHARD
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The Journey to Jerusalem follows Luke's account from Luke 9:51, as Jesus "set his face to go to Jerusalem." Perfect for individual or group study, this book provides weekday readings for Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday, along with a poem for each Saturday.



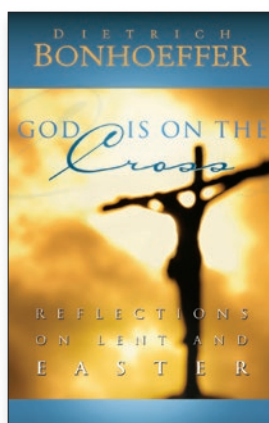
40 Days, 40 Prayers, 40 Words
 Lenten Reflections for Everyday Life
BRUCE REYES-CHOW
 9780664261894 • \$14.00 • Paper

Bruce Reyes-Chow encourages readers to pause in the bustle of their daily lives to reflect, engage, and share during the Lenten season. Forty devotions are each framed around a word inspired by the daily lectionary readings and include a short scriptural passage, inspirational prayer, and reflection.



Forgiveness
 A Lenten Study
MARJORIE J. THOMPSON
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DIETRICH BONHOEFFER
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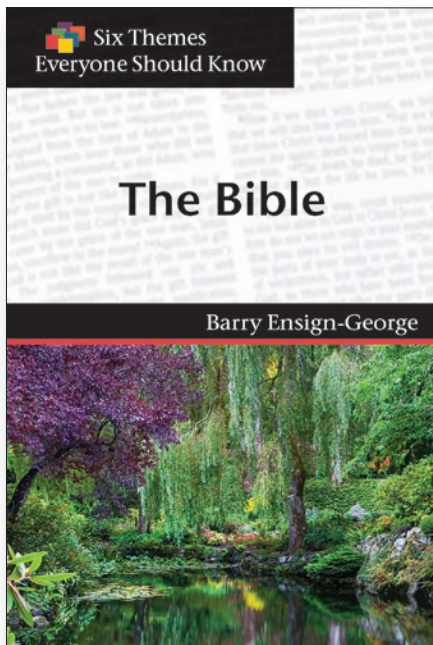
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Six Themes in the Bible Everyone Should Know

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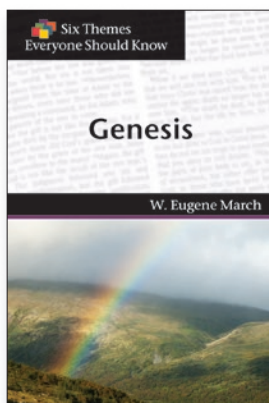
Barry Ensign-George looks at six themes that begin in the early chapters of Genesis, span the pages of Scripture, and end with the glorious vision of the book of Revelation. This study is important for discussing basic biblical frameworks. Within Scripture, echoes of early themes are picked up and heard, leading to deeper appreciation of the biblical message.

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Six Themes Everyone Should Know



Six Themes in Genesis Everyone Should Know

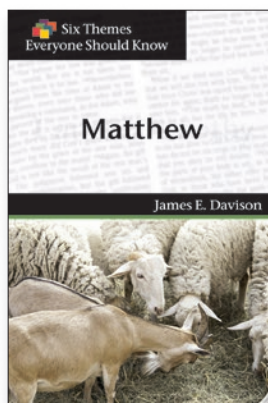
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The book of Genesis points us toward our beginnings as a human race as well as the beginnings of our faith in the God who is revealed in the book. This study explains more about God's ways in

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“Gene March is among our master interpreters of Scripture—seasoned, wise, theologically judicious, and pedagogically alert. He brings all of those gifts to this brief study.”

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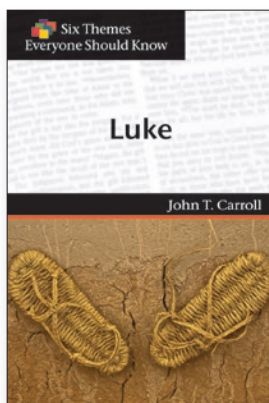
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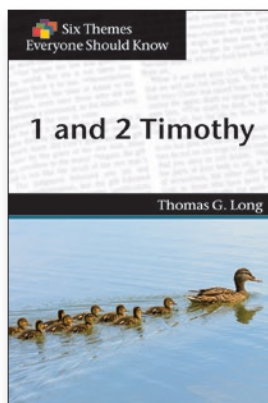
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JOHN T. CARROLL
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John Carroll traces six significant themes in the gospel of Luke and explores their meanings—for Luke, and for us today in the church.

“In this masterful volume, John Carroll brings readers into thought-provoking conversation with six themes at the heart of Luke's distinctive witness to the gospel.”

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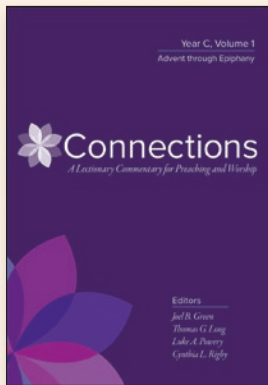
Series Overview

Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship provides new resources to help preachers achieve the goal of connecting congregations to Scripture. This nine-volume series offers creative commentary on each reading in the three-year cycle of the Revised Common Lectionary. It does so first by viewing that reading through the lens of its connections to the rest of Scripture; and then seeing the reading through the lenses of culture, film, fiction, ethics, science, and other aspects of contemporary life. Included as well are commentaries on the Psalm readings that connect them both to the other readings for the day and to the congregation’s experience of worship.

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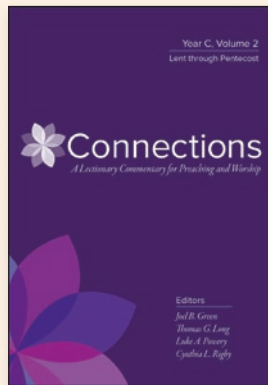
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Preaching

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JOEL B. GREEN is Provost, Dean of the School of Theology, and Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Fuller Theological Seminary.

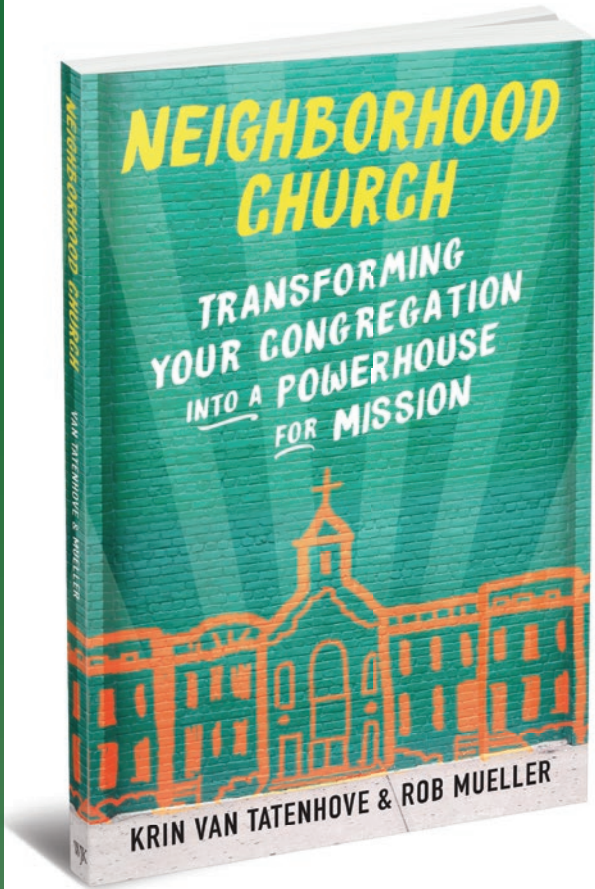
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Key Selling Points

- Provides detailed biblical commentary on each of the readings in the RCL (commentary 1)
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- Empowers preachers to help the congregation connect their lives to Scripture

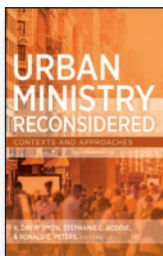


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 Ministry

Key Selling Points

- Provides a real-world guide for congregations struggling with what to do for a successful future
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Related Title



Urban Ministry
 Reconsidered
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Neighborhood Church

*Transforming Your Congregation
 into a Powerhouse for Mission*

KRIN VAN TATENHOVE
 and ROB MUELLER

"Krin and Rob offer a vision of robust, authentic, passionate, risk-embracing ministry that shifts the focus from self-absorption to outward engagement, from constructing facilities to building partnerships, from maintaining an institution to pouring ourselves into serving that matters."

—Robert Schnase, United Methodist bishop and author

Neighborhood Church acts as a resource to inspire churches to become a vibrant and engaging community partner with the families and neighborhoods living around them. The need for transformation is acute. Congregational decline continues across all mainline denominations. The abandonment of the church by the millennial generation is ubiquitous; no denomination is escaping it. This is, in part, a consequence of disconnection from our communities.

Van Tatenhove and Mueller believe that, parish by parish, we can reverse this trend. They dare to have an audacious hope for local congregations not only as signs of God's kingdom but as life-giving institutions that anchor their neighborhoods. Drawing on their combined sixty years of parish experience, wisdom from Asset-Based Community Development, and compelling case stories, Van Tatenhove and Mueller do more than just call us to incarnational ministry. They give practical, essential tools that lead to communal conversion, develop the DNA of listening, spur fruitful partnerships, promote integrated space, and sustain long-term visions. They believe these tools will spark true revival and unleash the power of incarnational ministry.

KRIN VAN TATENHOVE has pastored a variety of Presbyterian parishes for thirty years. He has a Doctor of Ministry in parish revitalization and directs a small nonprofit called Torch of Faith, which offers low-cost development services to other nonprofits promoting social justice.

ROB MUELLER is the pastor of Divine Redeemer Presbyterian Church, a hundred-year-old urban Hispanic congregation in San Antonio, Texas. He began ministry working ecumenically with the Christian Base Community model of church redevelopment that was developed in Latin American poor Christian communities.

A Glad Obedience

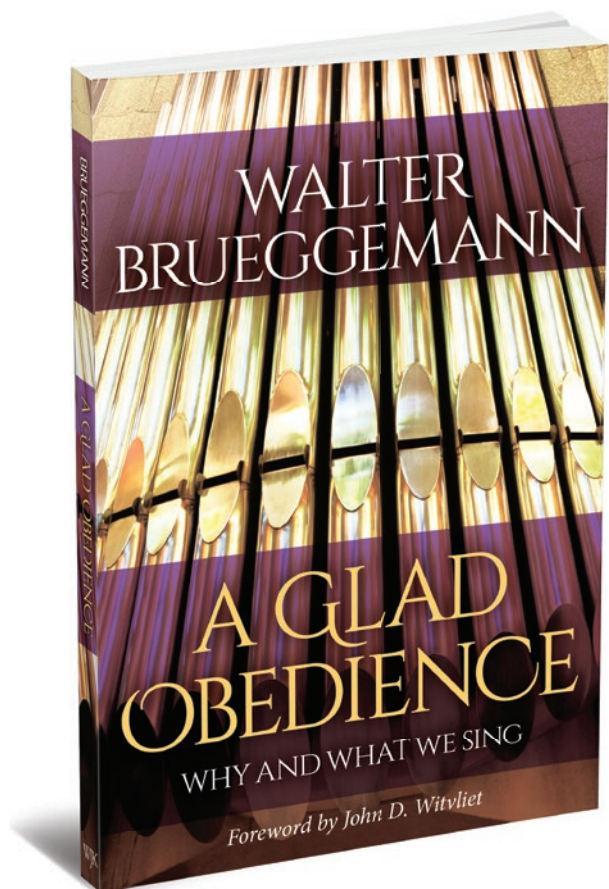
Why and What We Sing

WALTER BRUEGGEMANN

Foreword by
JOHN D. WITVLIET

"I would give a copy of this book to every preacher in the country as a model for how to unpack the biblical, theological, and homiletical resources in the church's treasury of hymns."

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Worship

Key Selling Points

- Examines the Psalms and what they can teach us
- Studies fifteen popular hymns
- Explores why we sing as part of the Christian tradition

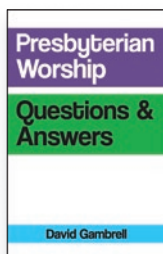
The Christian practice of hymn singing, says renowned biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann, is a countercultural act. It marks the Christian community as different from an unforgiving and often ungrateful culture. It is also, he adds, an "absurd enterprise" in the midst of the hyper-busy, market-driven society that surrounds us.

In this helpful and engaging volume, Brueggemann discusses both why we sing and what we sing. The first part of the book examines the Psalms and what they can teach us about the reasons that corporate song is a part of the Christian tradition. The second part looks at fifteen popular hymns, including classic and contemporary ones such as "Blest Be the Ties That Binds," "God's Eye Is on the Sparrow," "Once to Every Man and Nation," "Someone Asked the Question," and "We Are Marching in the Light of God," and the reasons why they have caught our imagination.

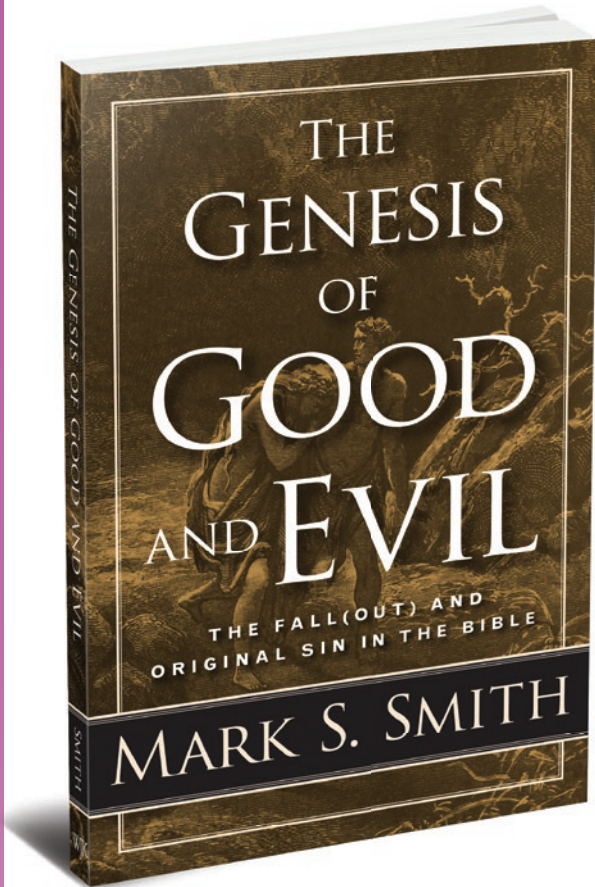
"To know why we sing," Brueggemann writes, "may bring us to a deeper delight in our singing and a strengthened resolve to sing without calculation before the God 'who is enthroned on the praises of Israel' (Ps. 22:3)."

WALTER BRUEGGEMANN is William Marcellus McPheeters Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary. An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, he is the author of dozens of books, including *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now*, *Journey to the Common Good*, and *Interrupting Silence*.

Related Title



Presbyterian Worship
Questions and Answers
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 Biblical Studies

Key Selling Points

- Presents a brilliant reconsideration of matters of sin and evil
- Provides a greater understanding of the implications of being human
- Provokes careful reconsideration and further discussion of Genesis 1–11

The Genesis of Good and Evil

The Fall(out) and Original Sin in the Bible

MARK S. SMITH

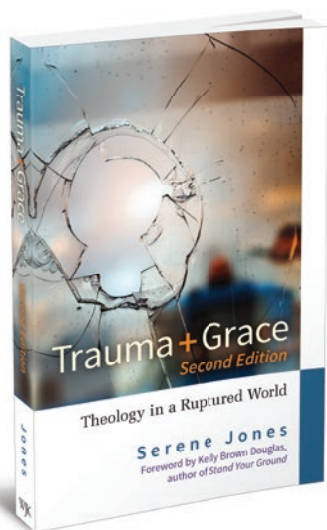
“A volume that will prove useful to the general reader and the specialist alike.”

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For centuries, the Garden of Eden story has been a cornerstone for the Christian doctrine of “the Fall” and “original sin.” In recent years, many scholars have disputed this understanding of Genesis 3 because it has no words for sin, transgression, disobedience, or punishment. Instead, it is about how the human condition came about. Yet the picture is not so simple.

The Genesis of Good and Evil examines how the idea of “the Fall” developed in Jewish tradition on the eve of Christianity. In the end, the Garden of Eden is a rich study of humans in relation to God that leaves open many questions. One such question is, Does Genesis 3, 4, and 6, taken together, support the Christian doctrine of original sin? Smith’s well-informed, close reading of these chapters concludes that it does. In this book, he addresses the many mysterious matters of the Garden story and invites readers to explore questions of their own.

MARK S. SMITH is Helena Professor of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis at Princeton Theological Seminary and Skirball Professor Emeritus of Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies at New York University. He has also served as visiting professor at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. An award-winning author, Smith has written sixteen books, including *The Early History of God: Yahweh and the Other Deities in Ancient Israel*; *The Origins of Biblical Monotheism: Israel’s Polytheistic Background and the Ugaritic Texts*; *God in Translation: Deities in Cross-Cultural Discourse in the Biblical World*; *How Human Is God? Seven Questions about God and Humanity in the Bible*; and *Where the Gods Are: Spatial Dimensions of Anthropomorphism in the Biblical World*.



Trauma and Grace, Second Edition

Theology in a Ruptured World

SERENE JONES

Foreword by

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Key Selling Points

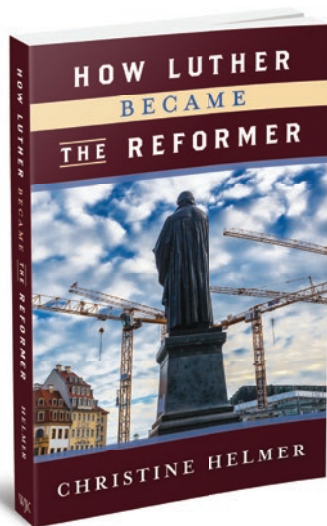
- Includes a new preface discussing the increased trauma of racial violence, ecological destruction, and violence against women
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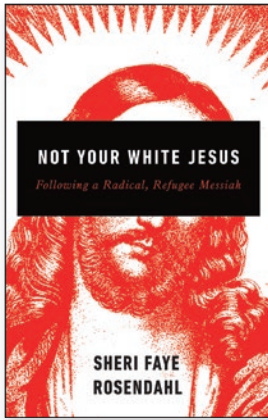
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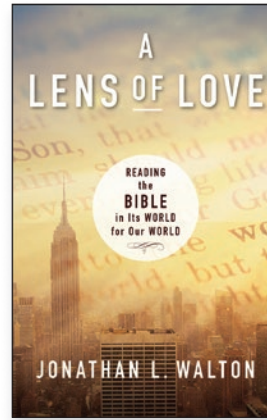


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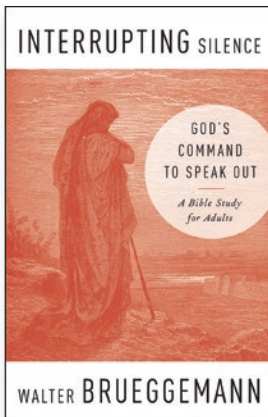


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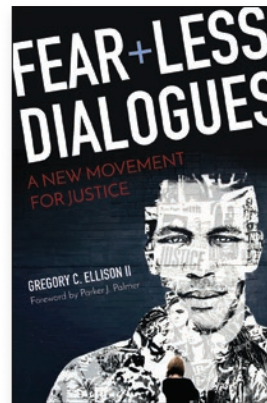


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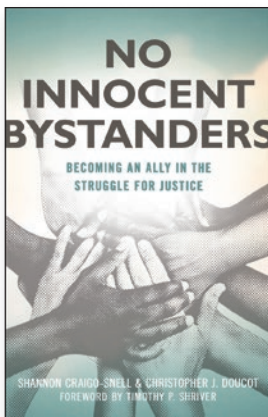


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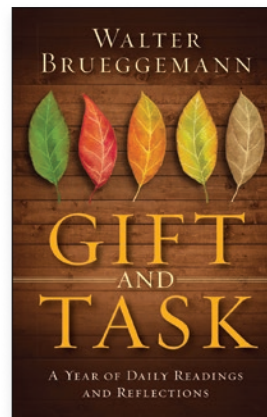
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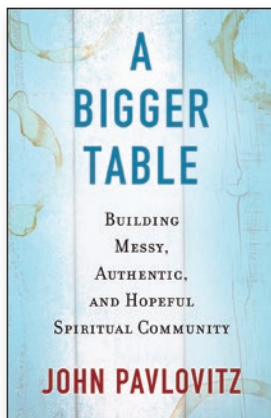


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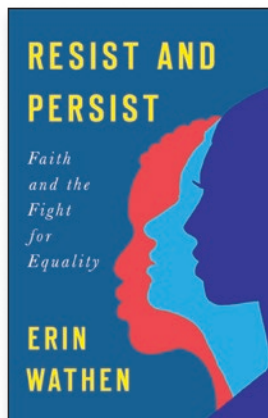
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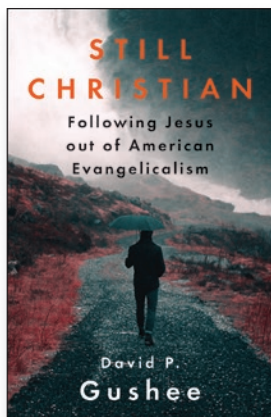
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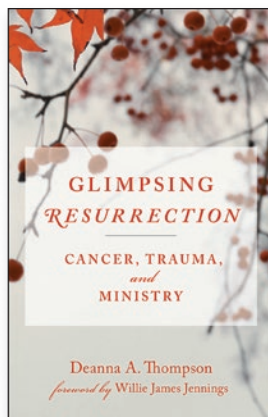
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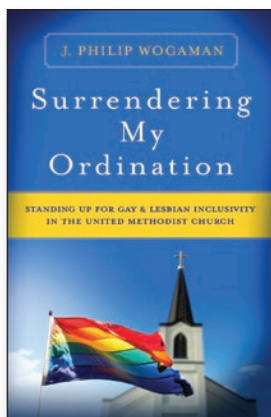
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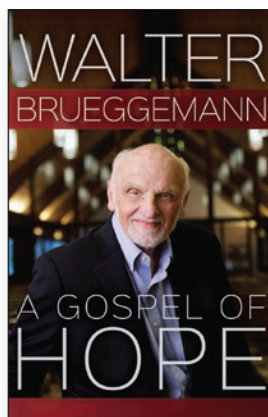
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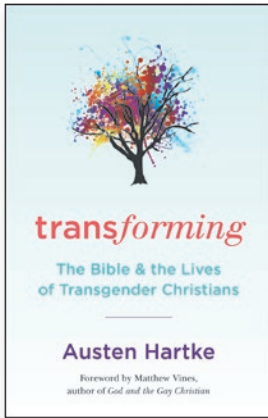


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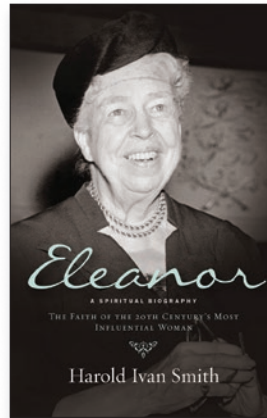
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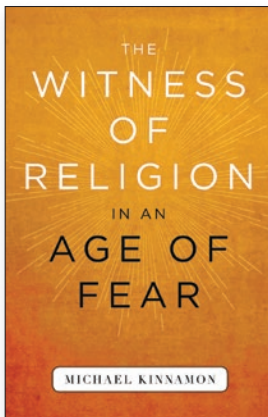
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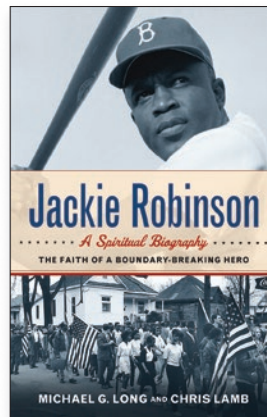
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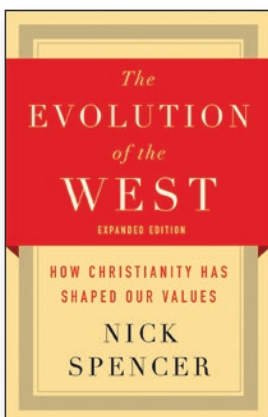
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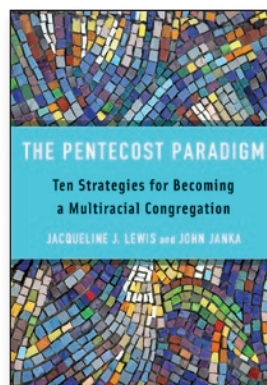
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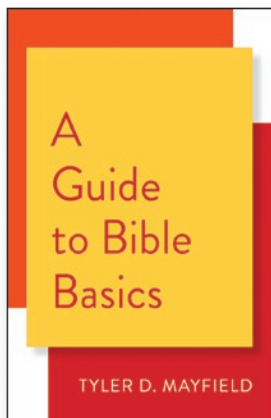
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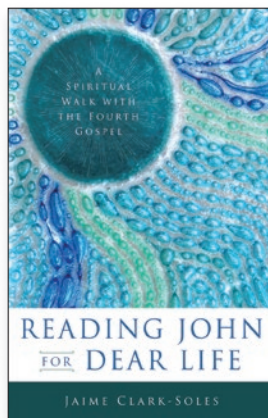


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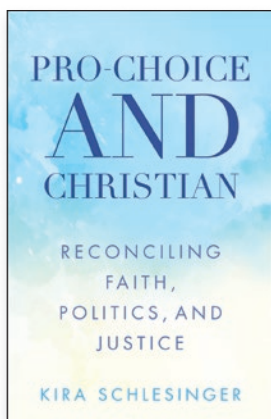
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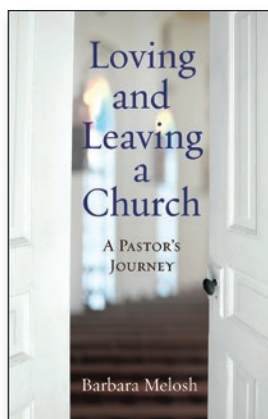
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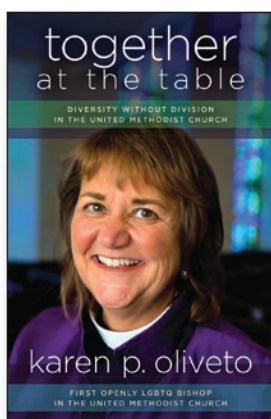
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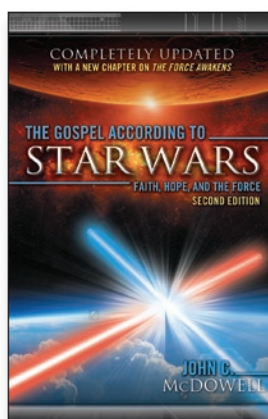
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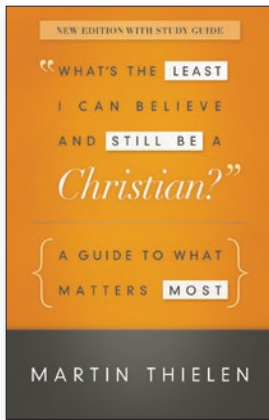
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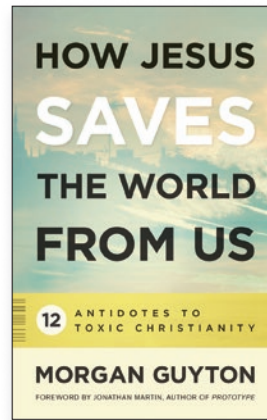
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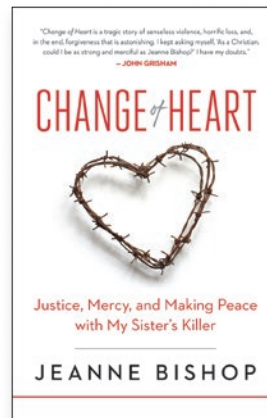
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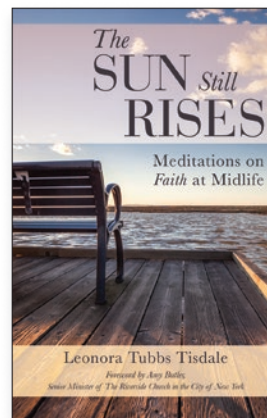
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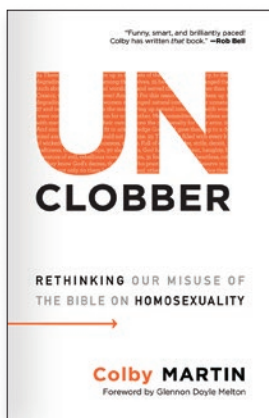
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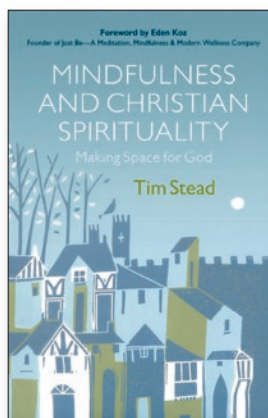
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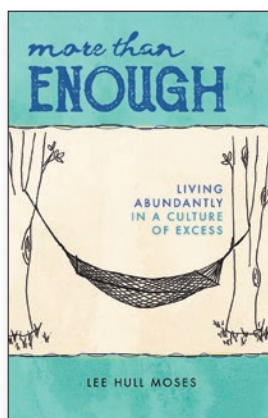
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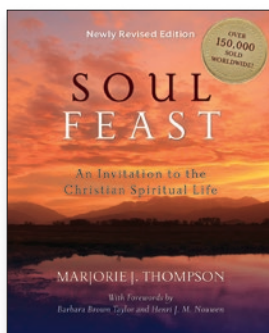
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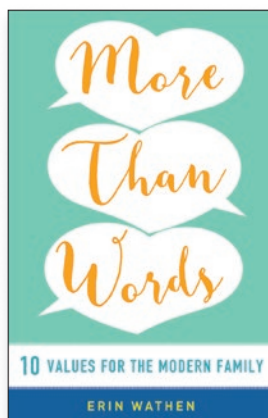
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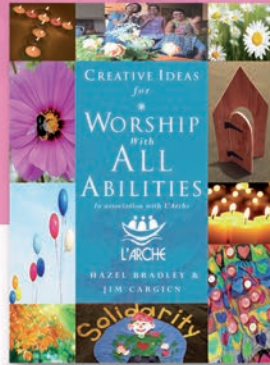
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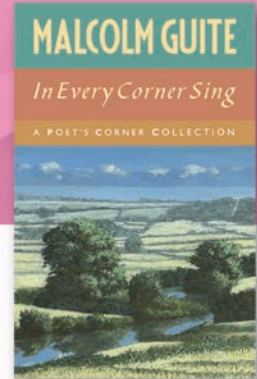
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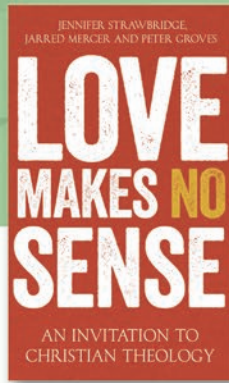
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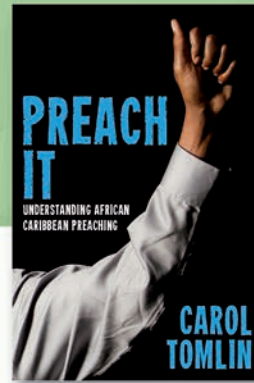
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Peter Groves is Vicar of St Mary Magdalen Oxford and Senior Research Fellow at Worcester College, Oxford. **Jarred Mercer** is Associate Chaplain and Post-doctoral Researcher at Merton College and Associate Priest at St Mary Magdalen, Oxford. **Jennifer Strawbridge** is Associate Professor in New Testament at Oxford, Fellow in Theology at Mansfield College, and Associate Priest at St Andrew’s, Headington.

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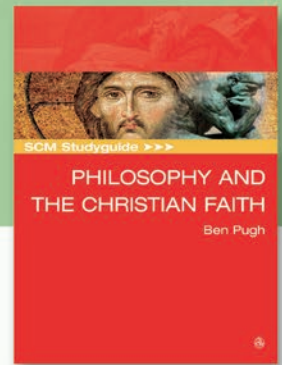
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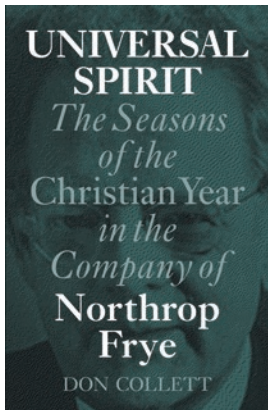
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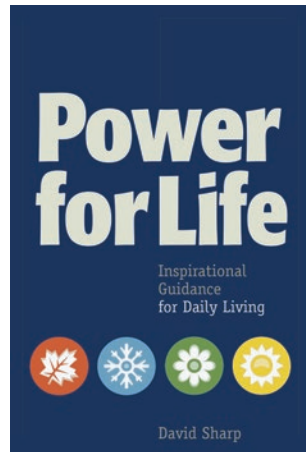


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Don Collett

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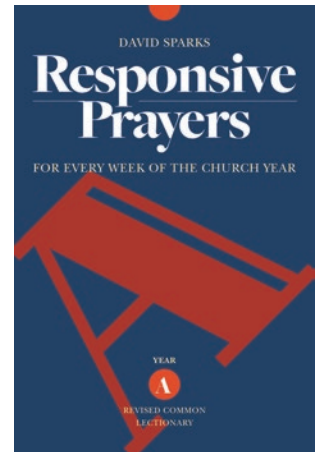


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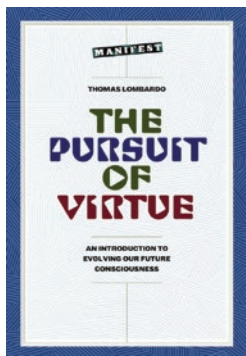
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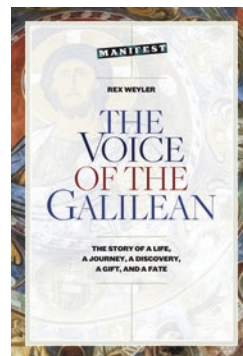
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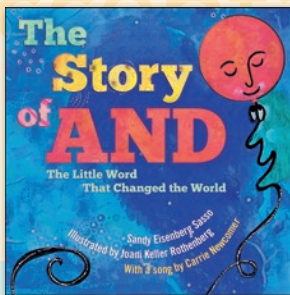
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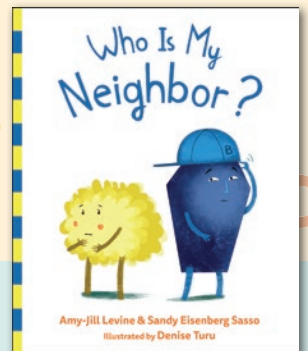
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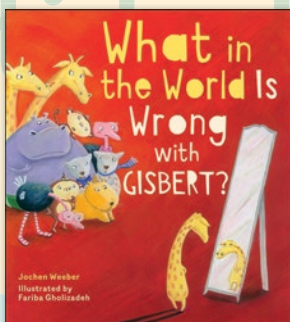
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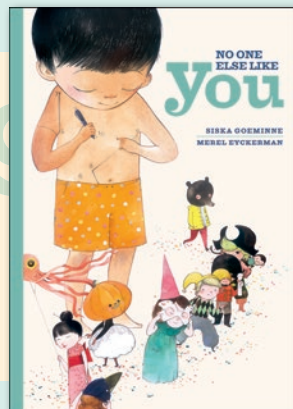
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