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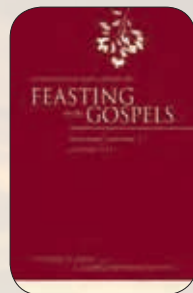
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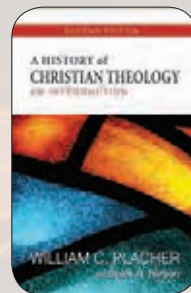
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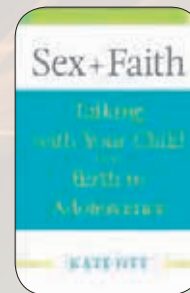
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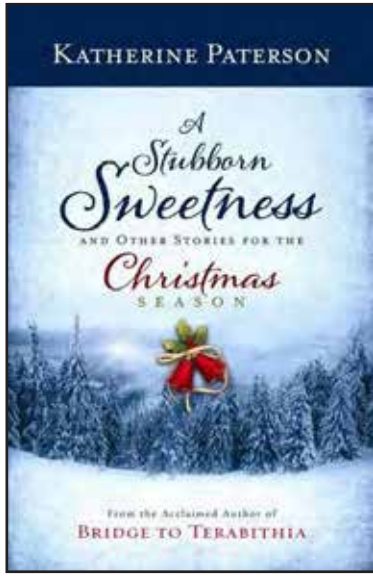
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A Stubborn Sweetness and Other Stories for the Christmas Season

Katherine Paterson

Summary

A Stubborn Sweetness and Other Stories for the Christmas Season is a collection of modern-day short stories by Katherine Paterson, award-winning author of *Bridge to Terabithia* and *The Great Gilly Hopkins*—both loved by children and adults for over twenty years. This compilation includes stories of real-life people such as a shopping mall’s night watchman, a lonely widower, a pregnant teenage runaway, a political prisoner in China, a grieving mother, and a privileged American, who have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas because of loss, pain, greed, or circumstances. Through unexpected and uplifting ways, each is reminded of the first Christmas story and the vision of hope and peace it offers the world. They realize that even in the darkness, the light and song of Christmas can be seen and heard.

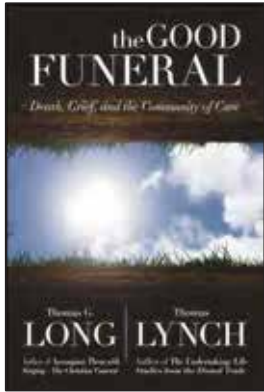
This heart-warming gift book, filled with stories of realistic people finding hope, courage, and faith amidst life’s circumstances, radiates the spirit of the season and reminds each of us what Christmas truly means. Originally written to be read during her church’s Christmas Eve service, this collection of holiday stories is perfect for individuals, families, and churches to read and share during the season.

Author Bio

Katherine Paterson is the author of more than 30 books, including 16 novels for children and young adults such as *Bridge to Terabithia*, *Jacob Have I Loved*, *The Master Puppeteer*, and *The Great Gilly Hopkins*. She has twice won the National Book Award and twice the Newbury Medal. In 2000, she was named a Living Legend by the Library of Congress. She is currently a vice-president of the National Children’s Book and Literacy Alliance.

Excerpt

“[The song of Christmas] is not louder. It is swallowed up quickly in the cry of anger or the clack of greed. No, the song is not louder, but it persists. It comes, as it had come to me beside my [dying] father’s bed, a melody of the most stubborn sweetness, for which we are never prepared. And we turn away from it again and again and again. ‘But oh, my child,’ I said to the empty night, ‘even though the song is not louder, it is stronger. And someday it will find you—out there alone in the darkness.’”
 —from “A Stubborn Sweetness”



The Good Funeral

Death, Grief, and the Community of Care

Thomas G. Long and Thomas Lynch

“Two heavy-weights, Thomas Lynch and Thomas Long, write eloquently and passionately on behalf of a funeral with a body, a direction to move, and a community present. They offer controversial, powerful criticisms of the current American practices whose ideology rests upon denial and trivialization.”

—Lucy Bregman, Professor of Religion, Temple University, and author of *Preaching Death*

Summary

Two of the most authoritative voices on the funeral industry come together here in one volume to discuss the current state of the funeral. Through their different lenses—one as a preacher and one as a funeral director—Thomas G. Long and Thomas Lynch alternately discuss several challenges facing the “good funeral,” including the commercial aspects that have led many to be suspicious of funeral directors, the sometimes tense relationship between pastors and funeral directors, the tendency of modern funerals to exclude the body from the service, and the rapid growth in cremation. The book features forewords from Patrick Lynch, President of the National Funeral Directors Association, and Barbara Brown Taylor, highly praised author and preacher. It is an essential resource for funeral directors, morticians, and pastors, and anyone else interested in current funeral practices.

Author Bios

Thomas G. Long is Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and one of the most popular preachers in the United States today. He is the author of many books, including *Accompany Them with Singing—The Christian Funeral* and *The Witness of Preaching*.

Thomas Lynch is a funeral director and the author of several books of essays, poems, and short stories. His book, *The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade* won an American Book Award and was a finalist for the National Book Award. His work has been the subject of two documentary films including the Emmy Award-winning *The Undertaking* (PBS *Frontline*, 2007).

Accompany Them with Singing—The Christian Funeral

Thomas G. Long

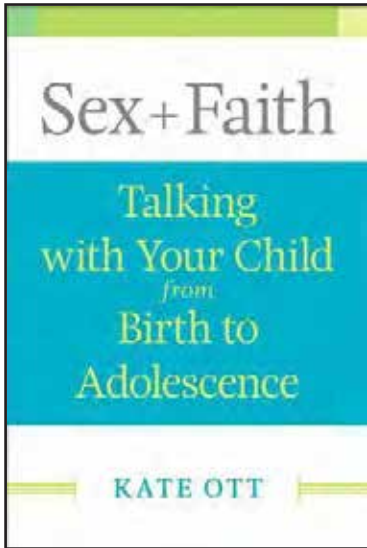
Summary

Now available in paperback is Thomas G. Long’s best-selling theological and cultural critique of today’s Christian funeral. Long begins by describing how the Christian funeral developed historically, theologically, and liturgically and then discusses recent cultural trends in funeral practices. Long argues that the proper Christian funeral should be constructed around the metaphor of the deceased as a saint traveling on a baptismal journey toward God, accompanied by the community of faith on “the last mile of the way,” and calls for the church to reclaim this classic metaphor.

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Talking with Your Child from Birth to Adolescence

Kate Ott

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Author Bio

Kate Ott is Assistant Professor of Christian Social Ethics at Drew University, Theological School. Ott published "Searching for an Ethic: Sexuality, Children, and Moral Agency" in *New Feminist Christianity: Many Voices, Many Views* and is also co-editor of *Just Hospitality: God's Welcome in a World of Difference and Faith, Feminism, and Scholarship: The Next Generation*.

Excerpts

"As adults and as parents, we often believe that we should have all the right answers before attempting to talk about sex with our kids. There is nothing wrong with not knowing the answer to one of their questions. In fact, it is a great lesson for children when a parent says, 'I don't know the answer to that. Let's go look it up.' Or 'Can I get back to you?' Then make sure to get back to your child with the information. If you don't, it sends a signal that this is not a topic to be shared. We are all lifelong learners, even about sexuality. That is a positive message."

—from Chapter 1

Sample Question Box



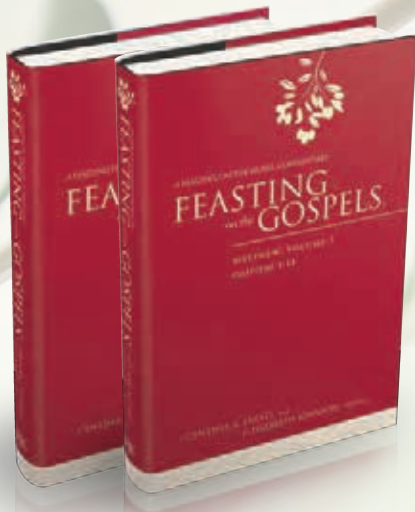
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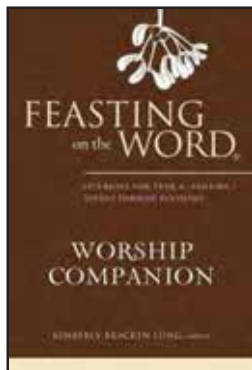
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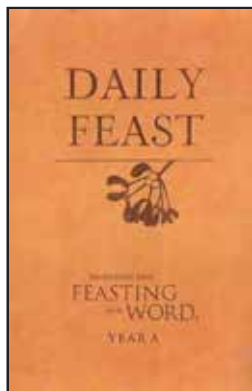
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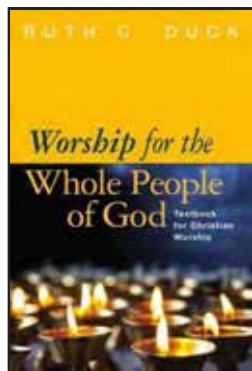
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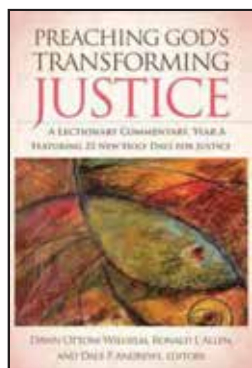
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Author Bio

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Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm, Ronald J. Allen, and Dale P. Andrews, editors

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Editor Bios

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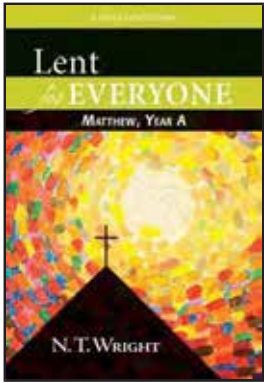
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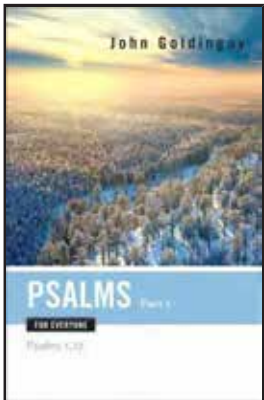
Summary

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Author Bio

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 *Scripture and the Authority of God*, *Surprised by Hope*, *Simply Christian*, and *Evil and the Justice of God*.

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John Goldingay

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Author Bio

John Goldingay is David Allan Hubbard Professor of Old Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. An internationally respected Old Testament scholar, Goldingay is the author of many commentaries and books.

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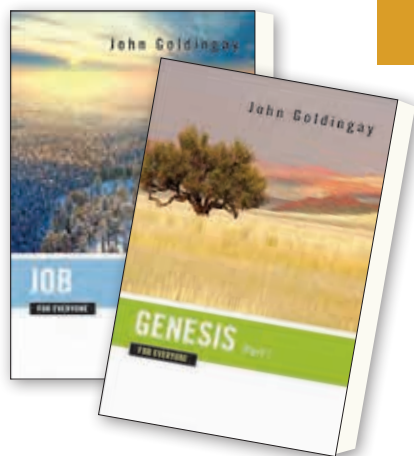
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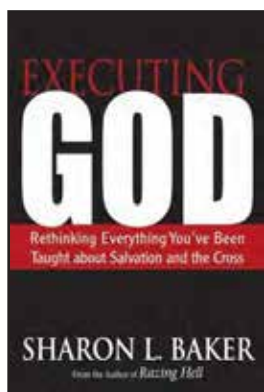
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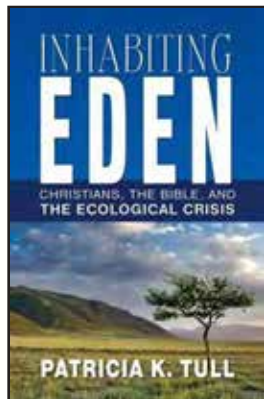
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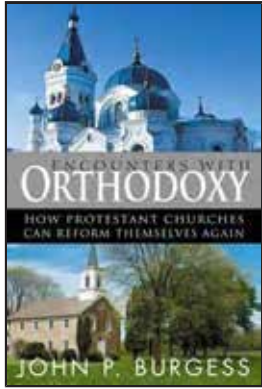
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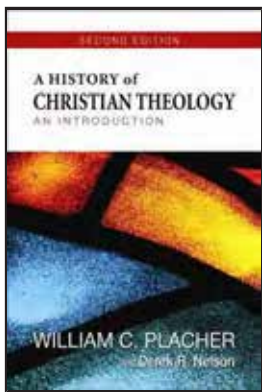
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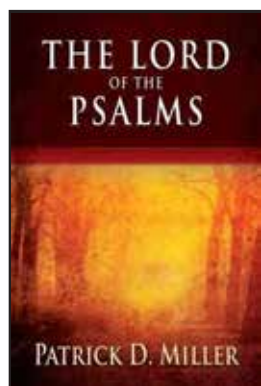
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The Lord of the Psalms

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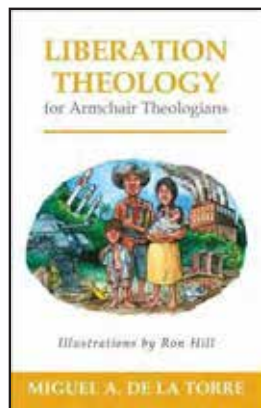
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Author Bio

Patrick D. Miller is Charles T. Haley Professor Emeritus of Old Testament Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. He is the author of numerous books, including *Theology Today: Reflections on the Bible and Contemporary Life* and *The Ten Commandments* in the series, *Interpretation: Resources for the Use of Scripture in the Church*, for which he serves as series editor.

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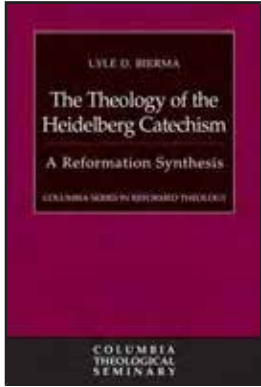
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Author Bio

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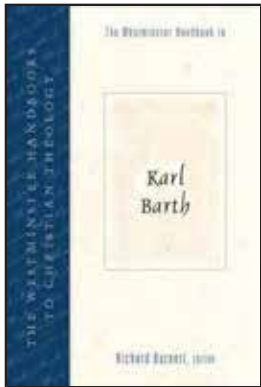
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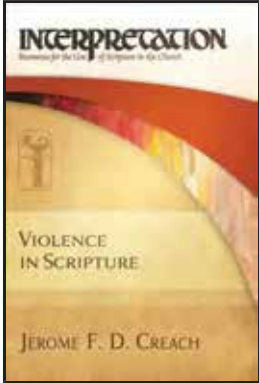
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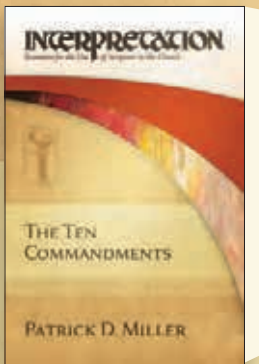
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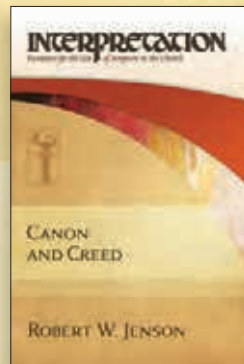
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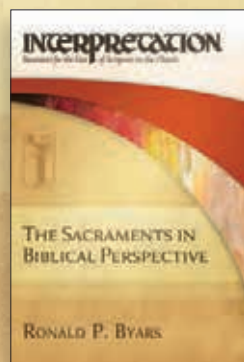
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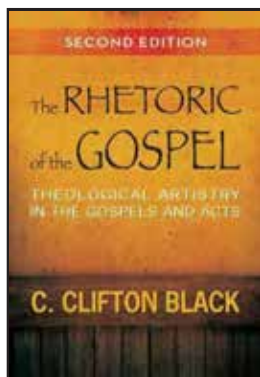
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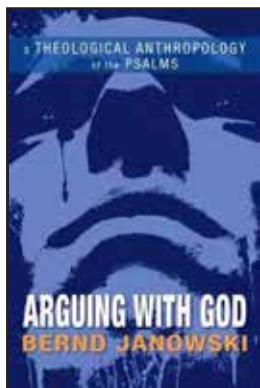
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Arguing with God

A Theological Anthropology of the Psalms

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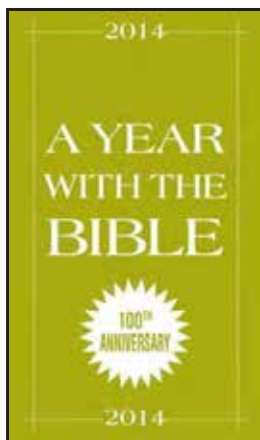
This is the first English translation of Bernd Janowski's incisive anthropological study of the Psalms, originally published in German in 2003 as *Konfliktgespräche mit Gott. Eine Anthropologie der Psalmen* (Neukirchener). Janowski begins with an introduction to Old Testament anthropology, concentrating on themes of being forsaken by God, enmity, legal difficulties, and sickness. Each chapter defines a problem and considers it in relation to anthropological insights from related fields of study and a thematically relevant example from the Psalms, including how a central aspect of this Psalm is explored in other Old Testament or Ancient Near Eastern texts. Each chapter concludes with an "Anthropological Keyword," which explores especially important words and phrases in the Psalms. The book also includes reflections on reading the Psalms from a New Testament perspective, focusing on themes of transience, praising God, salvation from death, and trust in God. Janowski's study demonstrates how the Psalms have important theological implications and ultimately help us to understand what it means to be human.

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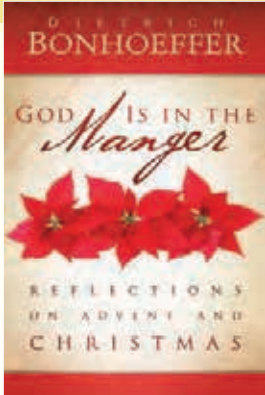
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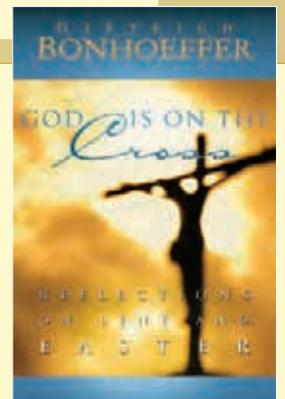


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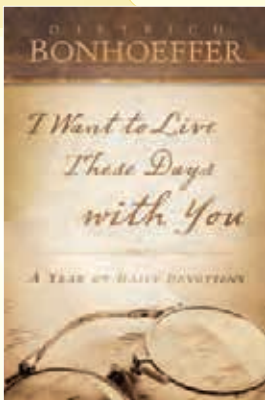


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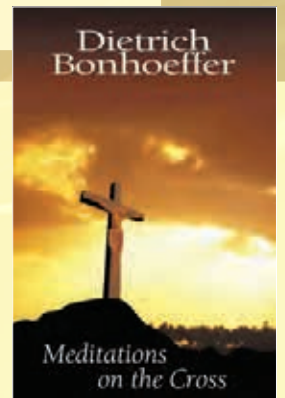


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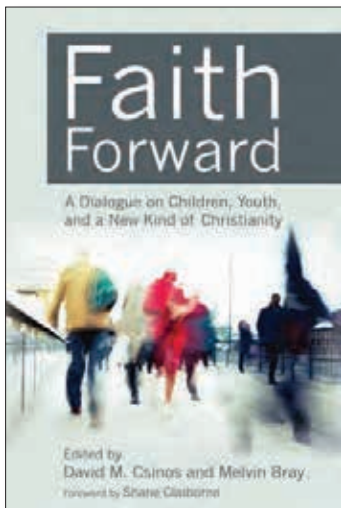
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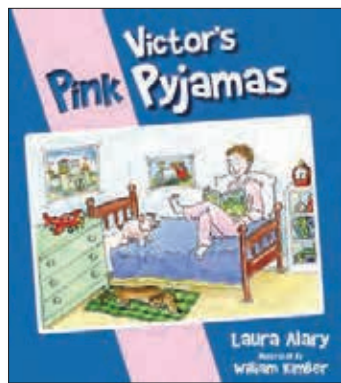
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This engaging and humorous book explores what it is like **to make choices that are different** from the cultural norm. In gentle ways, the story examines how people within Victor's family and outside of it react to something "different" (some are supportive, some are not), and how Victor remains undaunted and empowered in the face of the various responses. The full-colour illustrations capture the playful yet respectful tone of the book beautifully.

Laura Alary earned her Ph.D. in New Testament at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto, and her M.Div. at Knox College, University of Toronto. She lives in Toronto with her children Iain, Maggie, and Miriam, and her husband, Hugh Donnelly.

William Kimber grew up in the countryside of southern Ontario and has always enjoyed drawing and painting. For more than 40 years he has been a freelance illustrator working and living in Toronto. Almost all of his illustrations have been for young people.

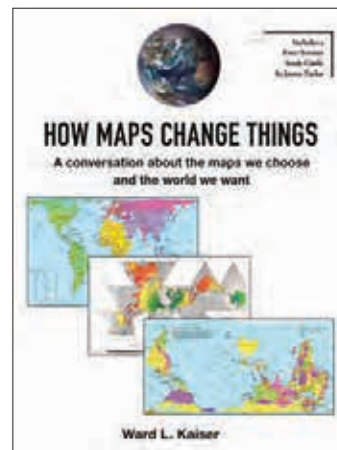
How Maps Change Things

A conversation about the maps we choose and the world we want

Ward L. Kaiser

This full-colour book is about politics and faith and the values we hold. It's about human relations, social justice, peace, budgets, and environmental concerns. It's about that "Aha!" moment when we realize that maps are loaded not just with data, but with meaning and the map maker's perceptions and prejudices about what's important and what's not. Ultimately, this book is about becoming aware of how we shape and use maps and how they in turn shape us, so that we can begin to reflect on and choose the kind of world we want. Includes a four-session study guide by Wood Lake Publishing co-founder James Taylor. Participants combine research with personal experience through discussion in small groups.

Author Ward Kaiser brings to this book broad experience as a publisher, business and ecumenical executive, pastor, teacher, and community organizer. He introduced the Peters Projection world map to North America, publishing its first English-language version in 1983. His handbook to that map, *A New View of the World*, is widely used by high school and college teachers, mission educators, and social activists. He and his wife, Lorraine, divide their time between central Florida and the Niagara Peninsula of Ontario, Canada.



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Tommy's Angel

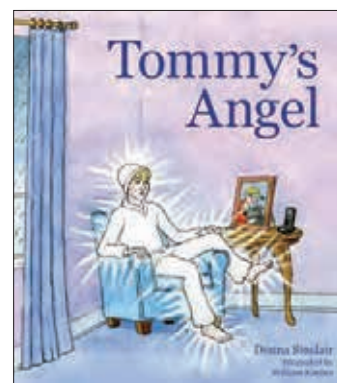
Donna Sinclair

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When Tommy's dog, Paddy, dies, Tommy is sad. He doesn't want another dog. He just wants Paddy. Then an angel visits Tommy. The angel reminds Tommy that he was a great dog owner, and that Paddy loved him very much – as much as Tommy loved Paddy. Tommy finds that his heart can hold even more than his enormous love for Paddy. This gentle and honest look at the loss of a loved one ends with "I wonder" questions for children, and a section for adults on talking to children about loss.

A journalist for more than 30 years, Donna Sinclair is an award-winning writer who has traveled widely in Canada, Africa, Central America, Britain, and Eastern Europe. She is the author of *The Spirituality of Bread*, *The Spirituality of Gardening*, *A Woman's Book of Days*, *A Woman's Book of Days 2*, *The Long View* and numerous other titles. Donna lives with her husband, Jim, in North Bay, Ontario.

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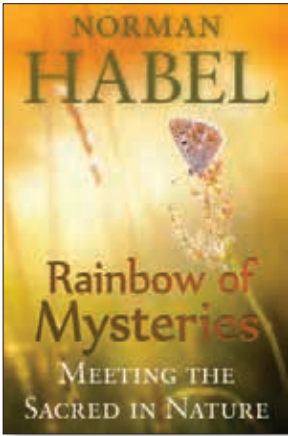
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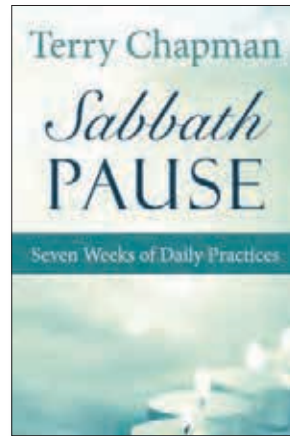
Norman Habel

Have you ever wondered how you can connect with the sacred in nature, or whether there is anything sacred in nature? Is presence more than existence? Has the Christian tradition obscured the sacredness of nature? Is the Bible alive to the wonder of creation?

Using poetry and prose, Norman Habel journeys deep into his personal experiences of the sacred in nature,

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Sabbath Pause
Seven Weeks of Daily Practices

Terry Chapman

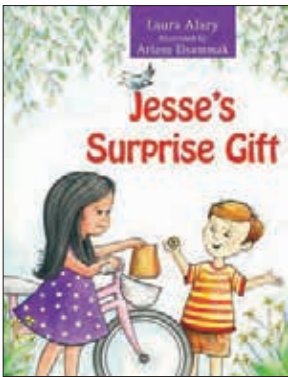
In a world where most of us fervently complain, "There just isn't enough time!" we need to learn how to pause and truly rest.

The original Jewish "Sabbath" referred to a 24-hour period every seven days which was set aside for worship, rest, and renewal. *Sabbath Pause* offers daily practices that encourage us

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If you know there is more to living than the rush of daily life, if you are looking for something deeper but don't know where to start, this book will provide the inspiration and the tools you need. *Sabbath Pause* can be used individually or in community.

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Jesse's Surprise Gift

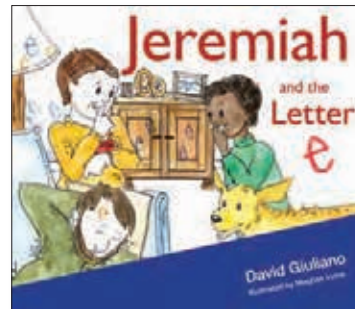
Laura Alary
Illustrated by Ariane Elsammak

What Jesse wants most is a guitar. But it seems beyond his reach. His mom can't afford to buy him one, so she gives him an ocarina instead. Jesse is grateful and disappointed at the same time, so he goes out for a walk. Along the way he meets others who need his help. He gives what he can and learns that we can't always predict the

results of our actions.

Author Laura Alary's charming story is full of unexpected twists and is based on a well-loved tale from India about giving (and receiving). Ariane Elsammak's whimsical illustrations draw us into the story, as we journey with Jesse and find ourselves surprised at how open-hearted giving is a gift in itself.

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Jeremiah and the Letter "e"

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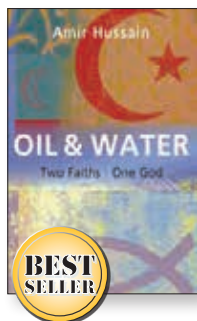
When Jeremiah starts kindergarten, he is good at learning lots of things. But no matter how hard

he tries, he can't seem to make the letter "e." And his name has two "e's" in it!

Author David Giuliano and illustrator Meghan Irvine team up to create an engaging and humorous look at facing the ongoing challenges of life. There is always something new to learn, including how to listen to the small voice inside that encourages us to keep trying – with surprising results.

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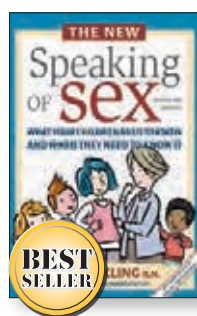
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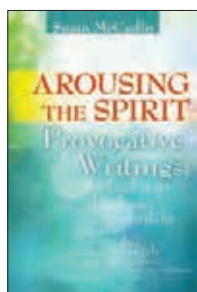


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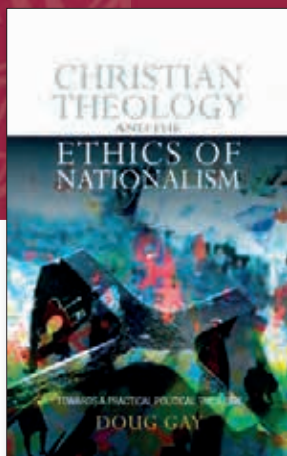
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Christian Theology and the Ethics of Nationalism

DOUG GAY

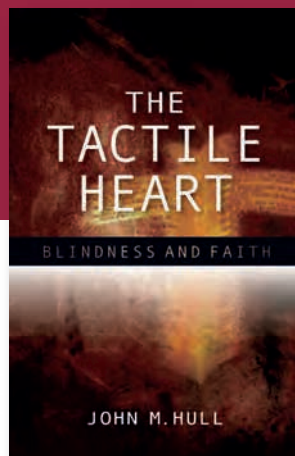
Doug Gay explores the ethics of nationalism, recognising that for many Christians, churches and theologians, nationalism has often been seen as intrinsically unethical due to a presumption that at best it involves privileging one nation's interests over another's and at worst it amounts to a form of ethnocentrism or even racism.

Gay argues that there is another tradition of thinking nationalism, which can be related to state formation in early modern and modern Europe and North America, decolonisation in the twentieth century and the reshaping of Central and Eastern Europe post 1989.

The book offers a clear challenge to this approach, suggesting it lacks self-awareness and moral authority and proposes a critical rehabilitation of the discourse of nationalism, as necessary and helpful in relation to creating an honest and transparent discourse about the legitimacy of state boundaries.

Doug Gay is a Lecturer in Practical Theology at the University of Glasgow and a Church of Scotland minister.

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The Tactile Heart

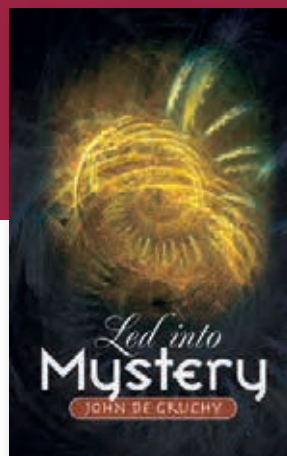
Blindness and Faith

JOHN HULL

The Tactile Heart is a collection of theological essays on relating blindness and faith and developing a theology of blindness that makes a constructive contribution to the wider field of disability theology. John Hull looks at key texts in the Christian tradition, such as the Bible, written as a text for sighted people, and at hymns, which often use blindness as a metaphor for ignorance and explores how these can be read by blind people.

John M. Hull is Honorary Professor of Practical Theology in the Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education, Birmingham and Emeritus Professor of Religious Education at the University of Birmingham, UK.

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Led into Mystery

Faith Seeking Answers in Life and Death

JOHN DE GRUCHY

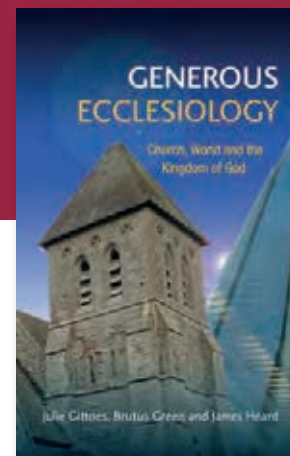
Led into Mystery is an unanticipated sequel to John de Gruchy's book *Being Human: Confessions of a Christian Humanist*. It was prompted by the untimely and tragic death of his eldest son, Steve, in February 2010, and the questions this posed about the meaning of life and death from the perspective of Christian faith.

This raised critical questions about being human from the perspective of science, especially neuroscience, as well as other faith and secular perspectives.

The title derives from Karl Rahner's comment that theology is about being led back into mystery – the ultimate mystery of God disclosed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and the creative presence of the Spirit in the life of the world. This mystery is an open secret waiting to be explored, expressed and entered into by faith.

John de Gruchy is the Founder and Editor Emeritus of the *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa*, Cape Town. He is a Hulsean Lecturer at Cambridge. He is a Chair at Robert Selby Taylor Chair of Christian Studies.

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Church, World and the Kingdom of God

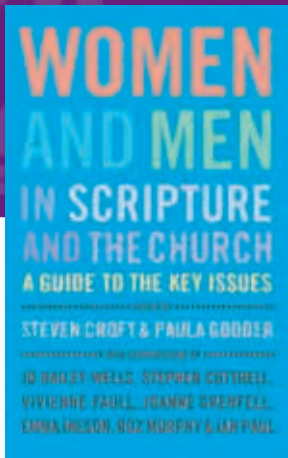
JULIE GITTOES, BRUTUS GREEN and JAMES HEARD

Alert to the danger that discussion about tradition and innovation can become polarized; the editors recognize that living in relation to a generous God shapes our ecclesiology. This vocation is formed by a double constitution of worship and mission. This vocation is for the sake of the Kingdom of God. *Generous Ecclesiology* takes as its basis the uniqueness of the church's calling in God's world, a world embraced by the generosity of his love.

This collection is a contribution to an ongoing conversation; to this end, it engages with a rich range of dialogue partners, historically, ecumenically and culturally as well as theologically. It seeks to offer a rigorous theological resource – inspiring us to drink deeply of the wells of our tradition and inherited patterns.

Julie Gittoes is a Residency Canon of Guildford Cathedral, UK.
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A Guide to the Key Issues

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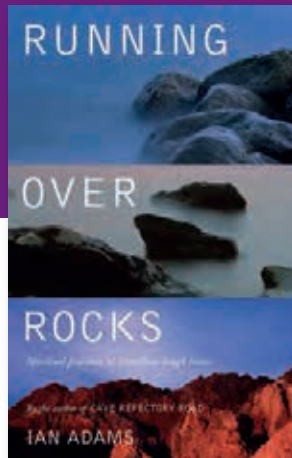
This accessible guide will enable readers to look again honestly and carefully at what the Bible says about the roles of men and women in family life, in ministry and in society. It will help the Church recover a sense that the message of the Christian faith is profoundly good news for the whole of humanity.

Ideal for individual reading, group study or as the basis for a series of sermons, each chapter contains a Bible study, insights from current biblical scholarship, an exploration of contemporary application, questions for reflections and prayers.

Steven Croft is the Bishop of Sheffield, UK.

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Running Over Rocks

Spiritual Practices to Transform Tough Times

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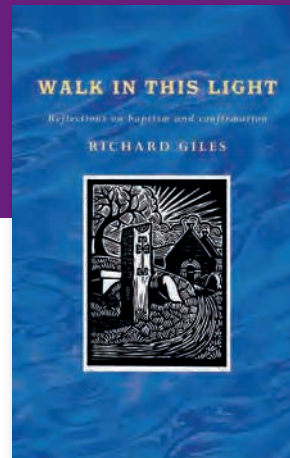
Arising out of many years of giving workshops and retreats on this theme, Ian Adams explores simple spiritual practices that will enable us to live with imagination, adventure and generosity and to keep our balance in life, even when things threaten to overwhelm us.

Running Over Rocks offers a series of 25 down-to-earth spiritual strategies for everyday living that can help us not just to cope, but to see the difficulties that might otherwise derail us as fresh opportunities to let the God of the unexpected come in and transform us.

It draws on the life-changing possibilities of the Parables of Jesus and the Beatitudes which upend our usual theories of success and wellbeing, sharing the wisdom of monastics and contemplatives, activists and artists, and all who are trying to reshape the world for good today.

Ian Adams is the author of *Cave Refectory Road*, an Anglican priest and Associate Minister with Fresh Expressions. He is the founder of mayBe, a new monastic community in Oxford, UK.

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Walk In This Light

Reflections on Baptism and Confirmation

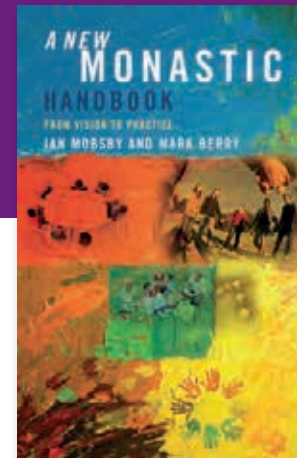
RICHARD GILES

From its very beginning, the sacrament of baptism has been the point of entry into the Church. It is the starting point of an adventurous journey through life with God, living as God's person in the world. Here, the bestselling author Richard Giles reflects with wisdom and humour on what that sort of life will look like.

Written with characteristic simplicity and directness, he spells out what it will mean to live out the vows we make at baptism. Drawing on the shape, the words and the dramatic imagery of the service – washing, clothing, being signed with the cross, anointing, being sent out to be lights in the world – Richard paints an invigorating, compelling picture of the dedicated Christian life.

Richard Giles is best known for his pioneering work in creating worship that is truly transformative and life-changing and has written numerous bestselling books on that theme. Formerly the Dean of Philadelphia and now retired from parish ministry, he lives near Newcastle, UK.

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A New Monastic Handbook

From Vision to Practice

IAN MOBSBY and MARK BERRY

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- ✦ growing international presence

Ian Mobsby is an Anglican priest and founder of the MOOT community in London. He is an Associate Missioner of Fresh Expressions and a member of the C of E's advisory council for religious life.

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Sorry For Your Troubles

Poems by

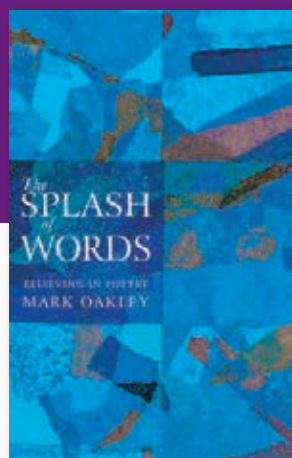
PÁDRAIG Ó TUAMA

One of the most engaging voices contemporary spirituality in is that of the Irish poet, Pádraig Ó Tuama. This second poetry collection arises out of a decade of his hearing stories of people who have lived through personal and political conflict in Northern Ireland, the Middle East and other places of conflict. These poems tell stories of individuals who have lived through conflict: their loves and losses, their hope and generosity.

The phrase 'Sorry for your troubles' is used all over Ireland. It comes directly from an Irish phrase, yet Irish has no word for 'bereavement' – the word used is 'troibhlóid'. So the phrase would be better translated 'Sorry for your bereavements'. With this in mind, this new book speaks evocatively about a time when thousands of people lost their lives and many thousands more lived through the searing pain of grief.

Pádraig Ó Tuama lives in Belfast. He is a popular speaker, leads an annual retreat on Iona, and tours churches, retreat centres, pubs and literary festivals throughout the UK and in the US and Australia.

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The Splash of Words

Believing in Poetry

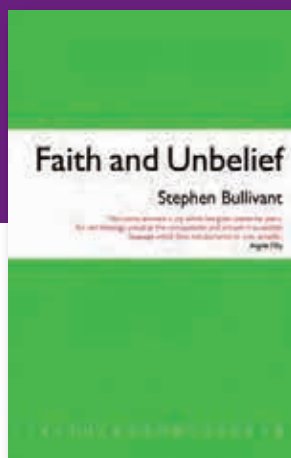
MARK OAKLEY

For those who know they enjoy poetry, and those for whom it is just a memory from school, here is a rich feast that enables us to rediscover poetry's power to startle, challenge and reframe our vision. Like throwing a pebble into water, a poem causes a 'splash of words' whose ripples can transform the way we see the world, ourselves and God. *The Splash of Words* argues that belief in poetry is vital for understanding that God is in the world as poetry is in a poem.

It includes 40 poems from contemporary poets, as well as poems from earlier generations. Each is accompanied by a reflection, based on a deep understanding of poets and their art, which explores why poetry is vital to faith and how scripture, liturgy and theology are all poetry in motion.

Mark Oakley is Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, London, and is well known for his interest in poetry and the arts. He is a regular newspaper columnist and frequently broadcasts on BBC Radio.

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Stephen Bullivant is Lecturer in Theology and Ethics at St Mary's University College, UK and a regular religious columnist in national newspapers.

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Barclay on the Lectionary

Matthew: Year A

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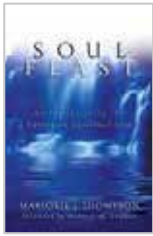
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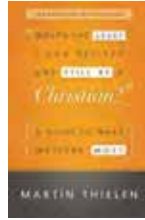


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Marjorie J. Thompson

Few books in Westminster John Knox's publishing history have been so embraced and so loved as Marjorie Thompson's *Soul Feast*. First released in 1995, this spiritual classic continues to be a best-seller, as thousands each year accept her invitation to the Christian spiritual life. Offering a framework for understanding the spiritual disciplines and instruction for developing and nurturing those practices, *Soul Feast* continues to be a favorite for individual reflection and group study. Now engagingly redesigned to appeal to contemporary spiritual-seekers and repackaged for easier use in study and reflection, *Soul Feast* is a must-have.

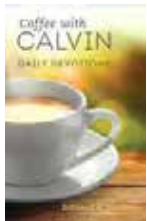


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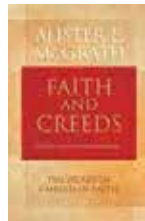


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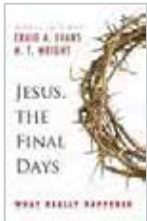


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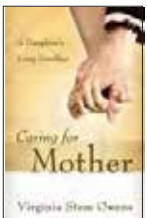


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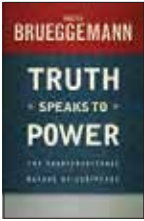
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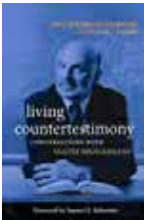


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Fea offers an even-handed primer on whether America was founded to be a Christian nation, as many evangelicals assert, or a secular state, as others contend. He approaches the title's question from a historical perspective, helping readers see past the emotional rhetoric of today to the recorded facts of our past. Readers on both sides of the issues will appreciate that this book occupies a middle ground, noting the good points and the less-nuanced arguments of both sides and leading us always back to the primary sources that our shared American history comprises.

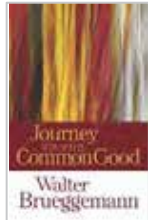


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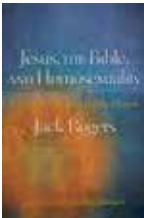


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Respected author and theologian Walter Brueggemann turns his discerning eye to the most critical yet basic needs of a world adapting to a new era, an era defined in large part by America's efforts to rebuild from an age of terror even as it navigates its way through an economic collapse. Yet in spite of these great challenges, Brueggemann calls us to journey together to the common good through neighborliness, covenanting, and reconstruction. Such a concept may seem overwhelming, but writing with his usual theological acumen and social awareness Brueggemann distills this challenge to its most basic issues.

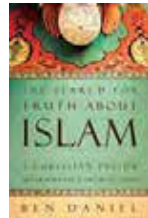


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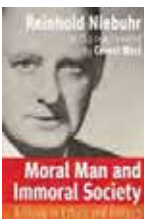


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Ben Daniel

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Foreword by Cornel West

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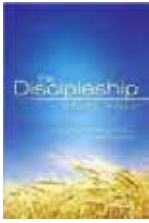


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Reinhold Niebuhr
Introduction by Edmund N. Santurri

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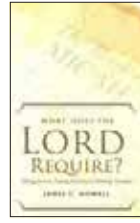


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Bruce C. Birch, Brian K. Blount, Thomas G. Long, Gail R. O'Day, and W. Sibley Towner, editors

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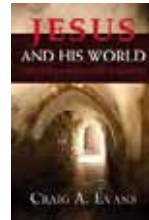
The Beatitudes for Today

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In this volume of the For Today series, author and pastor James Howell takes us on an engaging exploration of the Beatitudes. Howell considers each of the well-known phrases in these passages from Matthew and creatively applies Jesus' teachings to our contemporary world and Christian lives.

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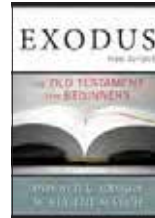


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This volume in the Old Testament for Everyone series covers one of the most popular books of the Old Testament, a book known for its themes of suffering and doubt. Taking the form of a play, with different characters relating different themes, the book of Job tells the story of one man whose life fell apart, who went to the depths and questioned God, and whose life was eventually rebuilt. Goldingay's careful and compelling commentary explores the book of Job's enduring message and is perfect for daily devotion, Sunday school preparation, or brief visits with the Bible.

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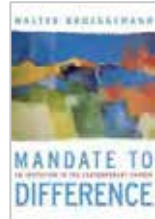


John Knox for Armchair Theologians

Suzanne McDonald

This volume in the popular Armchair series presents a short and reader-friendly introduction to the tumultuous life and theology of the fiery reformer John Knox. As leader of the Scottish Reformation, Knox notably came into conflict with the Roman Catholic Church, particularly Queen Mary. He was also an outspoken advocate for education and care for the poor, and is widely regarded as the founder of the Church of Scotland. Each chapter includes a description of Knox's activities as well as a discussion of key texts that introduce Knox's theological convictions. Expertly written by Suzanne McDonald, and featuring witty illustrations from Ron Hill, this book offers an intriguing introduction to the life and work of this major theological figure.

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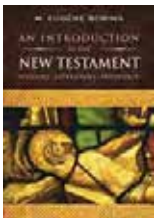


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Walter Brueggemann and Tod Linafelt

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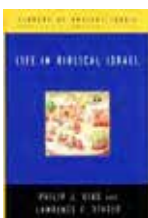


Stories from Ancient Canaan, Second Edition

Michael D. Coogan and Mark S. Smith, editors

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With many pastors facing burnout and congregations suffering from internal divisions, there is a need for Christian resources that present concrete problem-solving techniques for handling conflict in the church. This book offers practical skills and strategies that the authors have learned through years of studying nonviolent communication (NVC) as described in Marshall Rosenberg's book, *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life*, and as developed by numerous NVC trainers all over the world. Using real-world case studies and examples, Hunsinger and Latini helpfully guide pastors and lay leaders through effective and compassionate ways to deal with discord.

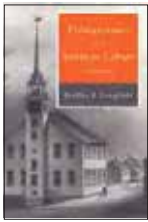


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David W. Johnson

In this accessible book, David Johnson examines the Christian spiritual life using the *Book of Confessions* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a guide. He demonstrates how the *Book of Confessions* can help us understand what it means to be a Christian and how one goes about living a Christian life. Johnson uses the rubrics of faith, love, and hope to ground our understanding of spirituality and help us develop disciplines for our spiritual lives. These disciplines include listening and speaking, worship and Sabbath, giving and stewardship, patience and planning, and reconciling.



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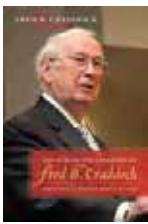


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Carrie Doehring

Drawing on psychological, theological, and cultural studies on suffering, Carrie Doehring encourages counselors to view their ministry through trifocal lenses and include approaches that are premodern (apprehending God through religious rituals), modern (consulting rational and empirical sources), and postmodern (acknowledging the contextual nature of knowledge). Utilizing strategies from all three perspectives, Doehring describes the basic ingredients of a caregiving relationship, shows how to use the caregiver's life experience as a source of authority, and demonstrates how to develop the skill of listening and establish the actual relationship.

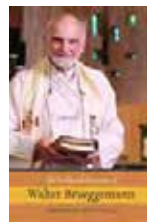


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This collection of more than fifty of Fred Craddock's sermons provides a glimpse of a master preacher at work. Amazingly, only one of the sermons was preached from a manuscript written in advance, as Craddock considered a sermon to be an event in the world of sound. As a result, the selections here wonderfully reflect and preserve Craddock's "voice" and engage readers with all the immediacy of the spoken word.



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In addition to being one of the world's leading interpreters of the Old Testament, Walter Brueggemann is a skilled and beloved preacher. This collection of sermons demonstrates Brueggemann's fidelity to biblical texts, which come alive with meaning in our contemporary world. Throughout, Brueggemann also reflects on his preaching.

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Henry G. Brinton

Foreword by William H. Willimon

This practical book by pastor and writer Henry G. Brinton studies the biblical basis for Christian hospitality and how it is practiced in congregations today. While recognizing the challenges for embracing all people in the life of the church, Brinton offers a helpful guide for creating a hospitable congregation and welcoming others through spiritual formation, reconciliation, and outreach. He includes discussion questions and an action plan in each chapter.



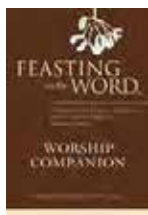
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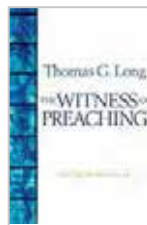


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Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2: Trinity Sunday through Reign of Christ

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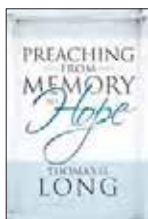


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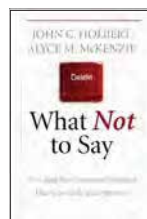


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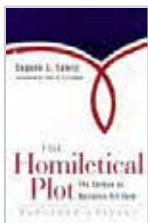


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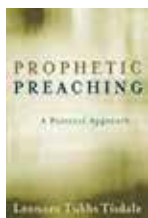
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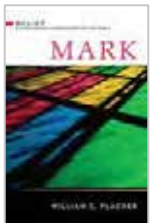
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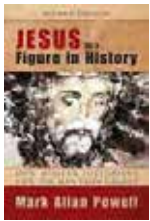


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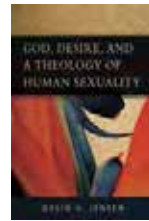


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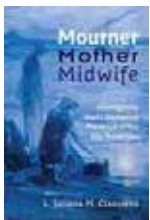


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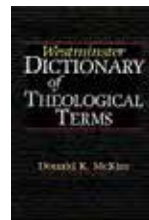
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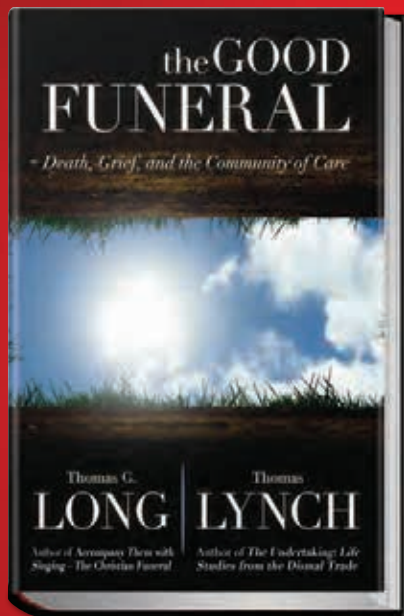
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