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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.

New from Newbery Medalist Katherine Paterson!

The Night of His Birth

KATHERINE PATERSON

Illustrated by
LISA AISATO

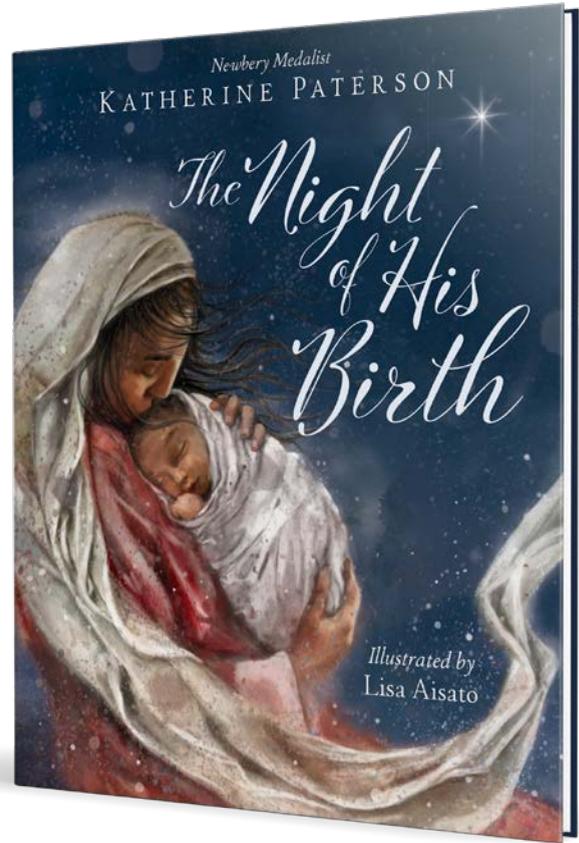
Sing out, my soul, the wonder . . .

Mary's baby has arrived, and she can't contain her joy! As Joseph sleeps, she examines her newborn's tiny mouth, his wild hair, his little hands. Yet what's most wondrous is that this child is not just Mary's own but a gift that God has shared with everyone.

Poetic text by Newbery Medalist Katherine Paterson and striking images by Lisa Aisato reveal the intimacy of that unforgettable night long ago, when the mother of Jesus was the first to welcome him into a world he would change forever.

KATHERINE PATERSON is the internationally acclaimed author of more than thirty-five books for children and young adults. She has twice won the Newbery Medal and the National Book Award, as well as the Hans Christian Andersen Award and the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. The Library of Congress has named her a National Ambassador for Young People's Literature and a Living Legend. For more information, visit www.katherinepaterson.com.

LISA AISATO is a Norwegian artist and children's book author whose distinctive work has been published in books and magazines around the world. For more information, visit www.lisaaisato.com.



September • Jacketed hardback • \$18.00
9781947888128 • 32 pages • 8.25" x 10.25" • Ages 6-10
Rights: US and Canada • Market: Children • Shelving: Holiday

Key Selling Points

- A poetic story recounting the night of Jesus' birth written by Newbery Medalist Katherine Paterson
- Offers a mother's reflection on the joyous arrival of a child
- Perfect for gift-giving



The Worst Christmas Ever

KATHLEEN LONG BOSTROM

Illustrated by
GUY PORFIRIO

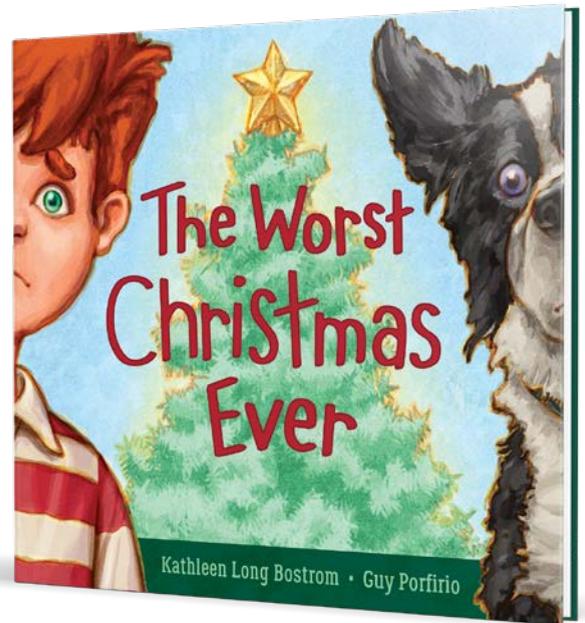
Now that his family has moved to California, Matthew has doubts as the holiday season approaches. Palm trees? No snow? It's all wrong.

Little sister Lucy thinks everything is wonderful, but Matthew knows better. And to top it off, the sudden disappearance of his beloved dog, Jasper, settles it. This *will* be the worst Christmas ever.

Or will it? Surprising events on Christmas Eve just might change everything—and maybe this new place can feel like home to Matthew after all.

KATHLEEN LONG BOSTROM is the author of more than forty books, many for young children. Collectively, her books have sold more than two million copies, and many have been translated into other languages. For more information, visit www.kathleenlongbostrom.com.

GUY PORFIRIO has illustrated more than eighteen picture books, including the *New York Times* bestseller *Grandpa's Little One* by Billy Crystal, *Papa's Gift* by Kathleen Long Bostrom, and *Jump!*, which he wrote and illustrated. For more information, visit www.guyporfirio.com.



September • Jacketed hardback • \$17.00
9781947888098 • 48 pages • 10.5" x 9" • Ages 3–7
Rights: World • Market: Children • Shelving: Holiday

Key Selling Points

- Gives readers a new perspective on the meaning of home this Christmas season
- Features a multiracial family
- Designed to be given as a gift



Brian the Brave

PAUL STEWART

Illustrated by
JANE PORTER

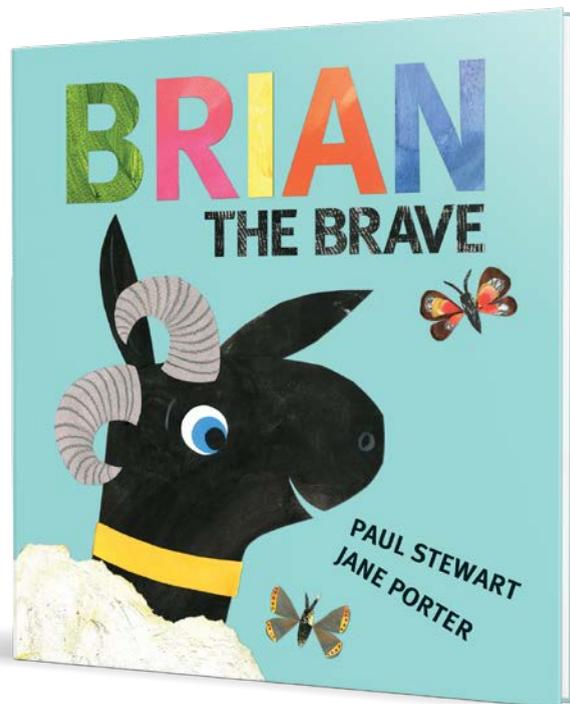
Every sheep is different. Some white, some black. Some striped, some spotted, some with hats! They're all still sheep, and they can all play together. At least that's what Brian thinks—until the other sheep say they can be friends only with sheep that are just like them.

But when danger strikes, can Brian help the sheep come together? Can Brian the ordinary become Brian the Brave?

This lively story with bright, playful artwork will prompt conversations about friendship, teamwork, and bias based on race or language.

PAUL STEWART is the author of many books for children, including the best-selling *Edge Chronicles* and *Far-Flung Adventures* series, both cocreated with Chris Riddell.

JANE PORTER, a winner of the London Book Fair Illustration Prize, has illustrated a number of lively picture books, some of which she also wrote. For more information, visit www.janeporter.co.uk.



August • Jacketed hardback • \$17.00
9781947888180 • 32 pages • 9.45" x 10.83" • Ages 3–7
Rights: US and Canada • Market: Children
Shelving: Character and Values

Key Selling Points

- Encourages children to challenge bias and prejudice
- Teaches children to accept and celebrate their differences
- Features bright, playful illustrations with animal characters



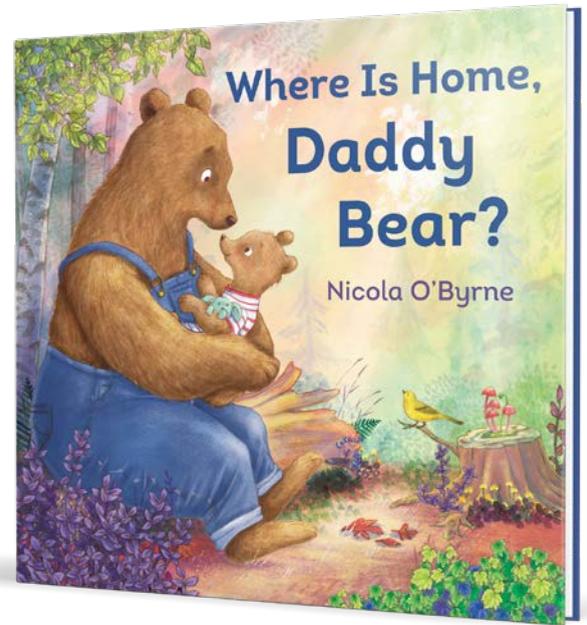
Where Is Home, Daddy Bear?

NICOLA O'BYRNE

Evie Bear and Dad are moving. But as they leave their old home behind and set off on their long drive toward the new, Evie Bear is full of questions. "What if I don't like it there?" she worries. "How will I make new friends?" But her dad reassures her with wise and comforting words, and by the end of their journey, Evie Bear comes to realize that she can feel at home anywhere, as long as Dad is with her.

Featuring endearing bears and lustrous mixed media art, *Where Is Home, Daddy Bear?* is a simple yet thoughtful tale that considers the question of the true meaning of home.

NICOLA O'BYRNE wrote her first children's book at age five and has been writing and illustrating children's stories ever since. She now works full-time as an author and illustrator, basing her characters on people she knows. Her works have received numerous awards and nominations. For more information, visit www.nicolaobyrne.com.



August • Jacketed hardback • \$17.00
9781947888142 • 32 pages • 10.25" x 9.75" • Ages 3–7
Rights: North America • Market: Children • Shelving: Family

Key Selling Points

- An intimate story about a single dad and a young cub
- Reveals that home isn't a specific location, but anywhere you're with loved ones
- Features endearing bears and lustrous mixed media art



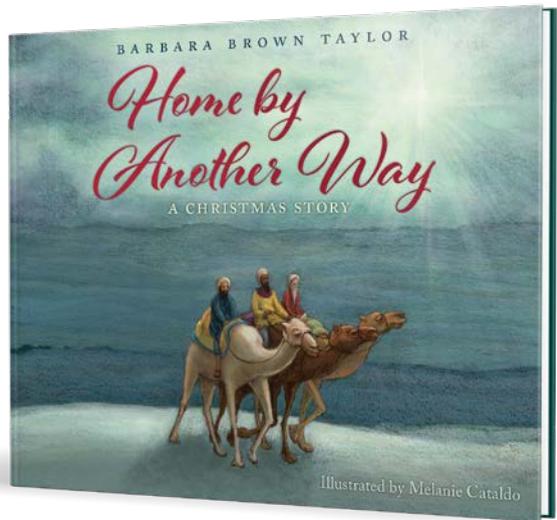
Home by Another Way

A Christmas Story

BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR

Illustrated by

MELANIE CATALDO



This enchanting Christmas story by beloved author and preacher Barbara Brown Taylor follows the three wise men on their world-changing journey to Bethlehem. In this beautiful retelling of their adventure, 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.



9781947888005 • \$18.00
Jacketed hardback • Ages 6–10

The Story of AND

The Little Word That Changed the World

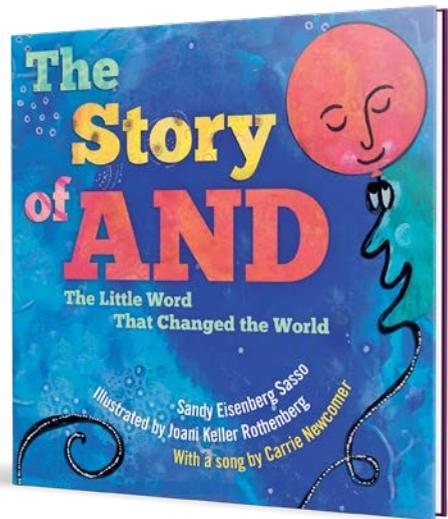
SANDY EISENBERG SASSO

Illustrated by

JOANI KELLER ROTHENBERG

With a song by

CARRIE NEWCOMER



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/resources.

9781947888050 • \$18.00
Jacketed hardback • Ages 3–7



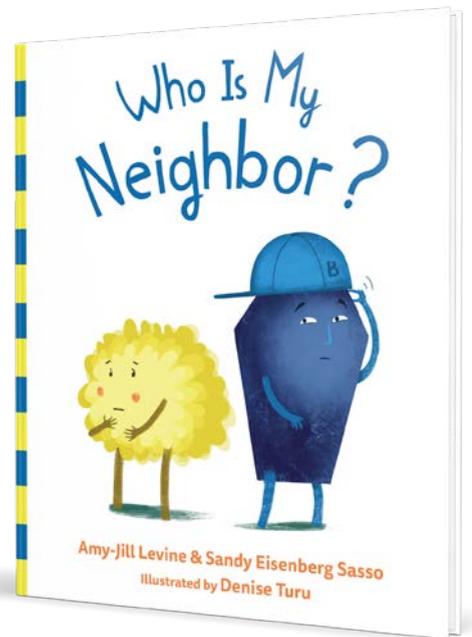
Who Is My Neighbor?

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.



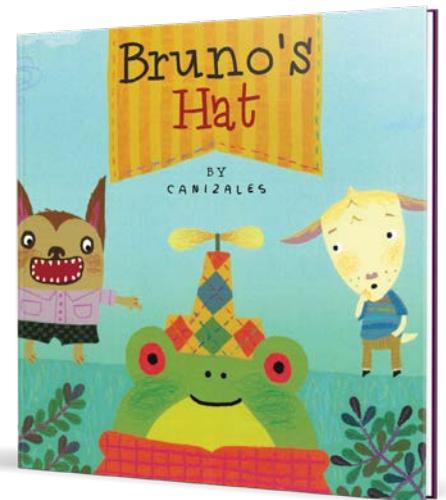
9781947888074 • \$17.00
Jacketed hardback • Ages 3–7

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! 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 guide, available at www.flyawaybooks.com/resources, features various questions and activities for children.



9781947888135 • \$17.00
Jacketed hardback • Ages 3–7

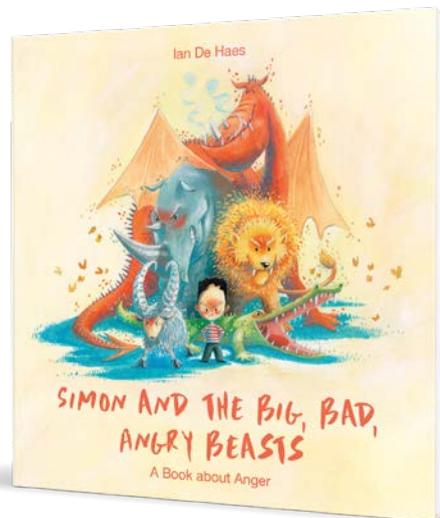


Simon and the Big, Bad, Angry Beasts

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!



9780664263553 • \$16.00
Hardback • Ages 3-7

Featuring colorful and expressive illustrations, this insightful book helps children 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.

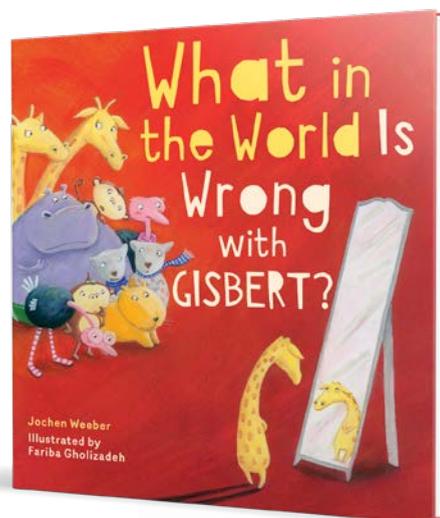


What in the World Is Wrong with Gisbert?

JOCHEN WEEBER

Illustrated by
FARIBA GHOLIZADEH

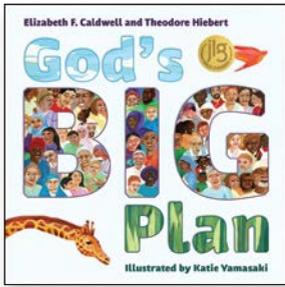
Meet Gisbert, a tall, young giraffe. Gisbert is tall enough to do everything a giraffe might want to do, and his life is good. But one day, something happens. Gisbert's friends start making fun of him, and with each negative comment they say, he begins to shrink! What in the world is wrong with Gisbert?



9781947888029 • \$16.00
Hardback • Ages 3-7

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.



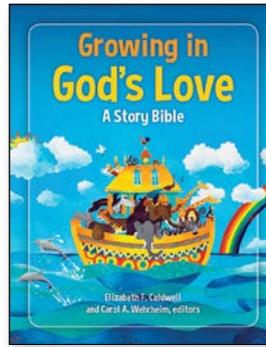


God's Big Plan

ELIZABETH F. CALDWELL
and THEODORE HIEBERT

Illustrated by
KATIE YAMASAKI
9781947888067 • \$17.00
Jacketed hardback • Ages 3–7

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.



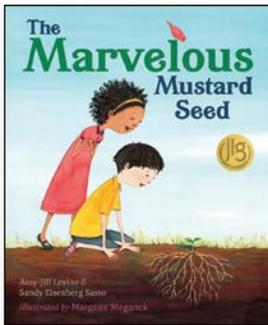
Growing in God's Love

A Story Bible

ELIZABETH F. CALDWELL
and CAROL A. WEHRHEIM,
editors

9780664262914 • \$25.00
Hardback • Ages 3–7

This engaging resource features 150 popular Bible stories that are organized by 13 themes. Three reflection questions—Hear, See, Act—are included at the end of each story to help children further ponder the message of the story.

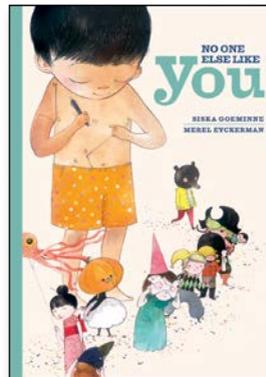


The Marvelous Mustard Seed

AMY-JILL LEVINE and
SANDY EISENBERG
SASSO

Illustrated by
MARGAUX MEGANCK
9780664262754 • \$16.00
Hardback • Ages 3–7

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.

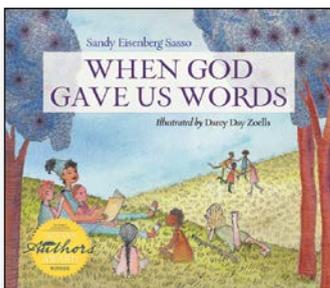


No One Else like You

SISKA GOEMINNE

Illustrated by
MEREL EYCKERMAN
9780664263539 • \$16.00
Hardback • Ages 3–7

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. And yet, even with so many people in this world, there is no one quite like you!

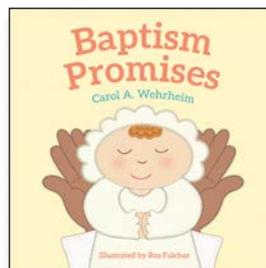


When God Gave Us Words

SANDY EISENBERG
SASSO

Illustrated by
DARCY DAY ZOELLS
9781947888012 • \$16.00
Hardback • Ages 3–7

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.



Baptism Promises

CAROL A. WEHRHEIM

Illustrated by
ROZ FULCHER
9781947888036 • \$8.00
Board book • Ages 2–4

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. The perfect baptism gift!

Near the Exit

Travels with the Not-So-Grim Reaper

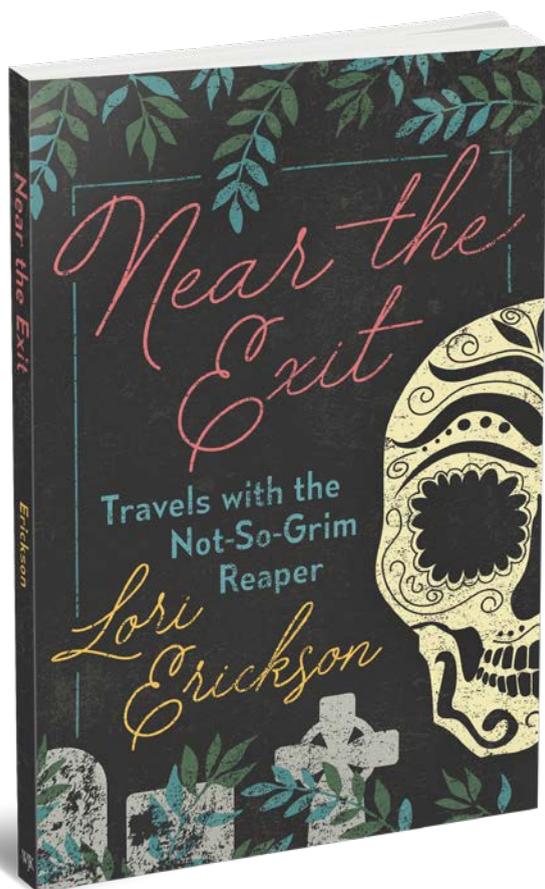
LORI ERICKSON

“Informative, insightful and thoroughly entertaining, *Near the Exit* is a travelogue of human mortality.”

—IRA BYOCK, MD, author of *Dying Well* and *The Best Care Possible*

“Lori Erickson fearlessly weaves ancient perspectives and cultural expressions about death gleaned from her own travel experiences into the intimate stories of her mother’s life in a nursing home in Iowa. *Near the Exit* will appeal to anyone who struggles to understand the mystery of death and dying.”

—Missy Buchanan, advocate and writer-speaker for older adults



August • Paper • \$17.00
9780664265670 • 180 pages • 5.5" x 8.5"
Rights: World • Market: General Reader
Spirituality

Key Selling Points

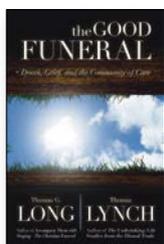
- Blends memoir and travel writing with Erickson’s spiritual perspective
- Examines how cultures at home and abroad approach death and mortality
- Encourages readers to consider how they, too, can embark on a spiritual exploration of their own mortality

After her brother died unexpectedly and her mother moved into a dementia-care facility, spiritual travel writer and Episcopal deacon Lori Erickson felt called to a new quest: to face death head on, with the eye of a tourist and the heart of a pastor.

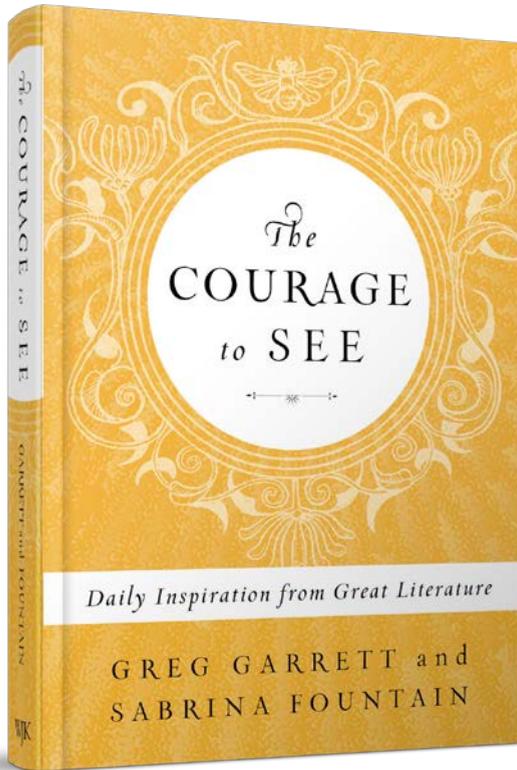
Blending memoir, spirituality, and travel, *Near the Exit* examines how cultures confront and have confronted death, from Egypt’s Valley of the Kings and Mayan temples, to a Colorado cremation pyre and Day of the Dead celebrations, to Maori settlements and tourist-destination graveyards. Erickson reflects on mortality—the ways we avoid it, the ways we cope with it, and the ways life is made more precious by accepting it—in places as far away as New Zealand and as close as the nursing home up the street. Throughout her personal journey and her travels, Erickson helps us to see that one of the most life-affirming things we can do is to invite death along for the ride.

LORI ERICKSON is one of America’s top travel writers specializing in spiritual journeys and is an Episcopal deacon. She’s the author of the memoir *Holy Rover: Journeys in Search of Mystery, Miracles, and God*, which was a finalist for the 2017 Travel Book of the Year INDIES Award from *Foreword Reviews*. She lives in Iowa City, Iowa, with her husband.

Related Title



The Good Funeral
\$28.00
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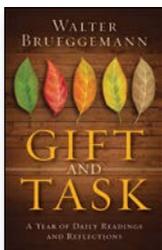


September • Hardback • \$20.00
 9780664263089 • 376 pages • 5" x 7"
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 Devotional

Key Selling Points

- Provides spiritual enrichment through classic literature by pairing readings with Scripture
- Features excerpts from over two hundred classic and modern literary works
- Makes an excellent gift for any book lover

Related Title



Gift and Task
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The Courage to See

Daily Inspiration from Great Literature

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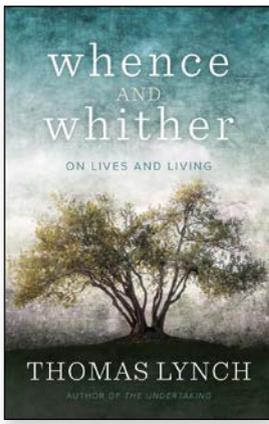
"It has seemed to me sometimes as though the Lord breathes on this poor gray ember of Creation and it turns to radiance—for a moment or a year or the span of a life. And then it sinks back into itself again, and to look at it no one would know it had anything to do with fire, or light . . . Wherever you turn your eyes the world can shine like transfiguration. You don't have to bring a thing to it except a little willingness to see. Only, who could have the courage to see it?"

—*Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson

Book lovers know there is something sacred in the stories, poetry, and insight of even the most secular books. This 365-day devotional celebrates the beauty of literature and its ability to illuminate elements of the Divine, present all around us. Pairing excerpts from more than two hundred literary works with thought-provoking Scriptures and brief prayers, this spiritual guide invites readers to draw closer to God through the words of both classic and modern authors.

GREG GARRETT is the author of over two dozen books of fiction, nonfiction, and memoir. He is Professor of English at Baylor University and Theologian in Residence at the American Cathedral in Paris. He lives in Austin, Texas, with his wife, Jeanie, and their family.

SABRINA FOUNTAIN writes on art and culture and is currently working on a collection of essays on the ways negative space, silence, and absence carry significant meaning in our lives. She lives with her husband and twin sons in central Texas.



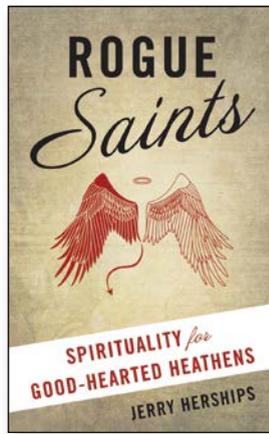
Whence and Whither

On Lives and Living

THOMAS LYNCH
9780664264918 • \$18.00 • Paper

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 has an uncanny knack for

writing about death in ways that are never morbid, always thoughtful, often humorous, and quite moving.



Rogue Saints

Spirituality for Good-Hearted Heathens

JERRY HERSHOPS
9780664264420 • \$14.00 • Paper

The world is full of good-hearted heathens, those who love people and those who want to do good in the world. Hershops 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.



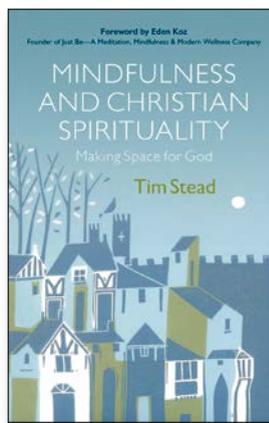
Sabbath as Resistance

Saying No to the Culture of Now

New Edition with Study Guide
WALTER BRUEGGEMANN
9780664263294 • \$15.00 • Paper

In this new edition that includes a study guide, popular author Walter Brueggemann writes that the Sabbath is not simply about keeping

rules but rather about becoming a whole person and restoring a whole society. Brueggemann addresses our 24/7 society of consumption, a society in which we live to achieve, accomplish, perform, and possess.



Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality

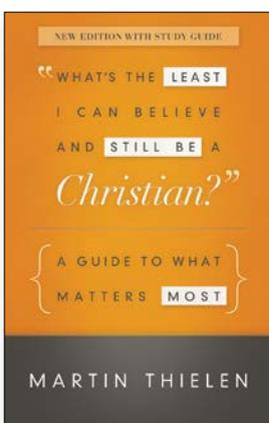
Making Space for God

TIM STEAD
9780664263164 • \$15.00 • Paper

“Biblically grounded, theologically fresh, psychologically astute, and deeply holistic.”

—Marjorie Thompson, author of *Soul Feast*

In *Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality*, Tim Stead explores how practicing mindfulness can help Christians better live out their faith. He also reflects on how it can impact what and how Christians believe and seeks to find how mindfulness enables our Christian faith to work for us.



What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?

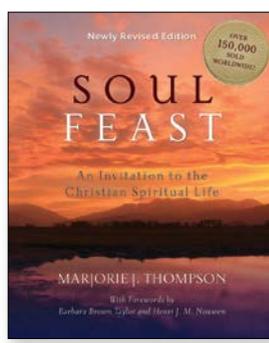
A Guide to What Matters Most

New Edition with Study Guide
MARTIN THIELEN
9780664239381 • \$17.00 • Paper

“Thielen’s book is clear, accessible, down to earth, and reliable.”

—James C. Howell, pastor and author

Pastor and author Martin Thielen has compiled a list of ten things Christians need to believe—and ten things they don’t—to be Christians. This lively and engaging book will be a help to seekers as well as a comfort to believers who may find themselves questioning some of the assumptions they grew up with.

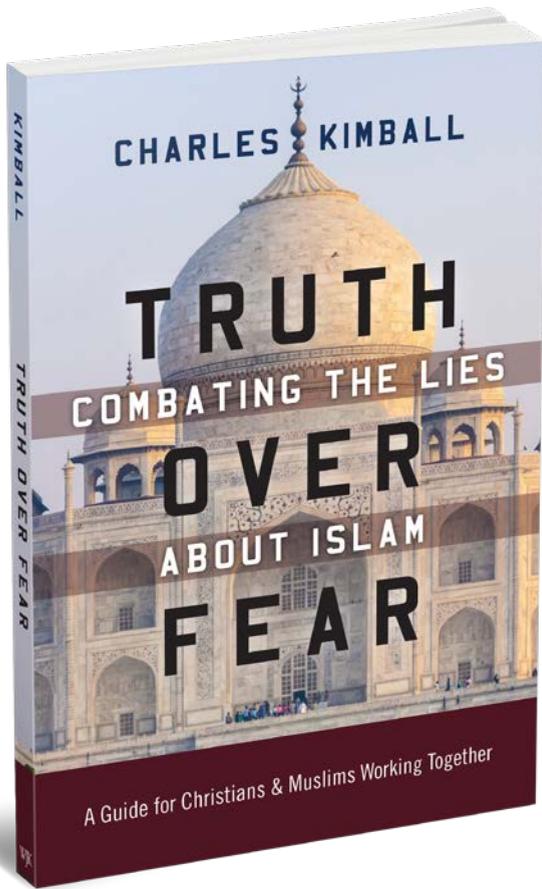


Soul Feast, Newly Revised Edition

An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life

MARJORIE J. THOMPSON
9780664239244 • \$17.00 • Paper

With over 150,000 copies sold, this bestselling spiritual classic offers a framework for understanding the spiritual disciplines and instruction for developing and nurturing those practices. This new revision includes new chapters, updated content, and a study guide.



September • Paper • \$16.00
 9780664264628 • 158 pages • 5.5" x 8.5"
 Rights: World • Market: General Reader
 World Religions

Key Selling Points

- Written by renowned Christian scholar of Islam Charles Kimball
- Refutes the pervasive use of Islamophobia from politicians and religious leaders
- Encourages Christian-Muslim dialogue, shared ministry, and community building

Truth over Fear

Combating the Lies about Islam

CHARLES KIMBALL

“Charles Kimball has written an important book—a text that is all at once a primer on Islam, a practical guide for peacemakers, and an inspirational vision for a world based on interfaith cooperation. Read this book and join the movement to make faith a bridge of cooperation rather than a barrier of division.”

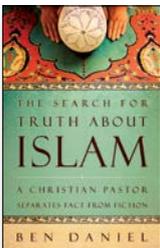
—Dr. Eboo Patel, Founder and President of Interfaith Youth Core

Questions and fears about Islam have proliferated American life for decades, from the Iranian Revolution in 1979 to the September 11, 2001, attacks. Yet more recent history has seen a new development in the tangle of Christian-Muslim relations: the mainstreaming of Islamophobia as a path to political and societal power at the highest level. Politicians and religious leaders now routinely spread fear and confusion about Muslim beliefs and practice in order to bolster their own positions.

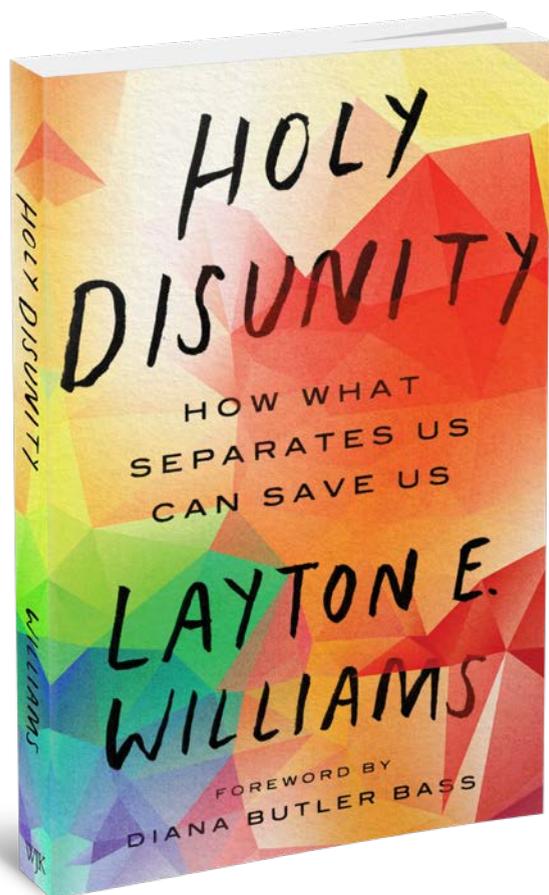
Many recognize what is wrong with this situation but are frustrated with what seem to be limited options for response. *Truth over Fear* provides resources to address the manipulation of religious misunderstanding and intolerance. From renowned Christian scholar of Islam and longtime participant in Christian-Muslim engagement, Charles Kimball demystifies Islam, the world’s second-largest religion, and provides practical guidance on how to share simple facts about Muslim beliefs and practices with family and others, how to take the first steps in dialogue with Muslim neighbors, and how to move beyond dialogue to shared ministry and community building.

CHARLES KIMBALL is Presidential Professor and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. He is a frequent speaker at colleges, churches, and ecumenical and interreligious programs. He is the author of six books, including *When Religion Becomes Evil: Five Warning Signs*, and the popular course “Comparative Religion” presented by The Great Courses.

Related Title



**The Search for Truth
 about Islam**
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October • Paper • \$17.00
 9780664265663 • 216 pages • 5.5" x 8.5"
 Rights: World • Market: General Reader
 Christian Living

Key Selling Points

- Addresses current polarization in this country and in our churches
- Equips readers to endure conflict, facing difficult relationships and circumstances head on
- Offers a diverse perspective focusing on the intersection of faith, justice, politics, and culture

Holy Disunity

How What Separates Us Can Save Us

LAYTON E. WILLIAMS

Foreword by

DIANA BUTLER BASS

“Disunity itself may not be so much a problem to be solved as a holy opportunity for growth and transformation. Disunity is so often seen as an evil: the breakdown of relationship, of community, of cohesion. But disunity doesn’t have to mean destruction. In the arguments and protests born from our disunified state, we hear hard but important truths that push back on our assumptions and our hubris. In our willingness to confront our own doubts, and others’, about things we’ve always assumed to be true, we are invited to discover new and deeper understandings of truth.”

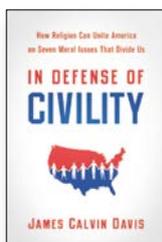
—excerpt from *Holy Disunity*

These days, there’s no dirtier word than “divisive,” especially in religious and political circles. Claiming a controversial opinion, talking about our differences, even sharing our doubts can be seen as threatening to the goal of unity. But what if unity shouldn’t be our goal?

In *Holy Disunity: How What Separates Us Can Save Us*, Layton E. Williams proposes that our primary calling as humans is not to create unity but rather to seek authentic relationship with God, ourselves, one another, and the world around us. And that means actively engaging those with whom we disagree. Our religious, political, social, and cultural differences can create doubt and tension, but disunity also provides surprising gifts of perspective and grace. By analyzing conflict and rifts in both modern culture and Scripture, Williams explores how our disagreements and differences—our disunity—can ultimately redeem us.

LAYTON E. WILLIAMS is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a writer. She previously served as Pastoral Resident at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago before entering the world of advocacy journalism as Audience Engagement Editor at Sojourners. She earned a MDiv from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas, and currently lives in Charleston, South Carolina, where she seeks to minister in ways that offer understanding, justice, and relationship in the midst of division.

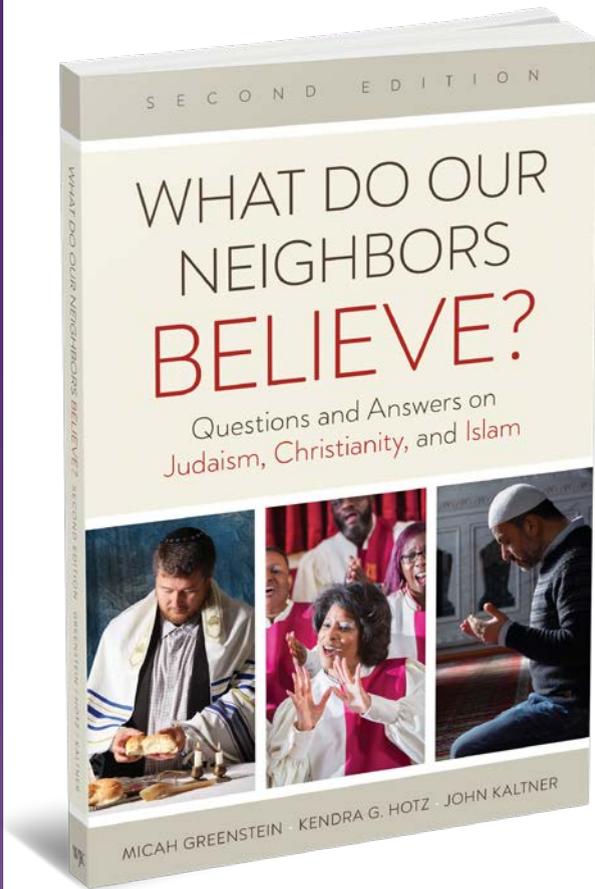
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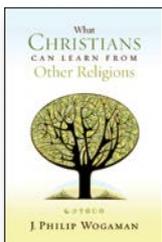
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Rights: World • Market: General Reader • World Religions

Key Selling Points

- Compares all three religions on common questions, beliefs, and practices
- Updates 2007 edition with current ethical questions and addresses issues such as Islamophobia and anti-Semitism
- Draws on the knowledge of three scholars and leaders in each religious community

Related Title



What Christians
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What Do Our Neighbors Believe?

Second Edition

*Questions and Answers
on Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*

MICAH GREENSTEIN, KENDRA G.
HOTZ, and JOHN KALTNER

The current social and political climate makes it easy to benefit from religious misunderstanding. Political and religious leaders create fear of the religious other in order to drum up support for themselves. But the best way to combat deliberate misrepresentation is to provide accurate, timely information about the three great monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

What Do Our Neighbors Believe? Second Edition organizes the three belief systems, asking the same questions of each: When and where did each originate? What are the sacred writings? What kind of leaders does each have? What are their most essential beliefs? New sections explore current ethical questions and issues, including the deliberate use of misinformation about Islam to bolster power and generate fear and the recent rise in anti-Semitic hate crimes. By introducing the common aspects of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, Greenstein, Hotz, and Kaltner make understanding their genuine differences and their many similarities much more possible.

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Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes

An Advent Study

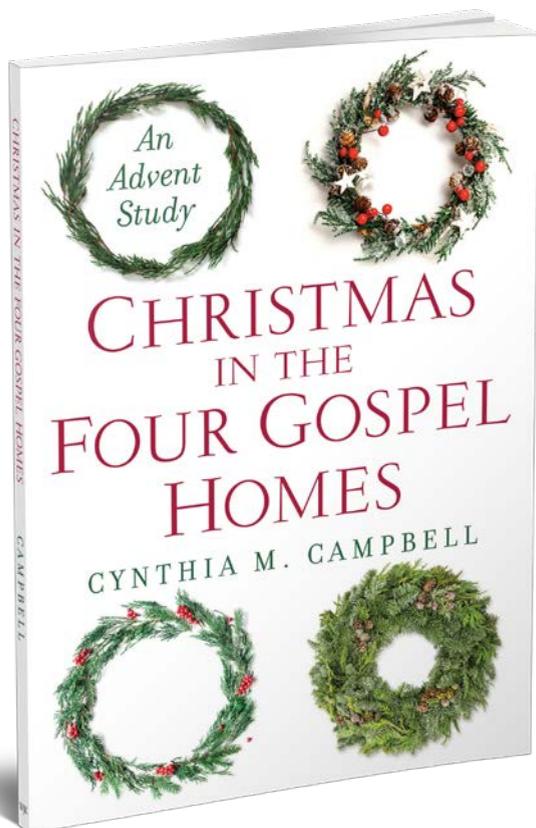
CYNTHIA M. CAMPBELL

Art by

KEVIN BURNS

“The first year, the Gospel readings take us to Matthew’s house; then we move on to Mark; finally, we visit Luke. Every year, on special occasions . . . we go to visit John. Just like our own homes, each gospel house is quite different—décor and ambience reflect the family that lives there and their individual traditions. Some are cluttered; others are spare. Some are decorated within an inch of their lives; others are haphazard. We each like some more than others but moving around allows us to savor the same things from different perspectives.”

—excerpt from *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes*



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Rights: World • Market: General Reader • Advent

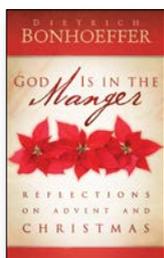
Key Selling Points

- Provides a unique biblical study angle of Christmas themes in each of the four Gospels
- Uses drawings from architect Kevin Burns to interpret accounts as Gospel “homes”
- Written by respected author Cynthia M. Campbell

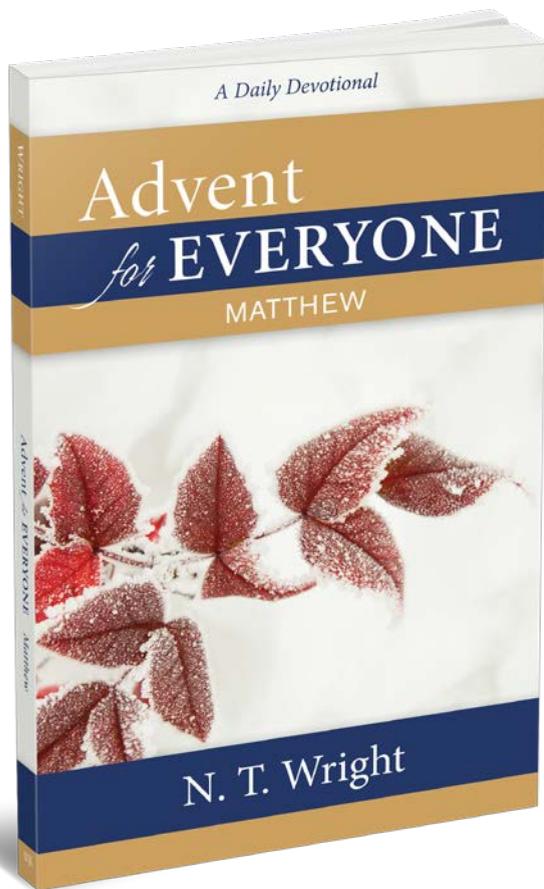
How might a house look for Christmas based on what each Gospel says about it? In *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes*, beautiful illustrations from architect Kevin Burns reimagine each of the four Gospels as a “house,” which the church visits at Christmas. In each section, Cynthia M. Campbell reflects on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Jesus or the incarnation offered by each Gospel. Suitable for individual or group study, *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes* creatively reimagines the season and inspires new and exciting reflection for Advent.

CYNTHIA M. CAMPBELL, president emerita of McCormick Theological Seminary, is pastor of the Highland Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Kentucky. She is a contributor to the Feasting on the Word and Connections series and the author of *A Multitude of Blessings: A Christian Approach to Religious Diversity*.

Related Title



God Is in the Manger
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Advent for Everyone: Matthew

A Daily Devotional

N. T. WRIGHT

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Advent for Everyone: Matthew provides readers with an inspirational guide through the Advent season, from the First Sunday of Advent through the Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Popular biblical scholar and author N. T. Wright provides his own Scripture translation and brief reflection to guide readers through the season 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*.

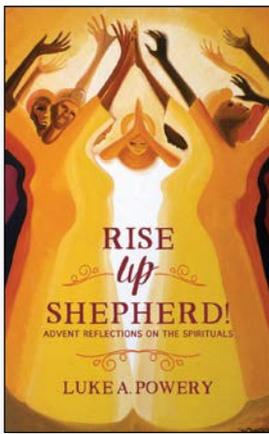
Key Selling Points

- 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 Title



**Advent for Everyone:
Luke**
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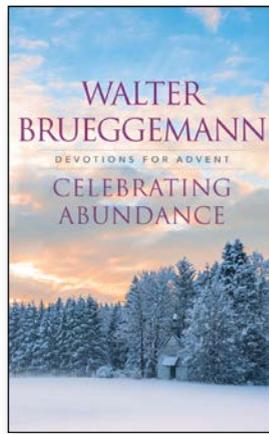
Rise Up, Shepherd!

Advent Reflections on the Spirituals

LUKE A. POWERY

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In these devotions for the season of Advent, Luke Powery leads the reader through the spirituals as they confront the mystery of incarnation and redemption. In *Rise Up, Shepherd!* each devotion features the lyrics of the spiritual, a reflection on the spiritual's meaning, a Scripture verse, and a brief prayer.



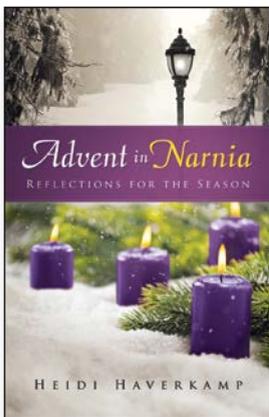
Celebrating Abundance

Devotions for Advent

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Advent in Narnia

Reflections for the Season

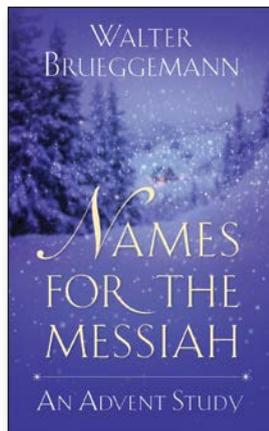
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“Walking into Advent can be like walking through the wardrobe.”

With its enchanting themes of snow and cold, light and darkness, forgiveness and hope—and even an appearance by Father Christmas—C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* fits naturally into the

Advent season. These twenty-eight devotions alternate between Scripture and passages from the novel to prompt meditation on Advent themes.



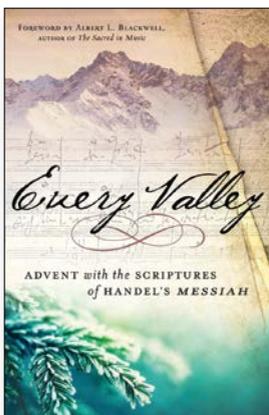
Names for the Messiah

An Advent Study

WALTER BRUEGGEMANN

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In Isaiah 9:6, a divine utterance is given to us using four royal titles—Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. *Names for the Messiah* ponders each royal designation and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title.

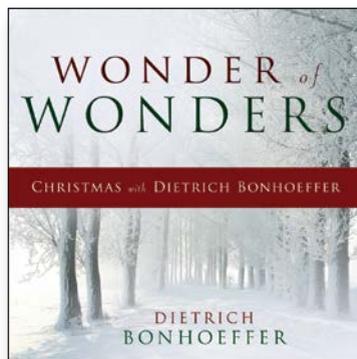


Every Valley

Advent with the Scriptures of Handel's Messiah

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

This gift-worthy book will delight and inspire classical music fans and those for whom *Messiah* is a beloved Christmas tradition with essays exploring the theological, historical, and pastoral implications of the Scriptures that make up Handel's *Messiah*.



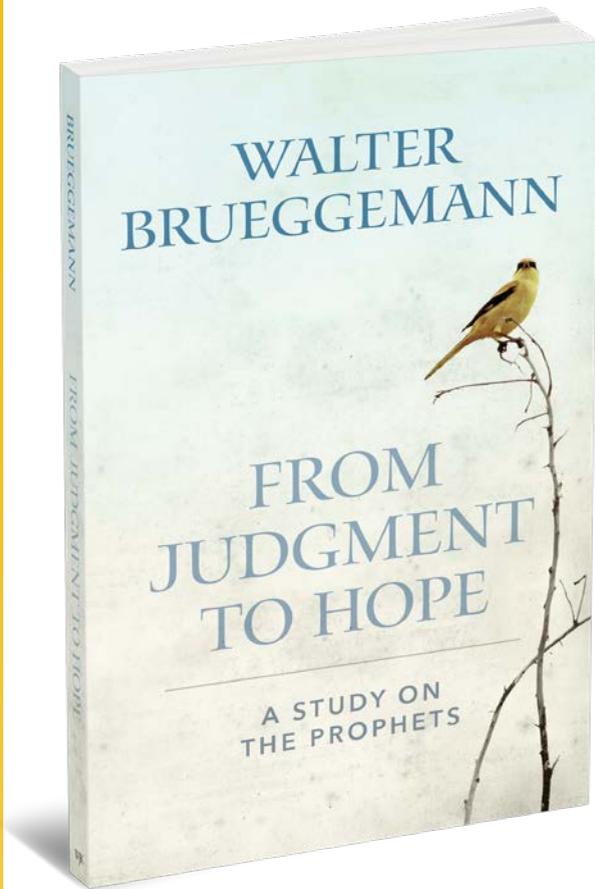
Wonder of Wonders

Christmas with Dietrich Bonhoeffer

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

9780664260453 • \$15.00
Hardback

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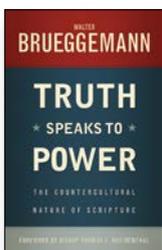


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 9780664265519 • 136 pages • 5.5" x 8.5"
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Key Selling Points

- Combines several popular Prophet studies into one volume
- Covers Major and Minor Prophets, Isaiah, and the prophets of the Persian age
- Written by popular biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann

Related Title



Truth Speaks to Power
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From Judgment to Hope

A Study on the Prophets

WALTER BRUEGGEMANN

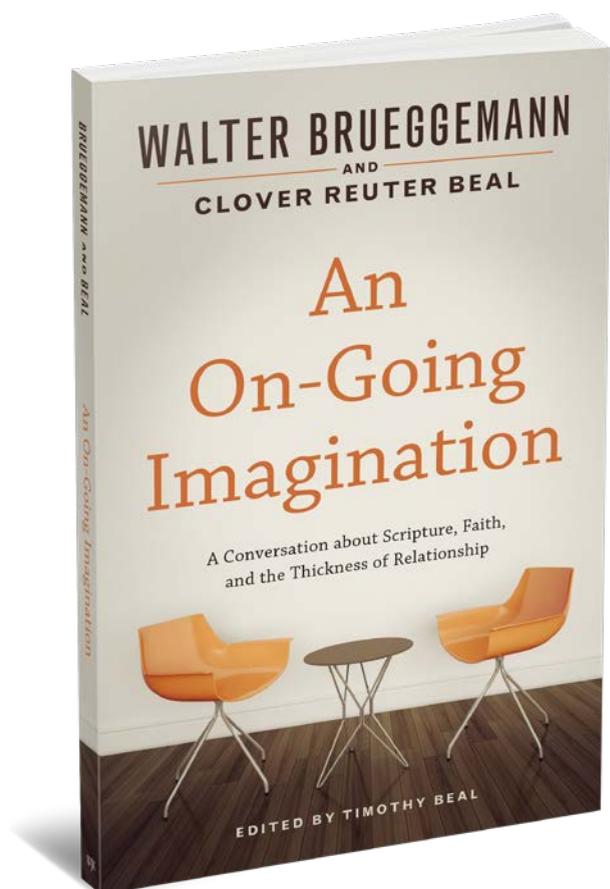
“These ancient utterances constitute a means whereby our denial and our despair may be countered. They are at the same time a resource for our truth-telling and our hope-telling that is grounded in the reality of God who is in, with, and under these ancient utterances.”

—excerpt from *From Judgment to Hope*

While conservative interpreters might believe that prophets were predictors and progressives believe the prophets to be simply social advocates, Walter Brueggemann argues that the prophets were “emancipated imaginers of alternative.” Emancipated from the dominant thinking of their societies, the prophets imagined an alternative reality and invited listeners to join them in their commitment to that new reality.

In this collection of studies, popular biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann explores the Major Prophets, the Minor Prophets, and the prophets of the Persian Age. By highlighting the common themes of judgment and hope found in the prophets’ messages, Brueggemann invites readers to consider what those messages mean for us today. Questions for reflection conclude each chapter. *From Judgment to Hope* is suitable for individual or group study.

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 *Chosen? Reading the Bible amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*.

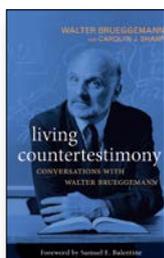


October • Paper • \$18.00
 9780664264130 • 128 pages • 5.5" x 8.5"
 Rights: World • Market: General Reader • Bible

Key Selling Points

- Serves as an entry for beginners into Brueggemann's work
- Presents a path back into the Bible for those who have been put off by the culture wars
- Explores Brueggemann's most influential biblical-theological concepts

Related Title



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 Countertestimony
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An On-Going Imagination

A Conversation about Scripture, Faith, and the Thickness of Relationship

WALTER BRUEGGEMANN
 and CLOVER REUTER BEAL

Edited by
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Why should we still bother with the Bible today? What is the purpose of prayer, and what can it do for our lives? How is keeping the Sabbath countercultural? What does it mean to say that the God in the Bible is “a God in recovery”?

Biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann has always excelled at making the Bible approachable and engaging. Drawn from a series of public conversations with Brueggemann and his former student and long-time friend Clover Reuter Beal, *An On-Going Imagination* explores Brueggemann's most influential biblical-theological concepts and methods.

Intimate, provocative, and challenging, *An On-Going Imagination* offers an enlightening introduction to Brueggemann's work for readers who want to learn more and a way back into the Bible for people who feel alienated from it by those on the right and the left who claim to have it all figured out. Brueggemann and Beal reawaken us to the fascinating strangeness of biblical tradition and its incredible power to help us imagine new ways of seeing and being in the world.

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CLOVER REUTER BEAL is Colead Pastor of Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Denver, Colorado. Previously, she was Associate Pastor at Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian, in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and Dean of the Cleveland Ecumenical Institute for Religious Studies. Her passions circle around congregational leadership development, gift identification, vocational discernment, and spiritual formation.



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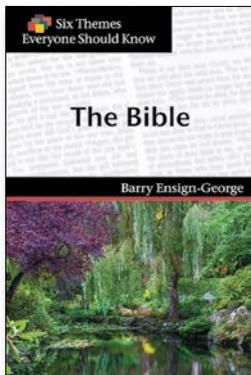
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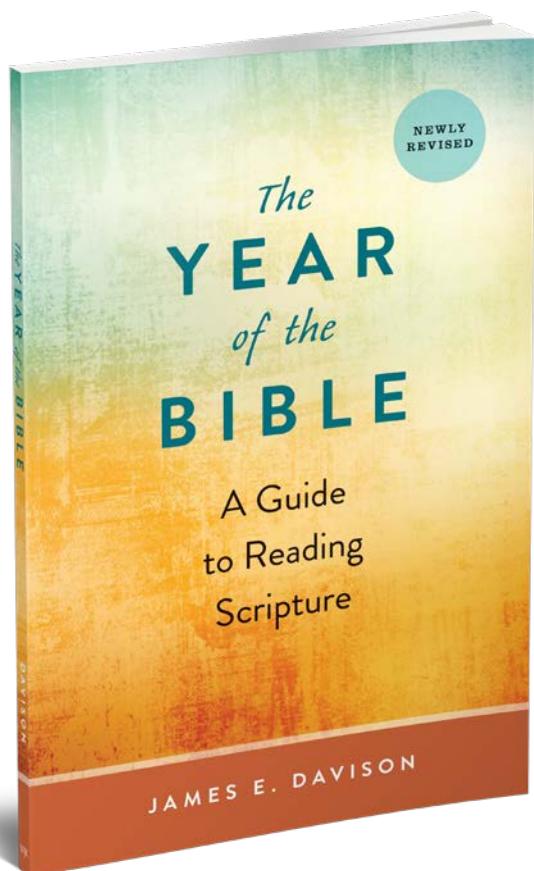
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The Year of the Bible

*A Guide to Reading Scripture,
Newly Revised*

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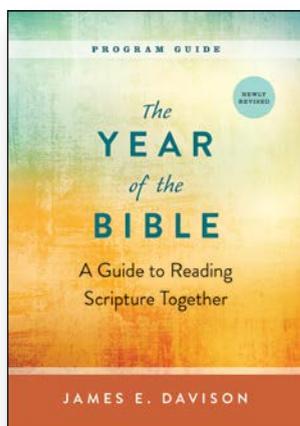
This popular, comprehensive Bible-reading program for individuals and group study offers a sweeping introduction to biblical themes and concepts. Complete with a detailed reading schedule for every day of one year, *The Year of the Bible* leads participants to a better understanding of Scripture and a greater sense of community within the church. Newcomers to Scripture and longtime Bible readers alike will find their Christian faith enhanced and feel a sense of accomplishment from reading the Bible in its entirety. *The Year of the Bible* is suitable for participants in a congregational program or anyone who wants a well-designed program to read through Scripture in the course of one year.

JAMES E. DAVISON is the former Director of Continuing Education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and a former church educator. He is an active member of Association of Presbyterian Church Educators.

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9780664265427 • 80 pages • 5.5" x 8.5"
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Key Selling Points

- Guides readers through reading the Bible in one year
- Features newly revised edition of popular and comprehensive Bible-reading program
- Can be used by individuals or in a group study
- Has a separate Program Guide for leaders



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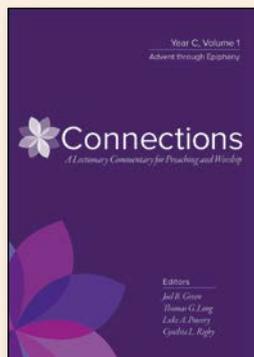
Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship provides new resources to help preachers achieve the goal of connecting congregations to Scripture. This nine-volume series offers creative commentary on each reading in the three-year cycle of the Revised Common Lectionary. It does so first 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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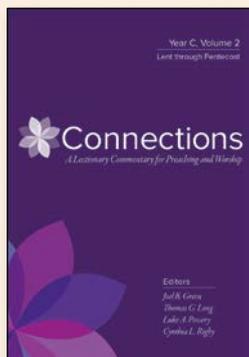
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Year C, Volume 1
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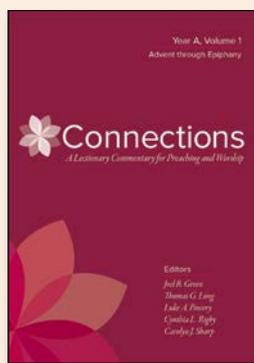
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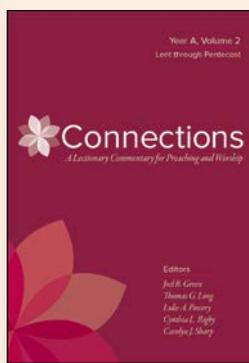
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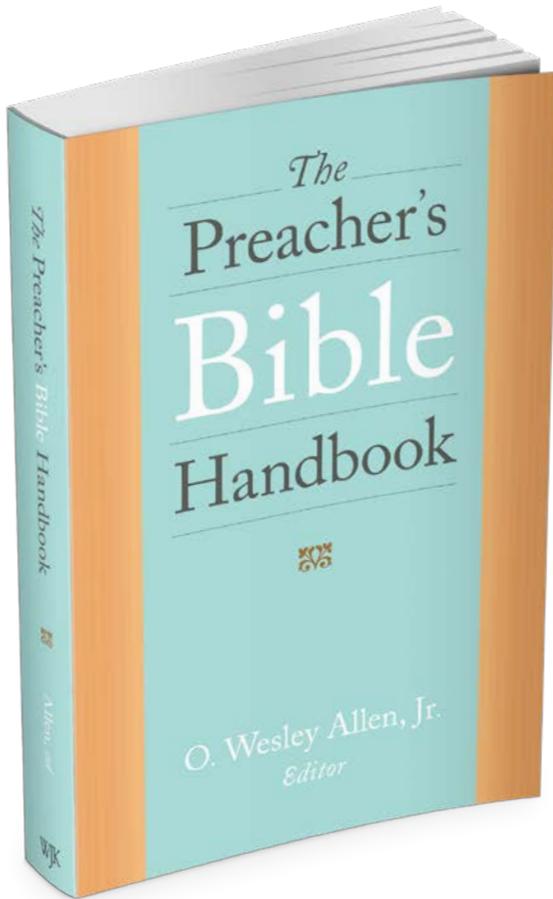
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Key Selling Points

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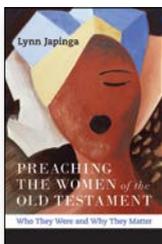
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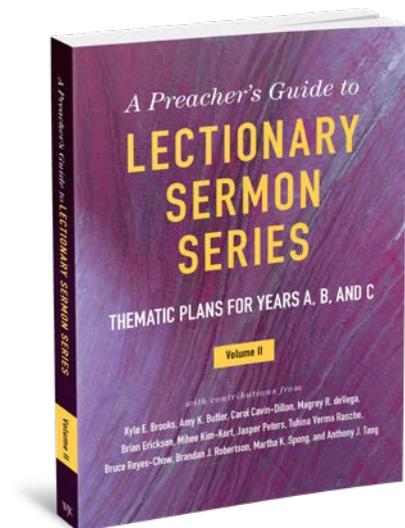
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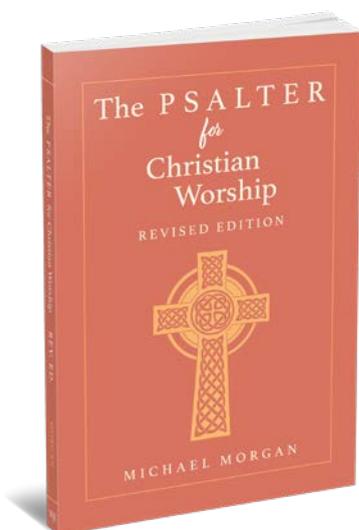
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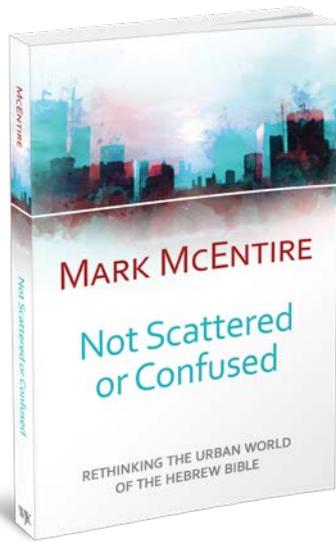
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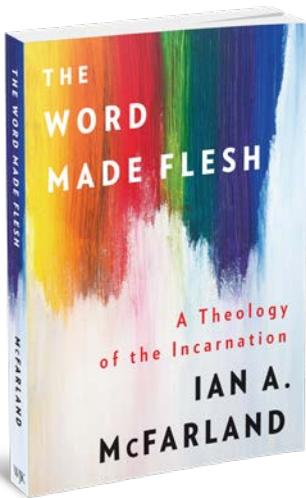
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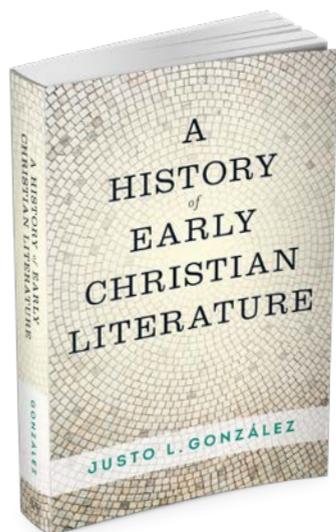
IAN A. MCFARLAND

Most theologians believe that in the human life of Jesus of Nazareth we encounter God. Yet how the divine and human come together in the life of Jesus still remains a question needing exploring. The Council of Chalcedon sought to answer the question by speaking of "one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in divinity and also perfect in humanity, the same truly God and truly a human being." But ever since Chalcedon, the theological conversation on Christology has implicitly put Christ's divinity and humanity in competition.

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IAN A. MCFARLAND is Regius Professor of Divinity and a Fellow of Selwyn College at the University of Cambridge.

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A History of Early Christian Literature

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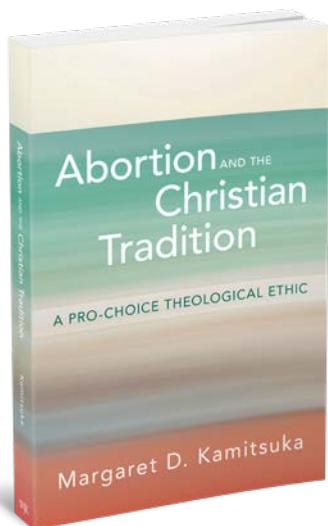
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Key Selling Points

- Written by world-renowned church historian Justo González
- Provides a comprehensive introduction to the history of the early church as seen through its most important writings

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Abortion remains the most contested political issue in American life. Poll results have remained surprisingly constant over the years, with roughly equal numbers supporting and opposing it. A common perception is that abortion is contrary to Christian teaching and values. While some have challenged that perception, few have attempted a comprehensive critique and constructive counterargument on Christian ethical and theological grounds.

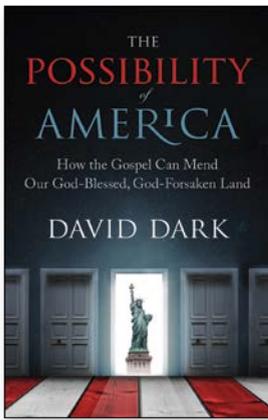
Margaret Kamitsuka begins with a careful examination of the church's biblical and historical record, refuting the assumption that Christianity has always condemned abortion or that it considered personhood as beginning at the moment of conception. She then offers carefully crafted ethical arguments about the pregnant woman's authority to make reproductive decisions and builds a theological rationale for seeing abortion as something other than a sin.

MARGARET D. KAMITSUKA is Professor of Religion at Oberlin College and an affiliate faculty member in the Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies program, of which she was the Director from 2012 to 2014.

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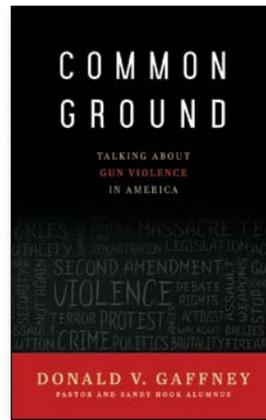
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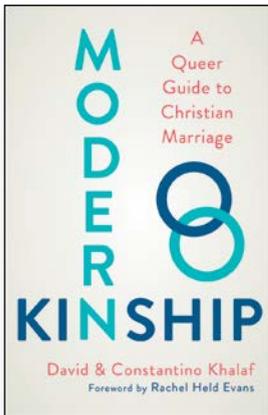
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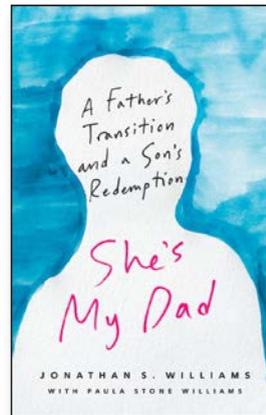
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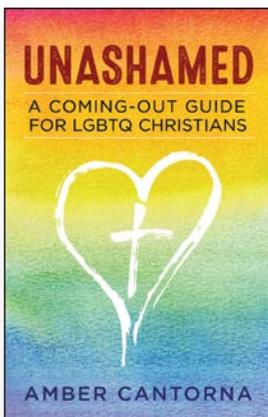
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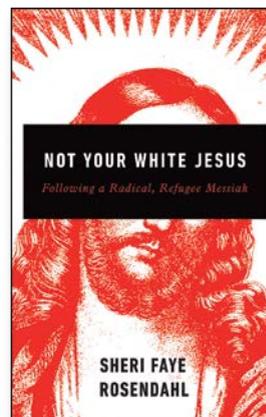
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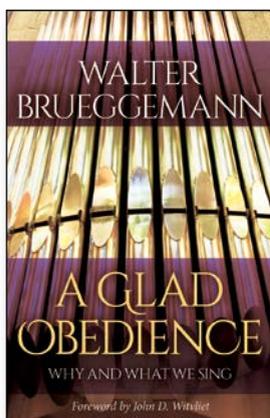
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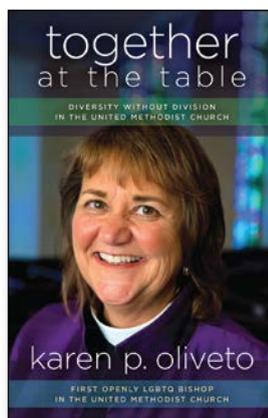
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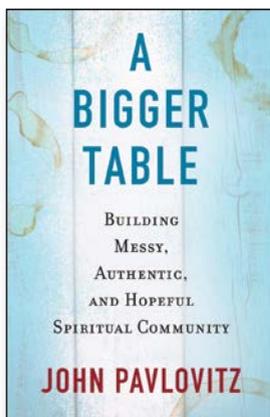
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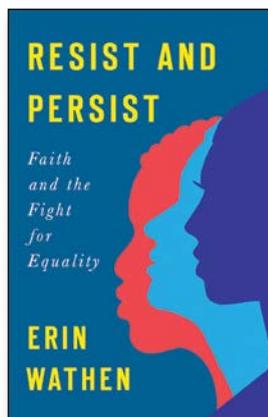
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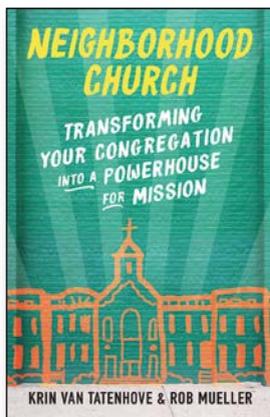
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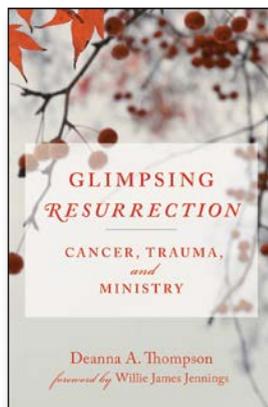
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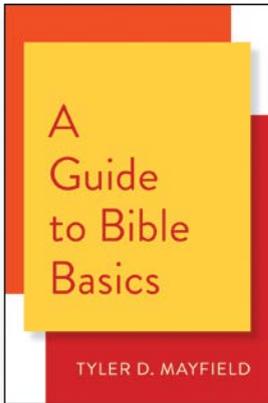
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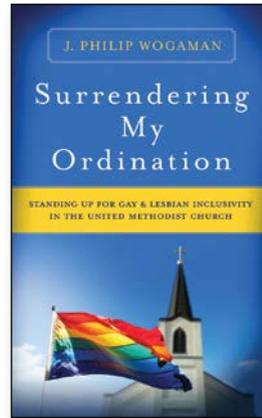


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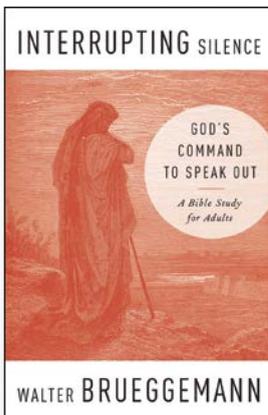
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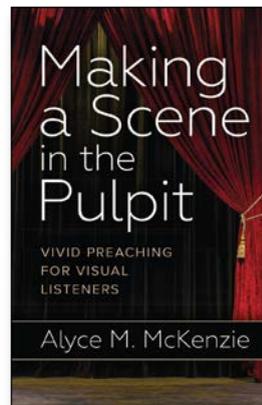
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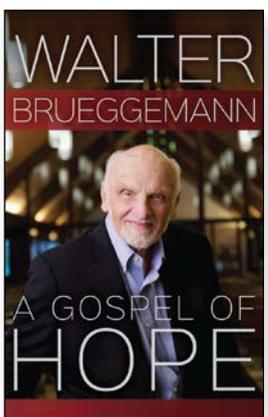
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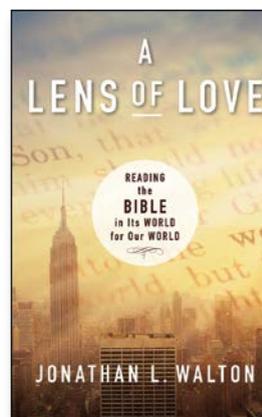


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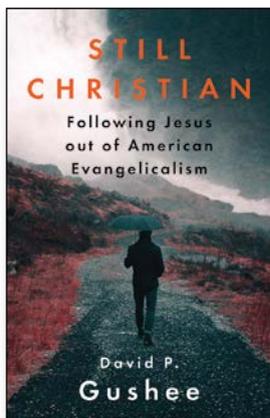
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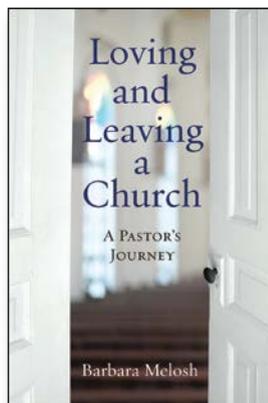
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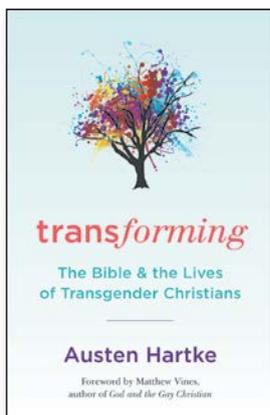
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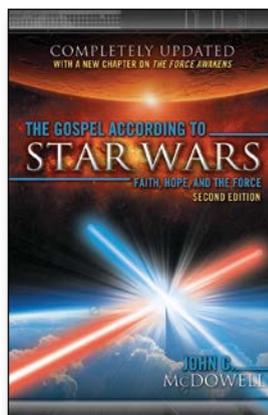
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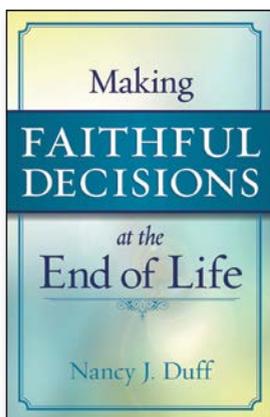
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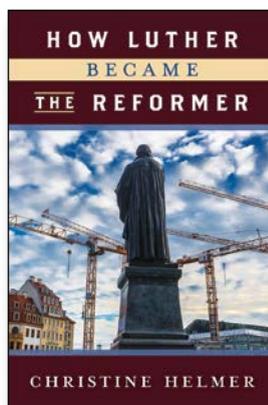


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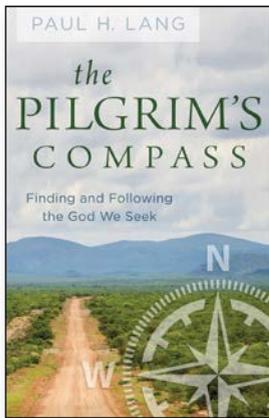


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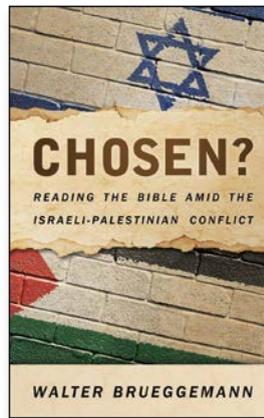
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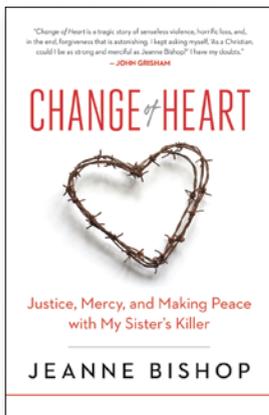
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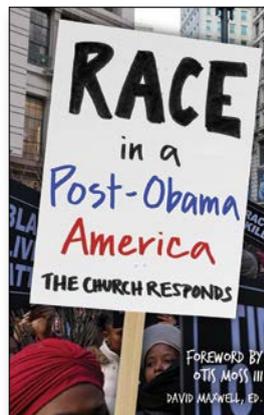
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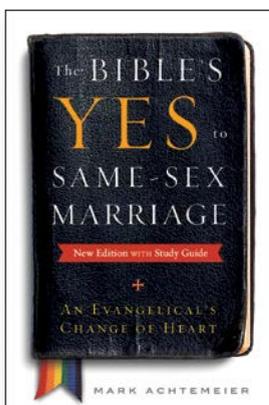
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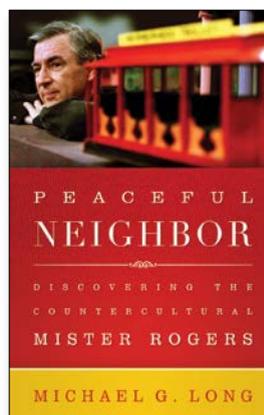
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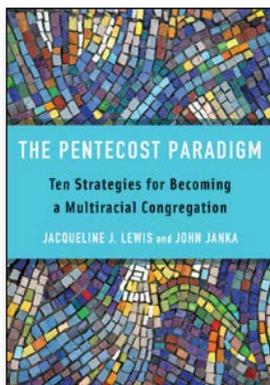
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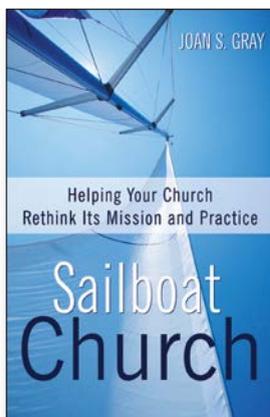
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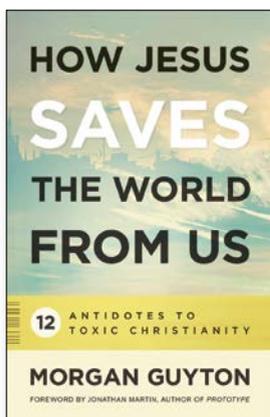
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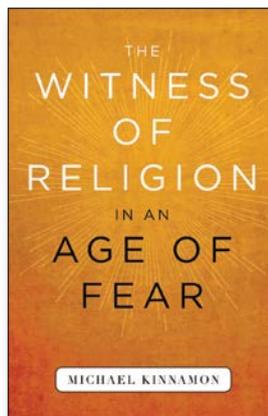
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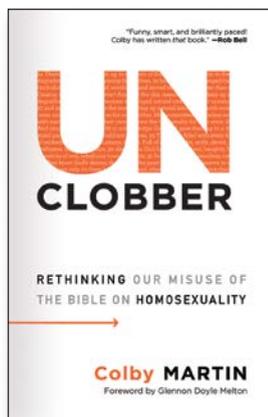
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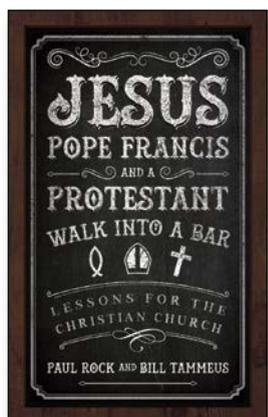
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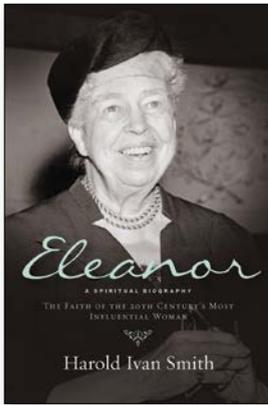
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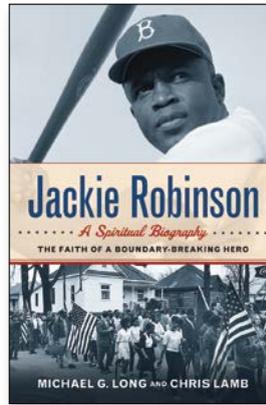
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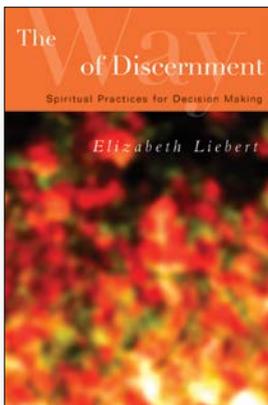
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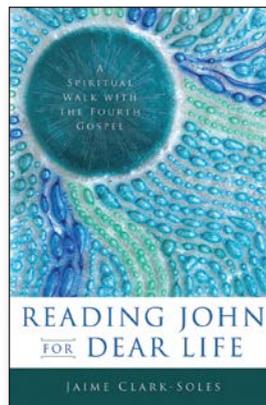
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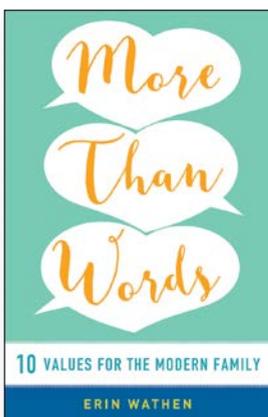
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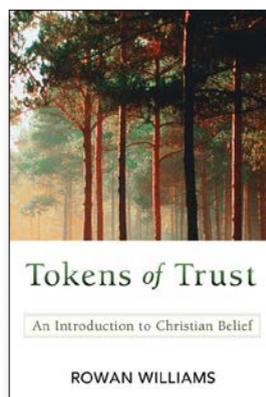
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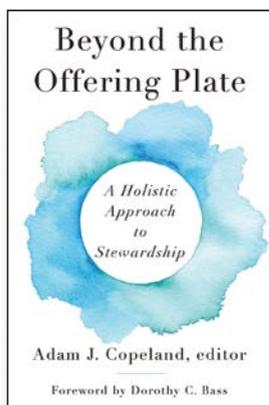
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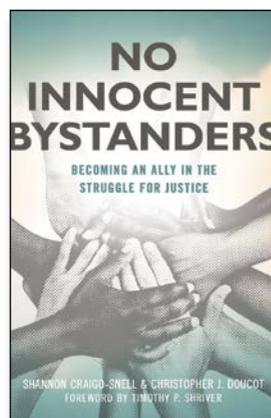
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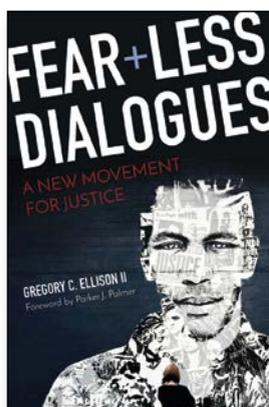
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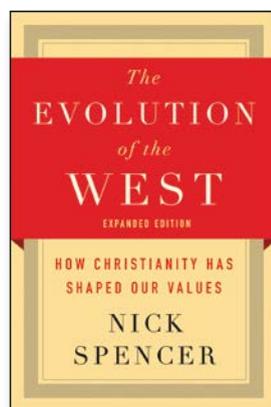
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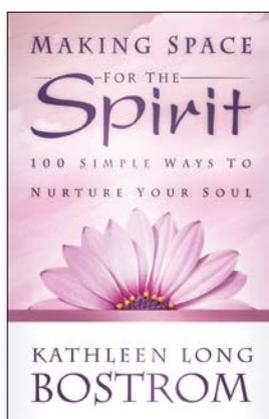


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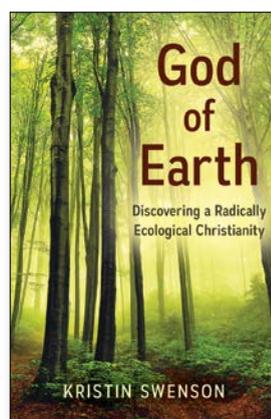
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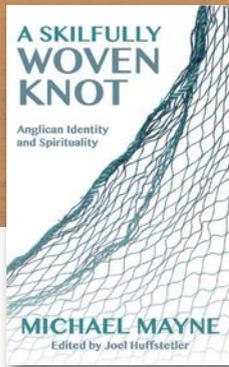
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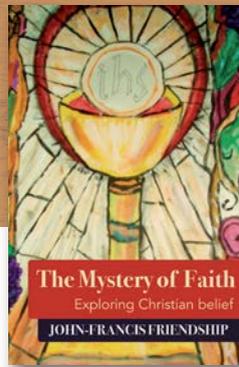
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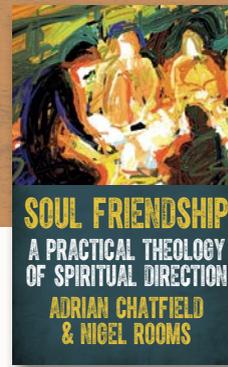
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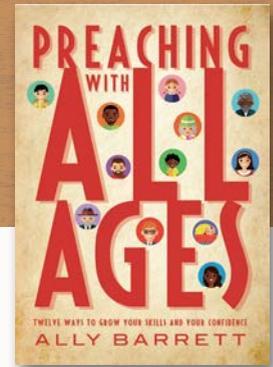
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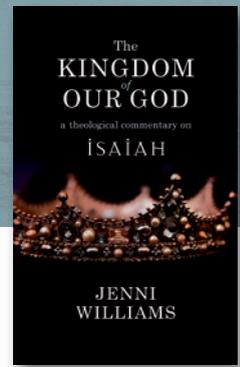
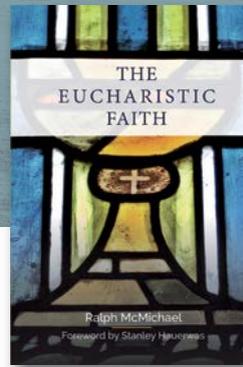
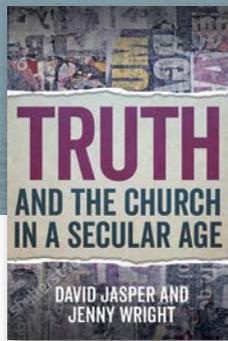
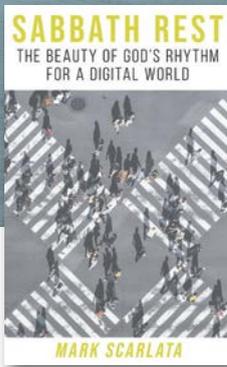
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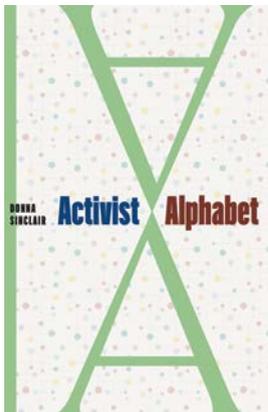
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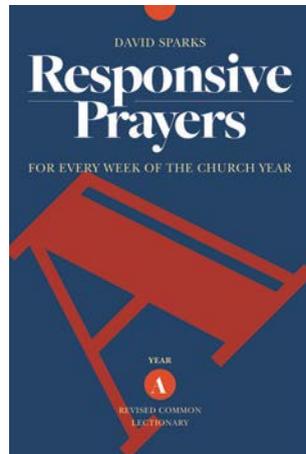
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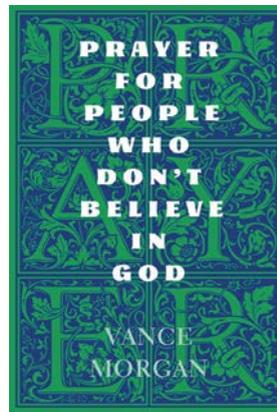
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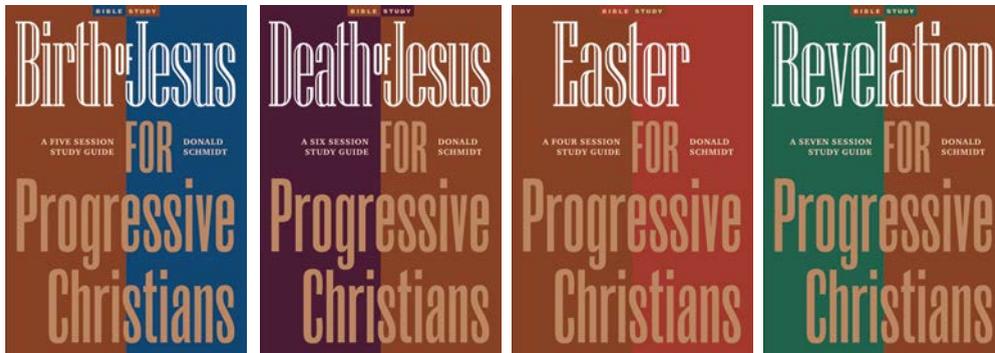
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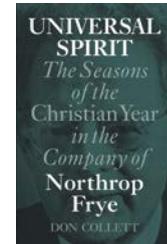
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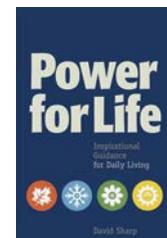


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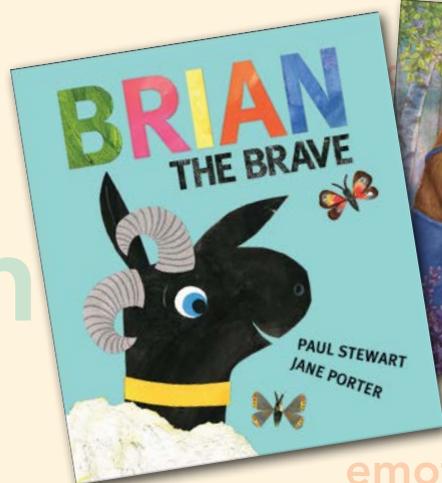
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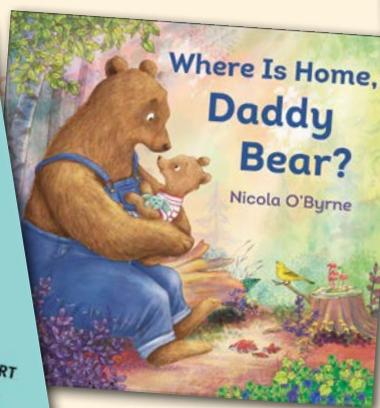
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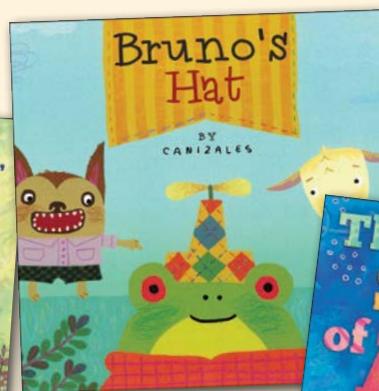
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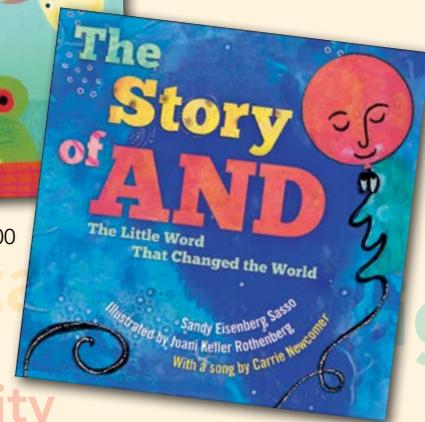
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