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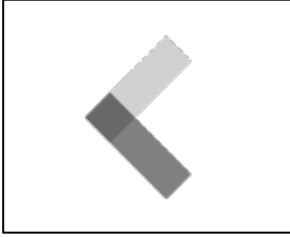
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THE PLAN: A Better Way to Manage Your Time by Kendra J. Adachi

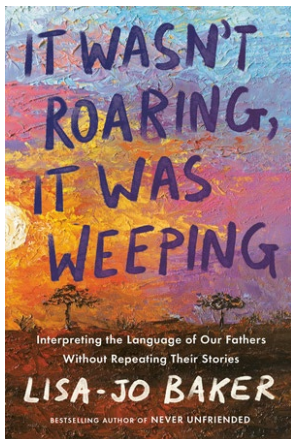
Praise for THE LAZY GENIUS WAY:

*"As a longtime fan of The Lazy Genius Podcast, I could not be more excited about this book. Kendra has a gift for asking questions that helps you prioritize the parts of your life that really matter and let go of the parts that don't. She doesn't preach or pressure; she inquires and encourages. As she admits, it's not easy to manage the seemingly constant demands of running a house, planning meals, hosting relatives, and creating and maintaining holiday traditions, all while finding time for your own work and self-care. But Kendra makes it all a lot easier!"—Jenna Fischer, actor, author of *The Actor's Life*, and cohost of the *Office Ladies* podcast*

This next book from *New York Times* bestselling author Kendra Adachi puts goals, routines, and to-do lists in a compassionate context and offers a system that goes in the right order, allowing the reader to get stuff done without feeling constantly behind.

Kendra Adachi is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *THE LAZY GENIUS KITCHEN* (WaterBrook, 2022) and *THE LAZY GENIUS WAY* (WaterBrook, 2020), and creator of *The Lazy Genius* podcast, and the founder of the Lazy Genius Collective website, which has nearly a million annual visitors.

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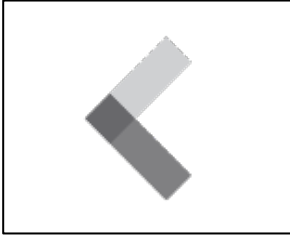
IT WASN'T ROARING, IT WAS WEEPING: *Interpreting the Language of Our Fathers Without Repeating Their Stories* by Lisa-Jo Baker

A searingly honest coming-of-age memoir of growing up a white child in South Africa at the height of apartheid, and her journey to make peace with her, at turns, loving and terrifying father from bestselling author of *THE MIDDLE MATTERS* (WaterBrook, 2019).

Born white in the heart of Zululand during the height of apartheid, Baker offers her story of violence and faith, history and race with unflinching honesty and unwavering hope. Born to a tyrannical doctor and mother who died too young of cancer when Baker was a little girl, Baker eventually made her way to America to study, where she soon experienced America's own racial deconstruction and the kind of painful awakening that is both individual and universal, personal and communal. She invites readers to wrestle with the real time impact of getting things like faith, parenting, and race relations wrong and learning that it's never too late to choose a different way to respond.

With aching vulnerability, this gorgeously written memoir invites readers to look into their past, their hurts, and their prejudices. This is the story of a father and a daughter and their shared love of country and language of remorse and restoration. It is also a guide for every person who feels lost in their life, worried that they're too late or too off course to make the necessary corrections. With ineffable empathy, Baker assures you, it's never too late.

Lisa-Jo Baker is the best-selling author of *NEVER UNFRIENDED*, *SURPRISED BY MOTHERHOOD*, and—most recently—*THE MIDDLE MATTERS*. A sought-after national speaker, her writings have resonated with thousands and have been featured on *HuffPost Parents*, *BibleGateway*, *Fox News*, *Christianity Today*, *IF:Table*, and more. She is the cohost of the *Out of the Ordinary* podcast and lives just outside Washington, DC with her family.



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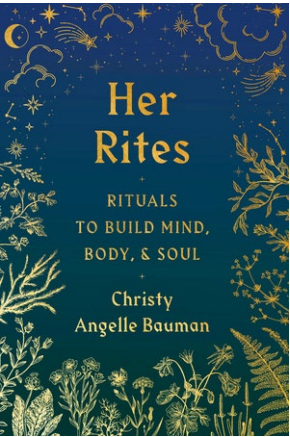
NOBODY’S BORN WOKE

by Brit Barron

In **NOBODY’S BORN WOKE**, Brit Barron offers eight steps on our journey from chaos to clarity, including narrative and personal stories from Brit and her experiences as well as concrete questions and prompts for the reader as they move through the book.

A companion workbook will be published simultaneously.

Brit Barron is a teacher, author, and a sought-after speaker about the intersections of spirituality, race, gender, and sexuality. Along with her wife, Sami, she co-founded Other Dreamers, a creative agency designed to help others tell their stories authentically.



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HER RITES: A Sacred Journey for the Mind, Body, and Soul

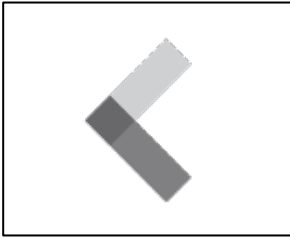
by Christy Angelle Bauman, PhD

HER RITES is a daring invitation to readers to discover and claim their identity and purpose through six rites of passage that show us how to find the freedom to thrive right where we are.

Millions of women want to live their best life in a chaotic and complicated world, and they know they can’t do it alone. Author, teacher, and therapist Dr. Christy Bauman has been there—and she has dedicated her life to helping women grow spiritually and therapeutically into their best selves, finding wellness, overcoming disconnection from themselves and others, and discovering meaning and profound joy.

In **HER RITES**, Dr. Bauman takes you through the six most common rites of passage in every female’s life: birthright, initiation, exile, creating, intuition, and legacy, helping readers to find wholeness and self-knowledge. She also includes ritual templates, liturgical scripts, and exercises in each chapter to counsel the reader through her story step by step on the way to integration and wholeness. Bauman has seen again and again that by learning to pause, reconnect to ourselves and God, and mark the moments and rites of passage through which we travel, we can come home to ourselves and begin to thrive right where we are.

Dr. Christy Bauman, Ph.D., MDFT, & LMHC is a therapist, professor, and author specializing in Christian women’s sexual and spiritual health. She supports women while they work towards self-identity, sexual healing, and hope, and she is committed to helping women come into their authentic voices. She hosts the podcast *Womaneering* in which she discusses what it means to pioneer a meaningful life.



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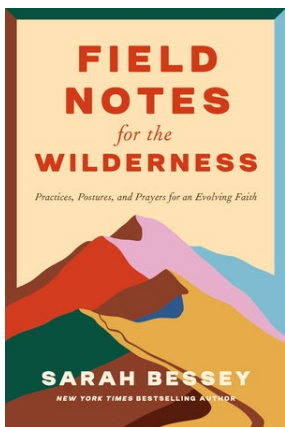
AND GOD SAID WHAT NOW?

by Candice Benbow

AND GOD SAID WHAT NOW? is a resource for Black Christian women engaging in personal biblical study, written with the Candice Benbow's insights on how to develop an intersectional, feminist framework for biblical engagement.

Candice Benbow is a theologian, essayist, columnist, baker, and educator whose work gives voice to Black women's shared experiences of faith, healing, and wholeness. Named by *Sojourners* as one of "10 Christian Women Shaping the Church in 2020," she has written for *Essence*, *Glamour*, *The Root*, *VICE*, *Shondaland*, *Madame Noire*, and the Me Too Movement. Candice created the "Lemonade Syllabus" social media campaign, founded the media boutique Zion Hill Media Group, and, in memory of her mother, established The LouiseMarie Foundation to support HBCU nursing students and community mental health projects. A member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Candice holds degrees from Tennessee State University, North Carolina Central University, and Duke Divinity School.

Convergent will publish Candace Benbow's next work in September 2026.



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FIELD NOTES FOR THE WILDERNESS: Practices for an Evolving Faith

by Sarah Bessey

A nurturing and hopeful collection of principles, prayers, and practices to help an emerging generation of Christians reconnect to their faith and forge their own path forward—from Glennon Doyle's "favorite faith writer," and the *New York Times* bestselling author of *A RHYTHM OF PRAYER* (Convergent, 2021).

Sarah Bessey is an expert at faithfully stumbling forward. As a multiple *New York Times* bestselling author and co-founder of the foremost community for progressive Christians, *Evolving Faith*, she has been trusted by thousands of people to get it wrong, and try again. Bessey has found a remnant in the wilderness of Christianity—a deeply underserved and under-estimated remnant—who are still committed to Jesus, deeply rooted in the Gospel, fascinated with Scripture, and committed to reimagining their faith.

Full of meditations and activities, **FIELD NOTES FOR THE WILDERNESS** guides the reader through multiple principles to live by for an evolving faith. In this groundbreaking and nurturing book, Bessey has given us a table for our questions, a shepherd for our curiosity, tools to cultivate what we crave, and a blessing for what was—even as we leave it behind.

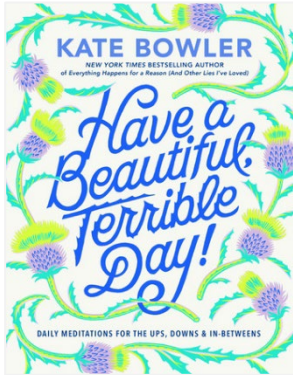
An accompanying study guide is due to publish simultaneously with **FIELD NOTES FOR THE WILDERNESS: A GUIDED JOURNAL**.

Sarah Bessey is the author of five books, including the *New York Times* bestseller, *A RHYTHM OF PRAYER*. She is a sought-after speaker at churches, conferences, and universities all around the world. Sarah is also the co-curator and co-host of the annual Evolving Faith Conference and she serves as president of the board for Heartline Ministries in Haiti.

Another book and an accompanying study guide are under contract for May 2025.

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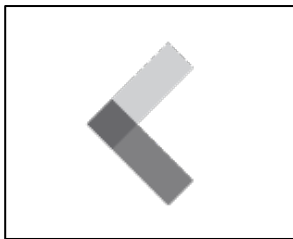
HAVE A BEAUTIFUL, TERRIBLE DAY!: *Daily Meditations for the Ups, Downs & In-Betweens* by Kate Bowler

Tender and powerful spiritual reflections, written as blessings, designed to help people in their everyday, wonderful, messy humanity, from the *NY Times* bestselling author of *GOOD ENOUGH* (Convergent, 2022).

We are far more delicate than we let on, our losses as common as our gains. Kate Bowler wants to encourage people to develop their capacity to feel the breadth of their experiences. The better we are at identifying our spiritual highs and lows, the more resilient we become. But first we need the language to see that the very good (and very bad) are all part of what it means to be fully alive.

Kate Bowler is the three-time *New York Times* bestselling author of *THE LIVES WE ACTUALLY HAVE*, *EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON*, *NO CURE FOR BEING HUMAN*, *GOOD ENOUGH*, *BLESSED*, and *THE PREACHER'S WIFE* and hosts the popular podcast *Everything Happens*. A Duke University professor, she earned a master's of religion from Yale Divinity School, and a PhD at Duke University.

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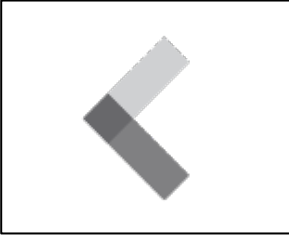
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OLD GODS: *Magic, Nationalism, and the Revolt Against the Modern World* by Tara Isabella Burton

In **OLD GODS**, Tara Isabella Burton will offer readers a social history that tells the story of how superstition and atavistic pagan belief has been an ironically modern form of resistance to the forces of modernity that have eroded people's sense of transcendent meaning, local identity, and confidence about their place in the world. Burton will show how this spiritual-political form of resistance is the ancestor of today's New Right, and that the only hope our society has to quell the temptation of the New Right is to protect robust social and political space for enchantment, faith, cosmic meaning, and authentic community—to acknowledge that the project of secular society necessary creates an unstable and temporary vacuum of ultimate meaning that people will always fill because humans are inherently religious, meaning-making creatures.

Comprising chapters that will span the last two hundred years, presenting a clear and compelling narrative for trade readers of a dimension of our history that illuminates one of the most difficult-to-solve political and religious challenges of our time.

Tara Isabella Burton is a writer of fiction and non-fiction. Winner of the Shiva Naipaul Memorial Prize for Travel Writing, she completed her doctorate in 19th century French literature and theology at the University of Oxford and is a prodigious travel writer, short story writer and essayist for *National Geographic*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Economist's 1843* and more. She is the former Religion Correspondent for Vox, lives in New York, and divides her time between the Upper East Side and Tbilisi, Georgia.



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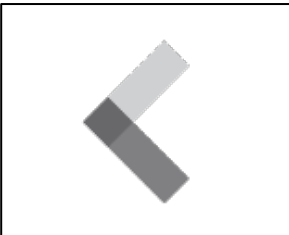
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THE ADULT CHAIR
by **Michelle Chalfant**

People suffer unnecessarily. From anxiety and depression to living with codependency or other unhealthy relationships, people feel stuck and don't know how to heal themselves. Building on the remarkable success of her podcast and certified coach training, **THE ADULT CHAIR** provides a proven model to transforming one's life and relationships.

Michelle Chalfant is a licensed therapist and integrated life coach of 25 years. Her podcast, The Adult Chair, has over eight million downloads to date.



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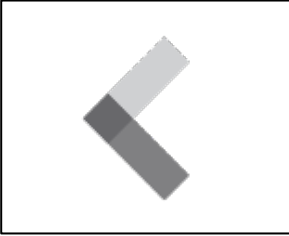
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GOOD SOIL
by **Jeffery Chu**

In his mid-40s, Jeffery Chu left his job as a *FastCompany* reporter and enrolled in Princeton's "farminary," a working farm where students learn sustainable agriculture while studying theology. **GOOD SOIL** follows Jeffery's journey over those four years discussing how he learned to work the soil and ended up harvesting spiritual lessons that changed his life during a time of existential crisis and personal loss, the questions he asked and the things he learned as a farmhand that transcended any particular religion. Through cultivating humility and nurturing purpose, he learned to pay closer attention to the world and growing love.

Reading like **BRAIDING SWEETGRASS** meets Henry Nouwen, Jeffery shines both as a nature writer and as a spiritual thinker.

Jeffery Chu is co-leader of the Evolving Faith conference and podcast with Sarah Bessey. In 2013, Chu published **DOES JESUS REALLY LOVE ME?** (Harper), a book about being gay and Christian. He also co-authored the 2021 *New York Times* bestseller **WHOLEHEARTED FAITH** (HarperOne), which he completed for his friend Rachel Held Evans after her death in 2019. His work and writing have appeared in outlets like NPR's *Fresh Air*, the *New York Times*, and *The New Yorker*.



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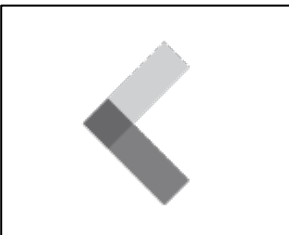
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THE FEEL-GOOD KITCHEN

by Cara Clark

Featuring approximately 90 recipes, Cara Clark will teach readers her "feel good kitchen" philosophy on how eating well and getting in touch with your physical well-being can also lead to spiritual health and personal well-being. The book will also have prayers, centering exercises, and other activities woven throughout.

Cara Clark is a certified sports and clinical nutritionist, and owner of Cara Clark Nutrition. She has worked with celebrities, Olympic athletes and prepared top NBA and MLB prospects for the draft and their careers. Clark lives with her family in Nashville, Tennessee.



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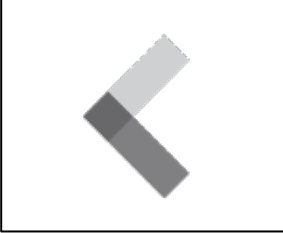
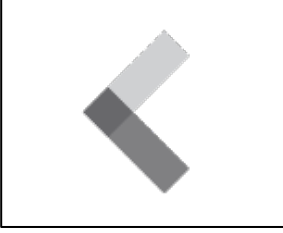
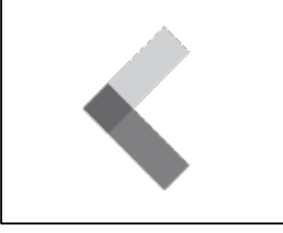
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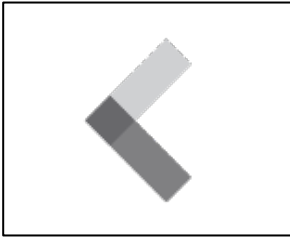
AT THE KITCHEN SINK

by Dina Deleasa-Gonsar

With recipes and inspiration to nourish families with food—both physical and spiritual, **AT THE KITCHEN SINK** will be a cookbook featuring approximately 75 recipes, approximately 75 photos, and 20k -30k words of written text introduction and recipe descriptions as well as inspirational/devotional notes from the author.

Dina Deleasa-Gonsar is the creator, writer, and television personality behind the popular food blog DishItGirl.com. Dina shares her family traditions and recipes, along with her modern twists on food and entertaining with her readers. Dina brings her recipes to life with her relatable kitchen stories and honest quick wit.

 <p>Convergent October 2024 Hardcover Religion / Christian Living</p> <p>Editor: Matthew Burdette Rights: World Co-Agents: Christian Status: Manuscript November 2023</p>	<p>THE MYSTICS WOULD LIKE A WORD: <i>The Wisdom of Ancient Female Christians for a New Generation of Women</i> by Shannon K. Evans</p> <p>THE MYSTICS WOULD LIKE A WORD features an engagement with five medieval female mystics that deal with contemporary faith questions facing women. Each chapter will include personal narrative from the author and an exploration of a particular mystic that probes how their experience and theological reflection shed light on contemporary questions in unexpected and surprising ways, revealing female mystics as a counter-narrative to the dominant picture of docile, submissive women in the Christian/Catholic faith. Each chapter will also include questions for reflection that the reader can utilize.</p> <p>Shannon K. Evans, a writer in the contemplative Catholic tradition, is an editor at the National Catholic Reporter and is the author of <i>FEMINIST PRAYERS FOR MY DAUGHTER</i>, <i>REWILDING MOTHERHOOD</i>, <i>EMBRACING WEAKNESS</i>, and <i>LUMINOUS</i>, a guided journal. Her work has appeared in Catholic, Protestant, and interfaith spaces and she leads retreats in spirituality centers nationwide.</p> <p>Convergent will publish Shannon Evans’s next work in February 2025.</p>
 <p>Convergent October 2025 Hardcover Humor / Self-Help</p> <p>Editor: Derek Reed Rights: World Co-Agents: Christian Status: Manuscript October 2024</p>	<p>SUCCESSFUL FAILURE By Kevin Fredericks</p> <p>In this book of hilarious stories and sincere insight, Fredericks writes about the adventures (and misadventures) of his experience trying to make it as a comedian. From the time Waffle House gave him a \$250 gift card instead of a brand deal, to the time he broke a chair onstage and quit stand-up for six months, to the time he started a clothing line called Dreams Don’t Die (they sure do if the merch doesn’t sell), Fredericks details how his most embarrassing failures led to his greatest successes in life. The book parodies popular advice about hustle and success, with short interstitial chapters of pure humor, and commentary on well-known "successful failures" from popular culture—encouraging readers that while we might not be the Rock, Kevin Hart, or Tom Hanks, we’re all out here trying.</p> <p>Kevin Fredericks is the co-author of the <i>New York Times</i> bestseller <i>MARRIAGE BE HARD</i> (Convergent, 2022) along with his wife, Melissa Fredericks. Together, they host <i>The Love Hour</i> podcast. Kevin is an NAACP Image Award nominated comedian, the founder of KevOnStage Studios, and a superstar on social media, posting hilarious content rooted in faith, family, and over-all relatability for millions of followers every day.</p>
 <p>Convergent June 2025 Hardcover Parenting / Humor</p> <p>Editor: Derek Reed Rights: World Co-Agents: Christian Status: Manuscript June 2024</p>	<p>WHOLE PARENT By Jon Fogel</p> <p>From the parenting educator and pastor with over a million social media followers comes a timely message—today’s parenting methods are making it much more difficult than it needs to be. What if we could raise healthy, kind, resilient (and wildly successful) kids without having to yell or punish or threaten or bribe? Jon provides parents with the framework to guide their choices, alongside the developmental science to understand their children’s needs for attachment, distinguish between punishment and corrective discipline, and foster critical thinking over compliance.</p> <p>Jon Fogel is the senior pastor of Hope Covenant Church and the creator of Whole Parent Academy, which offers online resources and coaching for parents. He shares parenting advice on social media, where he has amassed a following of over a million followers across his accounts on TikTok and Instagram.</p>



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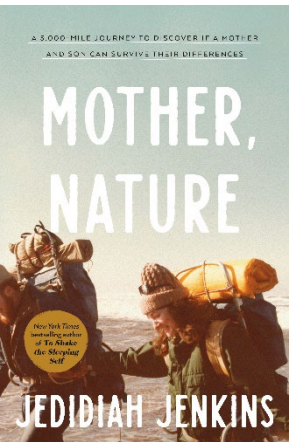
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HABITS FOR HEALING: *Reclaim Your Purpose, Peace, and Power*

By Nakeia Homer

Drawing on Homer’s personal story of healing from childhood trauma and breaking general cycles, and rooted in her experience guiding others as a former social worker and counselor, the book will take readers on a journey of discovering practical ways to reclaim their lives. The book will lead with concrete, everyday practices that have brought life to Homer and others, while using those practices to discuss concepts like self-care, boundaries, self-forgiveness, and more.

Nakeia Homer is a well-being educator and self-healing guide. Through programs, speaking, workshop facilitation, and corporate wellness consulting, Nakeia helps people sustain their well-being, operate in their brilliance, and show up in their lives and work as the best versions of themselves. Her first book, *I HOPE THIS HELPS*, was self-published in November 2020. She founded Heal and Grow Daily, a self-healing community and private membership, in December 2021.



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MOTHER, NATURE: *A 5,000-Mile Journey to Discover if a Mother and Son Can Survive Their Differences*

by Jedidiah Jenkins

Praise for *TO SHAKE THE SLEEPING SELF*:

“With winning candor, Jedidiah Jenkins takes us with him as he bicycles across two continents and delves deeply into his own beautiful heart. Every page of this book made me ache to know what happened next. Every chapter shimmered with truth. It’s an unforgettable debut.”

—Cheryl Strayed, author of *WILD*

In this poignant and entertaining memoir from the author of *TO SHAKE THE SLEEPING SELF*, a 40-year old gay man and his eccentric conservative mom take turns stepping into each other’s worlds and find surprising answers to our generational and cultural rifts.

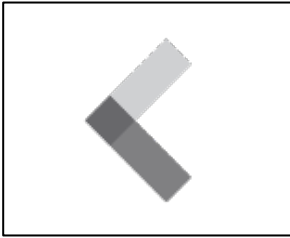
As *New York Times* bestselling author Jedidiah Jenkins approached 40, he was reminded of a palpable, sobering reality: our parents won’t live forever. For years, he and his mother Barbara had talked about taking a trip together, just the two of them. They landed on an idea: retrace the thousands-of-miles route Barbara walked across America in the 1970s. And they would do it, as Barbara said, “Before an earthquake or asteroid destroys the world.”

In some of his most honest and hilarious storytelling yet, Jenkins chronicles their travels together and his mission to know his mother across barriers of generational difference—who she was as a 30-year-old writer walking across America, as a wife scorned by infidelity, and as a parent with genuine love both for her son and the faith that distances her from him. Along the way, Jenkins peels back universal questions of belonging, respect, and inheritance.

Tender, funny, and ultimately profound, **MOTHER, NATURE** is an unforgettable adventure story and a journey into our most pressing questions today.

Jedidiah Jenkins is a travel writer, entrepreneur, and the *New York Times* bestselling author of *TO SHAKE THE SLEEPING SELF* and *LIKE STREAMS TO THE OCEAN* (both published by Convergent). He is the executive editor of *Wilderness* magazine. Jenkins's work has appeared in *The Paris Review* and *Playboy*, and he has been covered by *National Geographic*.

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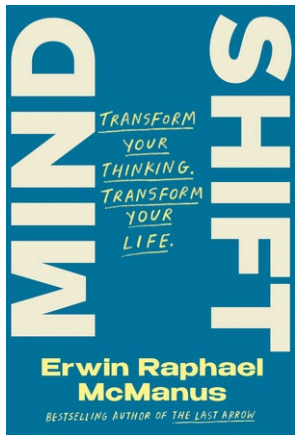
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NOT AS ALONE AS I THOUGHT: *Finding the Courage to Raise our Hands, Get Vulnerable, and Discover We're Not the Only Ones*
by Jess Johnston

In this book of stories and practices, Johnston will write about the powerful interpersonal connection that forms when we're real about the fact that no one is living a perfect life. Countless books and motivational talks have warned us that social media makes it look like everyone else is living their best life, and that we shouldn't compare ourselves to what we see on our feeds. But **NOT AS ALONE AS I THOUGHT** offers a more actionable plan, with the chapters following Jess's various efforts at trying (and sometimes failing) to practice everyday vulnerability, while seeking the many different levels of connection that all of us need.

Jess Johnston lives in Southern California with her family. She has been a top contributor to publications such as *HuffPo*, *Scary Mommy*, and *Motherly* and is the author of *I'LL BE THERE (BUT I'LL BE WEARING SWEATPANTS)* (Thomas Nelson).



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MIND SHIFT: *It Doesn't Take a Genius to Think Like One*
by Erwin Raphael McManus

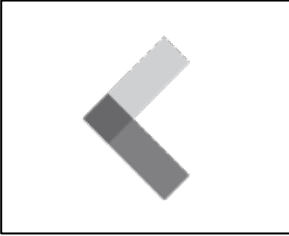
In his 40 years of work as a pastor and a leadership expert, bestselling author Erwin McManus has been obsessed with a dilemma: Why do some people succeed despite having all the odds stacked against them? Why do others achieve the unthinkable, only to watch their success slip away?

Looking back on his own life and his work advising high performers across dozens of industries, McManus realized that too many of us have "near-life" experiences. We *almost* pursue our dreams. We *almost* made the decision that changed everything. We were always one choice away. If we want to live with no regret, the battle begins in the mind—with the unconscious beliefs that either limit us or help us see, in utter clarity, the outcome of our choices before we make them.

In **MIND SHIFT**, McManus brings together the twelve mindset shifts that all of us must make on our journey through life. Whether you're dreaming about a future that feels impossible, or seeking freedom and mental clarity amidst the stress of today, this is a thought-provoking and uplifting read about the mental structures that shape our lives.

Erwin Raphael McManus is an entrepreneur, storyteller, fashion designer, filmmaker, and cultural thought leader whose singular intention is to elevate our view of reality. McManus is the founder of Mosaic, a church based in Hollywood with a community that spans the globe, and the acclaimed author of *THE GENIUS OF JESUS* (Convergent, 2021), *THE LAST ARROW* (WaterBrook, 2019), and other leading books on spirituality and creativity. McManus studied philosophy at Elon University and has a B.A in psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a MDiv from Southwestern Theological Seminary, and a PhD of humane letters from Southeastern University.

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WORLD GONE MAD: *Sacred Practices to Stay Centered in an Age of Disruption*

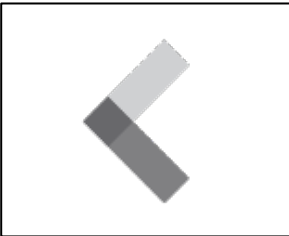
by Jonathan Merritt

It's easy, in these trying times, to feel the world pushing in on you, from conspiracy theories and polarization, technology addictions and terminal illnesses, a viral pandemic and a loneliness epidemic, and the countless smaller disappointments that each of us encounters every day.

But critically acclaimed author and columnist Jonathan Merritt says that intentional, counter-formative spiritual practices can help you stay centered in Almighty Love amid the many forms of our world's madness. Wherever you find yourself or whatever you're facing, you can call forth the holiness of the here and now through the intentional cultivation of your life's routines and rhythms.

In **WORLD GONE MAD**, Merritt weaves together vulnerable, affecting personal narrative, deft cultural commentary, and provocative spiritual insights to guide readers through nine sacred practices that can center them in divine trust. Merritt helps readers weave these practices into their everyday lives, rooting themselves in self-compassion, the present moment, and a peace that outstrips comprehension.

Jonathan Merritt is an award-winning contributing writer for *The Atlantic* and contributing editor for *Religion News Service*. Jonathan has published thousands of articles in publications such as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Christianity Today*, and *USA Today*. He is the author of numerous books, including **LEARNING TO SPEAK GOD FROM SCRATCH**.



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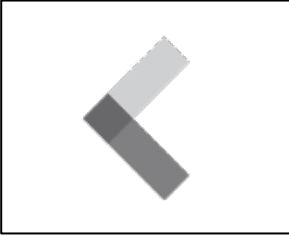
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HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY

by Urban Meyer

HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY will explore Urban Meyer's football coaching career to explore how a leader's calling is to create hope and provide opportunity, and how these two pillars of motivation drive human behavior in sports, business, education, government, and life. The book will follow the ups and downs of how Meyer learned to lead in this way throughout his career, from his time as an assistant through his work as head coach at Bowling Green, Utah, Florida, and Ohio State. It will also share stories of others outside of football who have done the same in their own sphere of influence to provide readers with inspiration that anyone in any field can provide hope and opportunity.

Urban Meyer is an American football coach and is currently the head coach of the Jacksonville Jaguars.



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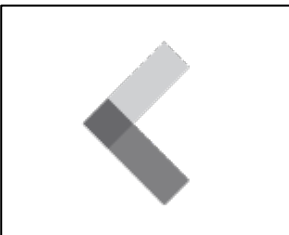
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THEY WILL TELL YOU THE WORLD IS YOURS

by Anna Mitchael

THEY WILL TELL YOU THE WORLD IS YOURS is here to guide readers, seekers, finders and thinkers to their full identity: whole human beings with the answers inside themselves. This gifty collection of vignettes tracks a woman from childhood through a mid-life crisis that turns into her spiritual awakening, serving as an allegory for personal growth and discovery for women of all ages.

Annd Mitchael has been a copywriter, deputy editor of *Magnolia Journal*, and a bestselling ghostwriter. She has previously published a memoir (*JUST DON'T CALL ME MA'AM*, from Seal Press) and a novel (*COPYGIRL*, from Berkley), and she currently writes the advice column Dear Boots for the *Wacoan* newspaper of Waco, Texas.



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WHAT IN THE WORLD

by Leanne Morgan

This collection of funny, darling essays about life's "what in the world?" moments is from breakout stand-up sensation Leanne Morgan—THE comedian for sweet, regular, middle-aged women. **WHAT IN THE WORLD** is told in her charming Southern accented voice, with warmth and honesty, about childhood, motherhood, marriage, and middle age— everything from the joy of taking off your bra at the end of the day, to being young and stupid, growing up in rural Appalachia, and the comfort of wearing big old grannie panties.

Leanne Morgan is a stand-up comedian whose work has landed her at the prestigious Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal and has brought her development deals with ABC and Warner Brothers, TV Land and Sony Television. Leanne has garnered over 1.5 million followers across social media and her popular stand-up special, *So Yummy* has reached over 50 million views on YouTube. She is currently on a 100-theater stand-up tour across the United States.



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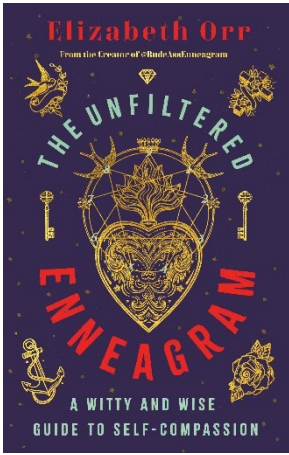
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THE MODERN SAINTS: *Portraits and Reflections on the Saints*
edited by Gracie Morbitzer

The saints were the original social justice advocates, and this stunning collection of contemporary portraits celebrates their diversity and spiritual depth as never before, accompanied by thoughtful reflections from bestselling and influential writers. Over the centuries, the rich diversity and relevance of the saints has been whitewashed, their images portrayed as expressionless, and the lessons of their lives watered down. But in this 52-week collection—perfect for devotional reading—artist, writer, and modern iconographer Gracie Morbitzer is painting the truth.

THE MODERN SAINTS is a celebration of the divergence of ethnicities, ages, abilities, and practices of spiritual pilgrims who transformed the world, and an invitation to connect with historical icons whose lives have astonishing and inspiring relevance for our present-day. Each entry of this striking collection features a contemporary image of the saint, a re-imagining of the space they might hold in society today, and an inspiring prayer to honor each figure. Each painting is accompanied by contributions from our current generation's spiritual thought leaders that illuminate the impact and wisdom each historical saint offers us today—among the writers included are Fr. James Martin, Marcie Alvis-Walker, Tsh Oxenrieder, Claire Swinarski, Laura Kelly Fanucci, Dr. Christena Cleveland, and many more.

Gracie Morbitzer is a recent graduate of the Columbus College of Art & Design with a degree in Interior Architecture and Design with a focus in exhibit and set design. She lives in Columbus, Ohio, and takes much of her creative inspiration from the city. She is a self-taught painter and *The Saints* are her first fully-realized project.



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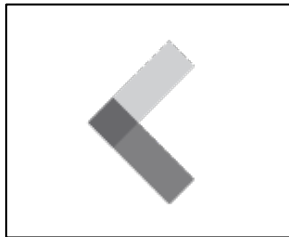
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THE UNFILTERED ENNEAGRAM: A *Witty and Wise* Guide to Self-Compassion

by Elizabeth Orr

From the creator of the Instagram account *Rude Ass Enneagram*, **THE UNFILTERED ENNEAGRAM** is an accessible and substantive Enneagram understanding that shows readers how to embrace our shadow side so that we don't disappear into shame as we learn how we create and recreate self and relationship sabotaging patterns. Elizabeth has a growing social media platform with 133K+ followers on Instagram as well as a steady engagement from her audience.

Elizabeth Orr is an associate chaplain for Catholic Life at Wake Forest University, and is a certified Enneagram instructor.



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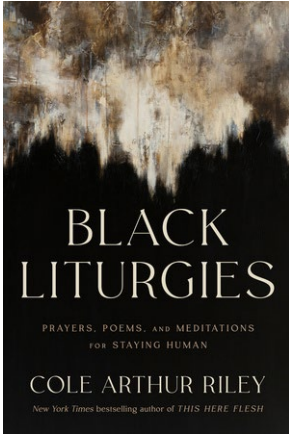
FOR THE JOY

by K.J. Ramsey

FOR THE JOY tackles the abiding mystery of joy. Ramsey plans to approach this complex and weighty topic by blending evocative storytelling, theology, science, and reportage, alongside practical insight and advice, all written through the lens of a trauma-informed licensed professional counselor.

K.J. Ramsey is a licensed professional counselor, writer, and recovering idealist who believes sorrow and joy coexist. Her writing has been published in *Christianity Today*, *RELEVANT*, *The Huffington Post*, *Health Central*, *Catalyst*, and *Fathom Magazine* on the integration of theology, psychology, and spiritual formation.

Ramsey is signed up for another book for 2025.



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BLACK LITURGIES: *Prayers, Poems, and Meditations*

by Cole Arthur Riley

“BLACK LITURGIES is a garden for the soul. With rare wisdom, beautiful clarity, and generous vulnerability, Cole Riley brings her whole self to these letters, verses, and promptings, offering bright, deep truths about who we are and can be as Black women, Black people, and human beings. Hold these luminous words close and let them be your balm.”

—Tiya Miles, National Book Award winning author of ALL THAT SHE CARRIED

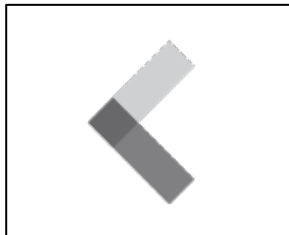
For years, Cole Arthur Riley was desperate for a spirituality she could trust, and her digital project Black Liturgies connected spiritual practice with Black emotion, Black memory, and the Black body.

In this book, she brings together new prayers, letters, poems, meditation questions, breath practices, scripture, and the writings of Black literary ancestors to offer forty-three liturgies that can be practiced individually or as a community. Inviting readers to reflect on their shared experiences of wonder, rest, rage, and repair, and creating rituals for holidays like Lent and Juneteenth, Arthur Riley writes with a poet’s touch and a sensitivity that has made her one of the most important spiritual voices at work today. For anyone healing from communities that were more violent than loving, or for anyone asking what it means to be human in a world of both beauty and terror, **BLACK LITURGIES** is a work of healing and empowerment, and a vision for what might be.

Cole Arthur Riley is the creator of Black Liturgies, a space for Black spiritual words of liberation, lament, rage, and rest; and a project of The Center for Dignity and Contemplation where she serves as Executive Curator. Born and for the most part raised in Pittsburgh, Cole studied Writing at the University of Pittsburgh. She once took a professor’s advice very seriously to begin writing a little every day, and has followed it for nearly a decade.

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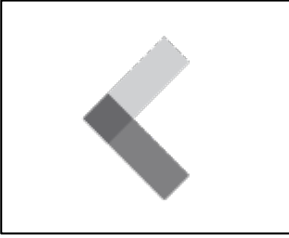
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EVEN AFTER EVERYTHING: *The Spiritual Practice of Knowing the Risks and Loving Anyway*
by Stephanie Duncan Smith

For anyone searching to make sense of life’s defining before and afters, **EVEN AFTER EVERYTHING** looks to the liturgical year as a way of finding and reorienting ourselves within its sacred seasons, reminding us that there is a time for everything and we are never truly alone.

Stephanie Duncan Smith has made a career expertly editing other authors’ writings, and now for the first time, she shares her own powerful story of finding hope and joy after the darkness of loss. Through the Christian liturgical year, Duncan Smith illuminates a full circle of love, loss, and liminality, holding space for the full spectrum of the human experience.

Stephanie Duncan Smith is an executive editor for Baker Books, with previous leadership roles at *Relevant* magazine and HarperCollins. She leads a popular Substack email newsletter community called SLANT LETTER, for writers looking to deepen their craft and tend to the soul of their work, with over 6k email subscribers. Duncan Smith completed her masters in theology from Western Theology Seminary, where she was the two-time winner of the Frederick Buechner Excellence in Writing award.



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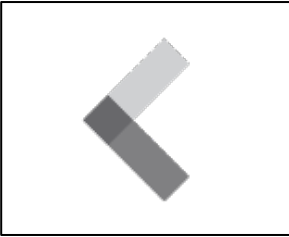
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HERE

by Lydia Sohn

HERE pushes back against our age of constant reinvention and the cultural message that we should do whatever it takes to get where we want to go. Instead, its message is the opposite: stay. Stay right here and cultivate the immense potential and beauty that lies within your current circumstances. Drawing on a variety of spiritual teachers across different faith traditions, **HERE** inspires readers to work to both embrace and transform their circumstances with commitment and stability—in order that they might find true contentment right where they are.

Lydia Sohn is a writer and a minister, currently serving as the Senior Pastor of Walnut United Methodist Church.



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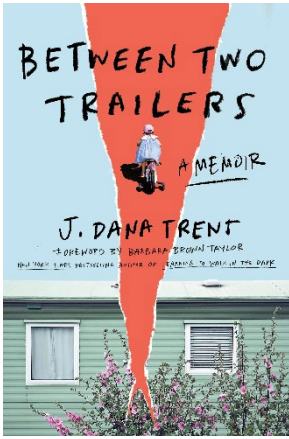
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DESIRE: *The Art and Science of How to Love and Be Loved*

by Jay Stringer

DESIRE is a clinically informed book about our relationship to desire backed by pioneering research with more than 8,000 participants. It is for every person who has ever felt gripped by their urges, feared their behaviors were abnormal, or wondered why they feel so little desire. While this book is psychoeducation, it is also filled with prescriptive prompts and self-assessments to guide readers in transforming their relationship to desire. An accompanying workbook will publish simultaneously.

Jay Stringer is a licensed mental health counselor, ordained minister, and internationally requested speaker.



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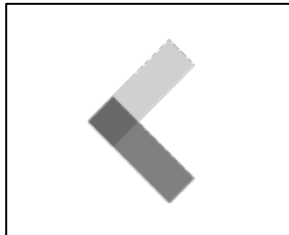
BETWEEN TWO TRAILERS: A Memoir

By J. Dana Trent

BETWEEN TWO TRAILERS is a harrowing-yet-absurd literary memoir about making peace with the people and places that shape us. With a strong narrative voice and storytelling, **BETWEEN TWO TRAILERS** helps readers who are ashamed of their past come to terms with it while cultivating empathy for themselves, their families, and their roots. This book shows how we move from regret and injury to fulfillment and repair. How do you go home when home is full of pain? How do you return to a place that is triggering? How do you reconcile: “I came from these people—but I cannot talk to them.”

Set in Dana, Indiana, this is the true story of a little girl who sought to be the daughter both her parents wanted: “Budgie” a drug lord’s heir and “Revy” a debutante’s minister. The author escaped flyover country to attend Duke University, become a professor for at-risk students and an ambivalent female Southern Baptist minister —only to realize that her authentic identities—and her greatest gifts—come from sharing these very disparate parts of herself. Ultimately, **BETWEEN TWO TRAILERS** culminates in a circuitous journey of helping Dana, Indiana establish a community center for children adversely affected by trauma—of which there are many in a little corn town food desert of 600. Through a distinctive narrative voice and filled with memorable characters who echo, this book reveals to readers all the ways in which Dana Trent tried, failed, and finally began the life-long task of returning home to face regret long enough to repair the incongruent, outrageous, scary, and shameful parts of herself.

J. Dana Trent is a graduate of Duke Divinity School and professor of World Religions and Critical Thinking at Wake Tech Community College. An ordained Baptist minister and former hospital chaplain, her work has appeared on Time.com, and in Religion News Service, Sojourners, Religion Dispatches, and The Christian Century.



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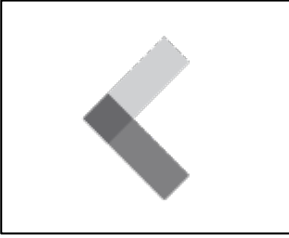
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BLOOD AND BONE
by Tish Harrison Warren

A lyrical exploration of embodiment in Christian worship and practice. The book will argue that worship, understood historically, is not primarily done with our minds, but instead, with our bodies. Yet for those of us living in a screen-obsessed age, modern life has been a process of dematerialization, of forgetting that bodies matter. The book will bring together personal reflection, social commentary, and surprising practices from Christian history to explore why bodies matter in the Christian life and for our lives in the wider world.

Tish Harrison Warren is an author and Anglican priest. She is known for the award-winning books LITURGY OF THE ORDINARY and PRAYER IN THE NIGHT (both published by InterVarsity Press), as well as for being a *New York Times* newsletter columnist.

We have Tish Harrison Warren signed up for another title, TENDING THE FIRE, for May 2028.



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SPELLBOUND: *How Charisma Shaped American History*

By Molly Worthen

In **SPELLBOUND**, Molly Worthen will give readers a social history of the role of charisma, of how this elusive characteristic has played a vital role in the history of our society and politics, migrating from Christianity and the writings of Saint Paul and working its way into things like presidential elections and political populism. **SPELLBOUND** will shed light on our current social landscape, showing how it has become the sphere that is only secular in theory, but in fact is a place where people have learned to direct their religious fervor. The book will focus primarily on the social history of the United States, drawing on themes, figures, and events outside of the US for context and background; the chapters will cover history from the seventeenth century to the present.

Molly Worthen is a journalist and historian of American religion. She graduated from Yale in 2003 and earned a Ph.D. in American religious history there in 2011. She is also a contributing opinion writer for *The New York Times*.

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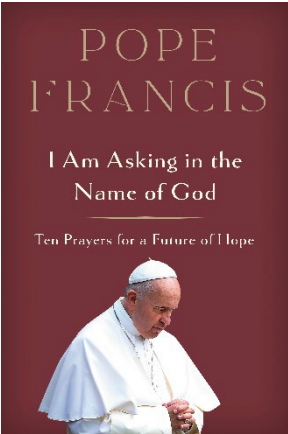
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STRUCK DOWN, NOT DESTROYED: *Keeping the Faith as a Vatican Reporter* by Mary Colleen Dulle

In **STRUCK DOWN, NOT DESTROYED**, Colleen Dulle will narrate her faith experience as a Catholic while reporting on some of the most faith-challenging realities of the Catholic Church: clergy sex abuse, women in leadership, US traditionalism and opposition to Pope Francis, the saint-making process, corrupt and fallen leaders, and the role and scope of lay ministry in the church. In each chapter, Dulle will take the reader through a story of the Catholic Church that resulted in her having a crisis of faith in the institution or even faith in God and walk the reader through how she found the spiritual resources to remain in the Christian faith and in communion with the Catholic Church. Rather than a memoir, this book is journalistic spiritual writing that addresses the ways that Catholic people often experience the Church as a great barrier to their own faith, showing how one young Catholic laywoman has found a way to keep the faith in the context of this broken institution.

Colleen Dulle is a multimedia journalist covering Catholic and Vatican news. She writes and edits Vatican news and analysis pieces for *America Media*, along with hosting and producing the weekly news podcast *Inside the Vatican*. She creates Vatican explainer videos for America Media's YouTube channel and contributes to Sacred Heart University's "Go, Rebuild My House" blog. Colleen has reported national and international news for *Catholic News Service*, *The Associated Press*, *The Times-Picayune* and the *St. Louis Review* in both print and video. Her wire service articles have appeared in publications around the world. Colleen's work has earned numerous awards and accolades, including from the Catholic Press Association, the Society of Professional Journalists and the Louisiana/Mississippi Associated Press Media Editors.



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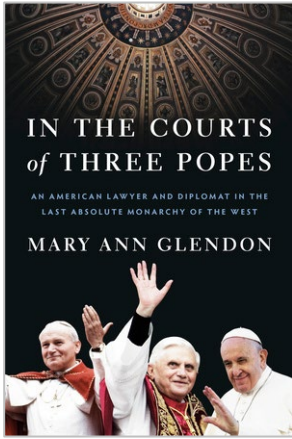
I AM ASKING IN THE NAME OF GOD: *Ten Prayers for a Future of Hope* by Pope Francis

This is the long-awaited, beloved Pope Francis' prayers for the ten most pressing issues the world is facing today, inspiring action to radically unify humanity in hope for a peaceful future. In his most challenging and evocative book yet, **I'M ASKING IN THE NAME OF GOD** is Pope Francis's reflections on ten vital issues the world is facing today. This unflinching and inspiring work celebrates the tenth anniversary since Francis' papal election and is an all-encompassing book of his hopes and dreams for the Church and the world.

Pope Francis is the first Latin American to be elected to the chair of Peter. Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he was ordained as a priest in 1969. He served as head of the Society of Jesus in Argentina from 1973 to 1979. In 1998 he became the archbishop of Buenos Aires, and in 2001 a cardinal. Following the resignation of his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, on February 28, 2013, the conclave elected Bergoglio, who chose the papal name Francis in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi.

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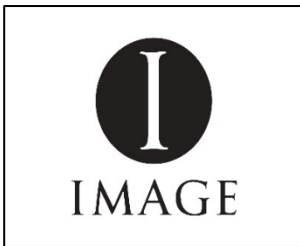
IN THE COURTS OF THREE POPES: *An American Lawyer and Diplomat in the Last Absolute Monarchy of the West*
by Mary Ann Glendon

A timely, intimate look into the Vatican and its popes—and the powers at play—from Harvard Law professor and bestselling author of *A WORLD MADE NEW* (Random House, 2001).

In her book **IN THE COURTS OF THREE POPES**, Harvard professor Mary Ann Glendon gives readers a rare window into the political life of the Holy See through her first hand account of working with Popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis as each endeavored to lead the Church into the modern world. In the process, Glendon sheds light on some of the most vexing issues in the Catholic Church today, from the work to protect women’s rights internationally, to responding to clergy sexual abuse, to the corruption of the Vatican Bank and Roman Curia. Readers will see a side of popes and prelates rarely seen from Glendon’s account of these three papacies, and they will be inspired by her efforts to share in the Holy See’s work for a better Church and a better world.

Mary Ann Glendon is the Learned Hand Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and a former United States Ambassador to the Holy See. She teaches and writes on bioethics, comparative constitutional law, property, and human rights in international law.

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CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF: *A Million Little Reasons for a Leap of Faith*
by Lisa Hezmalhalch

This book gives the beloved TikTok voice, Sister Lisa, the space to share more of her own journey, and continue the conversations sparked by her posts. Making the complicated aspects of Catholicism accessible to all, **CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF** invites readers to explore matters of the spirit - and build a faith that sustains.

Sister Lisa Hezmalhalch is a nun who uses her popular TikTok account to shed light on monastic life and Catholic faith.

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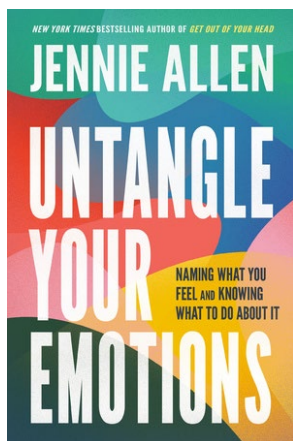
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Jennie Allen is the founder of IF:Gathering and author of the *New York Times* bestselling author of *GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD* (over 1 million copies sold!), *FIND YOUR PEOPLE, MADE FOR THIS, ANYTHING*, and *NOTHING TO PROVE*. A speaker at national events, she is a passionate leader, following God's call to catalyze a generation to live what they believe. Jennie earned a master's in biblical studies from Dallas Theological Seminary.

We have another nonfiction work signed up from Jennie for February 2025 as well as a Young Reader's edition of *GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD* in June 2024.

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UNTANGLE YOUR EMOTIONS: *Naming What You Feel and Knowing What to Do About It*

In her next book, *New York Times* bestselling author Jennie Allen helps readers understand the messy tangle of emotions within. Your emotions are not something to suppress or ignore. They are meant to be felt, examined, and shared—and in this revolutionary book, you'll learn how embracing healthy relationships with your emotions can bring freedom and healing in every area fo your life.

Rights sold: Spanish: *PRH Grupo Editorial*

WaterBrook
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 Religion / Devotional

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STOP THE SPIRAL DEVOTIONAL: *100 Days of Breaking Free from Negative Thoughts*

New York Times bestselling author Jennie Allen offers Christian women a daily motivational resource for transforming their mindset and their lives by interrupting their spiraling thoughts and realizing their God-given power to think differently.

In Jennie Allen's search for a solution to frustration and defeat, she's learned that how we think shapes how we live, so it's crucial that we learn how to stop our spinning thoughts and refuse to fall prey to toxic thinking patterns like victimhood, anxiety, and distraction. Drawing from her *New York Times* bestselling book, Jennie invites readers into a new way of halting the spiral of toxic thoughts in this 100-day devotional, which incorporates biblical truth and recent discoveries in neuroscience to show exactly how we can fight the enemies of the mind with the truth of who God is and who He calls us to be. This two-color flexibind devotional will feature gold foil on the cover and spine.

Rights sold: Spanish: *PRH Grupo Editorial*

Publishers of *GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD*: Chinese/complex: *Business Weekly*; Croatian: *Verbum*; Korean: *Duranno Ministry*; Farsi: *Koolehposhti Book Publishing*; German: *Gerth Medien*; Polish: *Wydawnictwo Esprit*; Portuguese/Brazil: *Alta Books*; Romanian: *Curtea Veche*; Slovak: *Vydavatelstvo Slovensky Tatran*; Slovene: *Druzina*; Spanish: *Origen/PRH*; Swedish: *Sjobergs*; Ukrainian: *Svichado*

Publishers of *FIND YOUR PEOPLE*: Portuguese (Brazil): *Editora Alta*; German: *Brunnen Verlag GmbH*; Polish: *Wydawnictwo Esprit*; Spanish: *PRH*



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Religion / Personal Growth

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Co-Agents: Christian
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UNTITLED
by Mark Batterson

A closer look at lesser known characters in the Bible, and "minor" players in human history, drawing out characteristics, patterns, and postures to emulate, accompanied by a companion devotional and bible study.

Mark Batterson is the lead pastor of National Community Church in Washington, D.C. Mark holds a doctor of ministry degree from Regent University and is the *New York Times* bestselling author of twenty-three books, including *THE CIRCLE MAKER* (Zondervan), *IN A PIT WITH A LION ON A SNOWY DAY*, *WHISPER*, and *WIN THE DAY* (all published by Multnomah), as well as several books for children, including *THE BLESSING OF YOU* (Multnomah, 2021), written with his daughter Summer.

Publishers of Mark Batterson: Chinese (complex): *China Times*; Portuguese (Brazil): *Editora Vida*; Spanish: *Origen/PRHGE*; Vietnamese: *Tan Viet Cultural and Education Joint Stock Company*



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Christian Living / Parenting

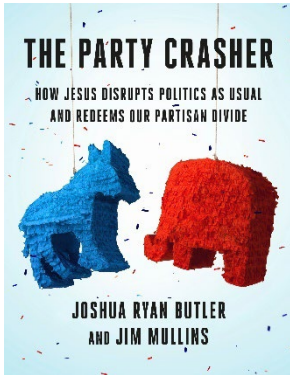
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YOU’LL MAKE IT (AND THEY WILL TOO): *Everything No One Talks About When You're Parenting Teens*
by Amy Better-Midtvedt

As a mom with five kids ages eleven to twenty-one living at home, Amy Better-Midtvedt found that parenting teens challenged everything she thought it meant to be a “good” mom. But in the unraveling came the building of something new and more beautiful than she could have imagined: an incredible sense of love, hope, joy, and relationship—even in the mess.

I’LL MAKE IT (AND YOU WILL TOO) is as much about navigating the minefields of anxiety, ADHD, and mental health as it is setting curfews, convincing kids to bring their dishes back to the kitchen, and deciding whose turn it is to have the car keys. It’s about dancing in the kitchen with soon-to-be adult kids who are taller than you. It’s making appointments with a therapist and a college admissions counselor in the same week. It’s helping your kids cling to faith even as they reject the pew on Sunday mornings.

Amy Better-Midtvedt is a TODAY Parenting contributing author with 1.1M readers and twenty-five years of experience working with adolescents and families. In both her job as a literacy coach and in her personal life—where she and husband Todd wrangle their five children—she has been surrounded by kids and teens and is passionate about serving them. Amy has a master's degree in leadership, curriculum, and instruction.



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 Issues

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Co-Agents: Christian
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THE PARTY CRASHER: How Jesus Disrupts Politics as Usual and Redeems Our Partisan Divide
 by Joshua Ryan Butler and James Delano Mullins, III

Have you noticed a deeper level of political division in your community or church? If so, you're not alone. Four political "religions" have arisen in America today. Untold numbers of Christians have unknowingly converted to these new-school political religions. Our devotion to the religions of Progress, Responsibility, Identity, and Security are distracting us from following Jesus and stirring up division in the church.

This powerful, accessible book exposes the religious nature of these new political movements and how they compete with faithfulness to Christ. Rather than retreat from the political realm, **THE PARTY CRASHER** gives us language for our cultural dilemma and wisdom to faithfully navigate it. You will be equipped to live faithfully to Jesus in the political arena, regardless of your leanings, and inspired to give your deepest allegiance to Jesus.

Joshua Ryan Butler serves as a lead pastor of Redemption Tempe and is the author of BEAUTIFUL UNION (Multnomah, 2023), THE SKELETONS IN GOD'S CLOSET, and THE PURSUING GOD (both published by Thomas Nelson).

Jim Mullins is the author of THE SYMPHONY OF MISSION: *Playing Your Part in God's Work in the World* (Baker Academic). He has worked as a pastor, entrepreneur, nonprofit leader, and basketball scout in Turkey. He has co-founded several initiatives, including Surge: Faith, Work & Rest; Peace Catalyst International; The International Guild of Visual Peacemakers; and Peace Feasts.

We have another book signed up with Joshua, forthcoming in November 2024, to be published alongside a participant's guide.



WaterBrook
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 Religion / Personal Growth

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Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Manuscript January 2024

UNTITLED
 by Stephen Chandler

Praise for STOP WAITING FOR PERMISSION:

"If this book has found its way into your hands, you are about to be changed for the better. Through this powerful book, Stephen Chandler is giving you all the tools you need to 'harness your gifts, find your purpose, and unleash your personal genius.'"

—Dr. Dharius Daniels, author of OUR PURPOSE IS CALLING

From pastor Stephen Chandler, author of the ECPA bestseller STOP WAITING FOR PERMISSION (WaterBrook, 2022), this is another forthcoming motivational title that will be published alongside a corresponding participant's guide.

Stephen Chandler is the senior pastor of Union Church based in Maryland. Since 2011, Union has grown from a group of fifty to thousands of people in weekly attendance, with tens of thousands joining live online every week. Stephen's obsession with people, systems, and culture resulted in Union Church being named the fastest-growing church in America by *Outreach* magazine.



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Vocation

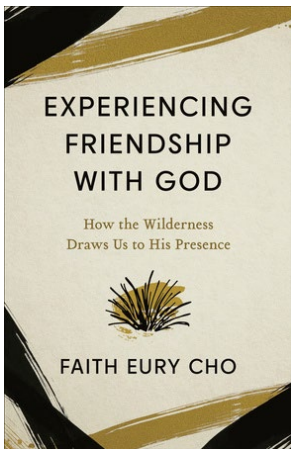
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THE COMMISSION: 10 Commandments for Claiming God as Your CEO

by Chauncéa

THE COMMISSOIN guides readers on a journey to pick up their calling, embrace their full testimony, strengthen their faith foundation, give up control and submit to God, and find practical steps to live out their "Clarion Call."

Chauncéa is a Christ-centered life coach, content creator, and creative consultant. Originally from Washington, D.C., she's currently navigating the bicoastal hustle in Los Angeles, CA.



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Religion / Personal Growth

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EXPERIENCING FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD: How the Wilderness Draws Us to His Presence

by Faith Eury Cho

Breathing new life into the ancient wisdom of Brother Lawrence's most influential work, pastor and speaker Faith Eury Cho shows you how to build a confident friendship with Jesus that will carry you through both seasons of wilderness and seasons of abundance.

When attending church doesn't feel like a blessed life or when prayers aren't answered, and the season of waiting extends too long, how do you feel God's presence? We have all wrestled with the mysteries of living for a holy God while wandering through the wilderness of the soul.

How do you move forward during these seasons? How do you deepen your faith? Along with the wisdom of seventeenth century Brother Lawrence's THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD, Faith Eury Cho will equip and heighten your confidence to simply go to Jesus and build a genuine friendship. It is a life-changing pursuit because we were designed to know Him. If knowing God is your purpose, then every season of our lives will have significance—even the wilderness.

Faith Eury Cho has been a gospel preacher since she was 19-years-old. Currently, she is a pastor, a pastor's wife, writer, and an itinerant speaker. Faith is the CEO and founder of The Honor Summit, a nonprofit organization that centers Asian American women in the mission of God. Alongside her husband, Pastor David Cho, she is also the co-founder and co-pastor of Mosaic Covenant Church in NJ.



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DO IT ANYWAY: *Don't Give Up Before It Gets Good*

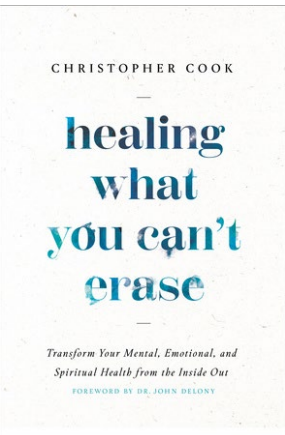
by Tasha Cobbs Leonard

A nonfiction book that inspires readers with personal stories from the author's spiritual journey and encouraging prompts to help readers to rely more deeply on our unshakeable God and step out in faith amid strong resistance.

A companion devotional will be published November 2024.

Tasha Cobbs Leonard is an American gospel musician and songwriter. She released the extended play *Grace* in 2013 with the hit lead single "Break Every Chain". The EP reached No. 61 on the Billboard charts. At the 56th Annual Grammy Awards, Cobbs won the Grammy for Best Gospel/Contemporary Christian Music Performance. She has also won 15 Stellar Awards, 3 Billboard Music Awards, and 9 Dove Awards

A children's picture book with Tasha Cobbs Leonard is planned for Spring 2025.



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Hardcover

Religion / Personal Growth

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HEALING WHAT YOU CAN'T ERASE: *Transform Your Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual Health from the Inside Out*

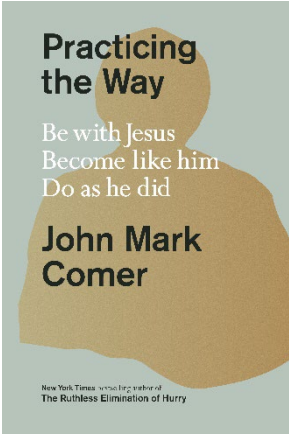
by Christopher Cook; Foreword by Dr. John Delony

Pastor and leadership coach Christopher Cook presents a roadmap to healing from traumatic life experiences that doesn't rely on willpower, but rather on the daily transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

In life, we often feel anxious, overwhelmed, and cynical, and we don't even know why. Desperate for change, we read the right posts, buy the latest goal-setting programs, and create habits of self-care and self-improvement. We hope that with enough willpower and determination, life will get better. But often, the results are minimal and temporary at best.

Christopher Cook shares through his own experience with trauma and pain that it doesn't have to be this way. A life characterized by wholeness begins when you receive healing for a broken spirit and a wounded soul. That transformation can never occur in and of ourselves, whether by desire, determination, or willpower-driven self-help tactics. It happens through the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Christopher Cook is a writer and host of the popular podcast *Win Today with Christopher Cook*. He has a bachelor's degree in business and completed five additional years of ministry training school with two years specifically focused on counseling.



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PRACTICING THE WAY: *Be with Jesus. Become like him. Do as he did.*

by John Mark Comer

We all have experienced unwanted parts of our spiritual journey: distance from God, gaps in our character, and the fear that our lives will be trivial and empty. Jesus is calling us into more. Calling us to be shaped in his likeness. To experience his abundance of life. But how, practically, will we do that? By becoming his apprentice. By practicing the Way.

Outlining the timeless process of being with Jesus, becoming like him, and living as he did, bestselling author and pastoral voice John Mark Comer outlines God's vision for the journey of our soul. In this landmark work, he outlines his core philosophy of spiritual formation, drawing together rich cultural insight, deep biblical teaching, and an honest and hopeful view of the potential of each human soul.

John Mark Comer is the founding pastor of Bridgetown Church in Portland, Oregon, a teacher and writer with *Practicing the Way*, and the bestselling author of *THE RUTHLESS ELIMINATION OF HURRY* and *LIVE NO LIES* plus four previous books.

Another book from John Mark Comer, *YOUR LIFE IS THE PERSON YOU BECOME*, is forthcoming in October 2025.

Publishers of John Mark Comer: Chinese/complex: *OutSide the Box*; Hungarian: *Immanuel Alapítvány*; Indonesia: *Immanuel Publishing House*; Portuguese/Brazil: *Alta Books*; Slovakian: *GD IDENTITY*; Spanish: *Origen/PRHGE*; UK/BC: *Hodder Faith*; Dutch: *Jongbloed*; German: *SCM-Verlag*; Polish: *Szaron Grzegorz Przeliorz*; Swedish: *Sjobergs Forlag AB*; Korean: *Duranno*

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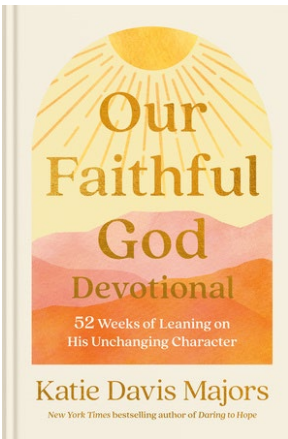
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NEIGHBOR, LOVE YOURSELF: *Discover Your Value, Live Your Worth*

by Bryan Crum; Foreword by Bob Goff

God loves us, but do we love ourselves? Having listened to hundreds of life stories, hospice chaplain Bryan Crum realized too many people carry regret. With a foreword by the *NYT* bestselling author Bob Goff, *NEIGHBOR, LOVE YOURSELF* launches an internal expedition to unearth a value inside ourselves that most of us have never come close to experiencing. Pairing funny stories with timeless takeaways and wisdom, readers will be inspired to new levels of empowered living.

Bryan Crum spent a decade as a hospice chaplain and has a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies.



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OUR FAITHFUL GOD DEVOTIONAL: 52 Weeks of Leaning on His Unchanging Character
By Katie Davis Majors

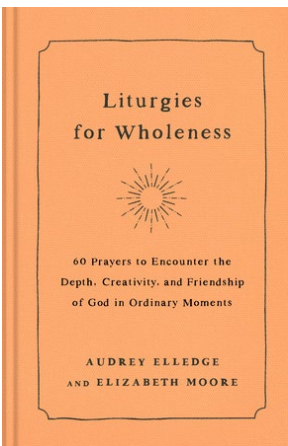
The bestselling author of *KISSES FOR KATIE* takes you on a journey through Scripture to discover more about who God is and how much He loves you, in 52 weeks of power-packed devotional readings.

In this unique five-day-a-week devotional with more than 250 entries, you'll spend four days each week reading God's Word and reflecting on what each Bible passage reveals about a specific aspect of His character, such as His mercy or His work behind the scenes of our lives. On the fifth day Katie shares her insights on what she's discovered to be true in her own faith journey and encourages you to go deeper in your personal relationship with the unchanging God who sees you, who loves you, and who holds each day securely in His hands.

Katie Davis Majors is the bestselling author of *SAFE ALL ALONG*, *KISSES FROM KATIE* and *DARING TO HOPE*. The mother of 13 adopted girls and two little boys, she is also founder of Amazima Ministries, an organization that cares for vulnerable children in Uganda. Katie and her husband, Benji, continue to invest their lives to educate and empower the people of Uganda with God's love, helping provide education, food, medical care, vocational training, and spiritual discipleship.

Her next book is forthcoming in 2025.

Publishers of Katie Davis Majors: German/*SCM-Verlag*; Korean/*Duranno*; UK/BC: *Authentic Media*



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LITURGIES FOR WHOLENESS: 60 Prayers to Encounter the Depth, Creativity, and Friendship of God in Ordinary Moments
by Audrey Elledge and Elizabeth Moore

From the authors of *LITURGIES FOR HOPE*, a new volume of 60 contemporary liturgies. These beautifully penned prayers will help readers lay down their fears, losses, and brokenness as they engage the messier, lonelier concerns that aren't usually addressed from the pulpit: mental health struggles, seasons of waiting, hunger for delight, cultivating imagination, and more. Perfect for daily inspiration, each entry is an invitation for readers to articulate their concerns and draw on the truth of God's promises.

LITURGIES FOR WHOLENESS is at once timeless and perfect for this particular moment, offering the words to express our longings, shore up our prayers, and reorient our hope.

Audrey Elledge is a graduate of Baylor University and Vanderbilt University. She lives in New York, where she works at SparkNotes and serves at Church of the City New York. Audrey is the recipient of the Academy of American Poets Prize and the Virginia Beall Poetry Prize

Elizabeth Moore is a graduate of Mississippi College and the Columbia Publishing Course at Oxford University. Born and raised in Louisiana, she now lives in New York, where she works at Penguin Random House and serves with the Church of the City New York creative team. Elizabeth has contributed articles to *Timshel*, *Transformed*, *Windrose*, *Belong*, and *Portico* magazine.

Publisher of *LITURGIES FOR HOPE*: Portuguese (Brazil): *Citadel Grupo Editorial*; UK/BC: *SPCK*



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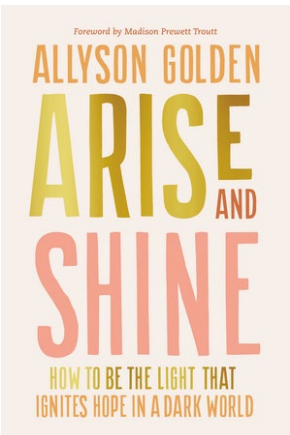
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Co-Agents: Christian
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November 2023

WHEN FAITH DISAPPOINTS: *The Gap Between What We Believe and What We Experience*
by Lisa Victoria Fields

WHEN FAITH DISAPPOINTS gets to the root of seven pain points people frequently have with Christianity and offers sound theology to show how Christianity is sufficient for their life, hearts, and the pursuit of godliness in a broken world.

Lisa Victoria Fields is one of the world’s most sought-after Christian apologists. Lisa is a graduate of the University of North Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Communications and Religious Studies. She also graduated from Liberty University with a Master of Divinity and a focus in Theology.



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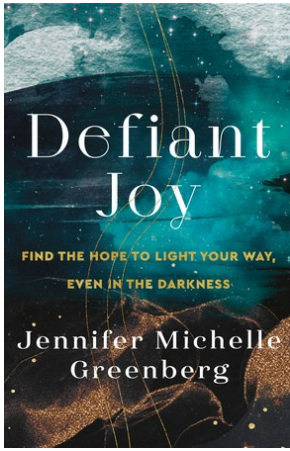
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ARISE AND SHINE: *How to Be the Light That Ignites Hope in a Dark World*
by Allyson Golden; Foreword by Madison Prewett Troutt

An empowering, encouraging message to be a light for Christ amid the darkness and pain in this world, by the inspirational Instagram writer of Words Are Golden.

When brokenness is overwhelming, it’s easy to question where God is in all of it. This was familiar to Allyson Golden, a young nurse serving on a pediatric unit. Seeking encouragement, Allyson turned to the Word of God and began to study “the light.” She discovered that she didn’t possess the power to shine on her own but that the Light of the world, which no darkness can overcome, was actively living in her and shined out whether she realized it or not. In **ARISE AND SHINE**, Allyson shares her discoveries so that you, too, can be ignited by Christ to be the light to those around you—even in the times you’re feeling trapped or overcome by darkness and need a little reassurance.

Allyson Golden is the founder and creator of an online ministry, Words Are Golden, where she writes and champions women in their faith. She runs an online community for women called She Who Speaks Light. Allyson and her husband, Michael, partner in ministry at their local church in San Diego, where he serves as the worship leader and Allyson is the social media and email manager. When she is not writing and encouraging women, Allyson is taking care of patients as a pediatric nurse.



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DEFIANT JOY: *Find the Hope to Light Your Way, Even in the Darkness*

by Jennifer Michelle Greenberg

In a social media-driven world pressured by societal expectations to “choose happiness,” “think positive,” and put on our Instagram smile, Jennifer Greenberg offers an alternative to the toxic positivity: embrace God’s inexplicable joy that runs deeper, feels richer, is far more beautiful, and lasts forever.

In **DEFIANT JOY**, Jennifer writes from the midst of her own suffering as she encourages you not to pretend to feel happy and self-confident when you’re angry and shattered. Instead, she demonstrates how to not only how to align your will with God’s, but also how to find joy amid hardship, knowing Jesus is weeping with you and one day will wipe your tears away.

Through biblical support, encouraging prose, and compelling personal stories, Jennifer debunks the unrealistic and hurtful positive-thinking philosophy and guides you to a counter-cultural otherworldly joy that persists despite tragedy and evil.

As the author of *Not Forsaken: A Story of Life After Abuse* (The Good Book Company), **Jennifer Michelle Greenberg** has risen to become one of the foremost voices against child abuse in the church. She writes for The Gospel Coalition (TGC) and the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC). Jennifer also develops resources for Christian leaders and counselors to help them identify abusers, respond responsibly to crisis situations, and minister to abuse victims and survivors in a wise and loving manner.



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Co-agents: Christian

Status: Manuscript
available

LOVING YOUR BLACK NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF: *A Guide to Closing the Space Between Us*

by Chanté Griffin

A fresh look at what it means to be a trustworthy ally for your Black family, friends, and coworkers. Jesus calls us to love our neighbors, not just when tragedy hits and not with tweets and hashtags. All the time, and with tangible actions.

In **LOVING YOUR BLACK NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF**, Chanté Griffin gives practical guidance for how to replace well-meaning but superficial words with deep, actionable love for our Black Neighbors. Expounding on the Black experience in America, Griffin draws parallels with the biblical story of the Good Samaritan to highlight the responsibility of every Jesus follower to demonstrate God’s deep love for Black people. Historical and personal stories illustrate the vital importance of five lenses through which African Americans as a racial-cultural group give, receive, and see love: Honor, The spoken word, God-gifts, and The Spirit of Love. By equipping us to love through these lenses, as well as through reading exercises, prayers, and reflection questions, Griffin leads Christians into a spiritual and relational transformation that produces a true love for our Black Neighbor, their culture, and their community.

Chanté Griffin is a writer and entertainer living in Los Angeles. Chanté’s socially and soul-conscious work centers the intersection of race, faith, and culture. She’s a contributing writer for *Faithfully Magazine*, and she’s written for *EBONY*, *The Root*, *The Washington Post*, *The Huffington Post*, *TV Guide*, and *The LA Times*. Chanté is a VONA (Voices of Our Nations) alumnus* and a 2019 ARC (Arts Religion Culture) Emerging Leader Fellow. When she’s not writing, she’s either creating comedic content about her natural hair journey for the gram @kinky_coily_comedy, auditioning for a new TV show or commercial, salsa dancing, or praying. Oh and sometimes, she tweets @yougochante.



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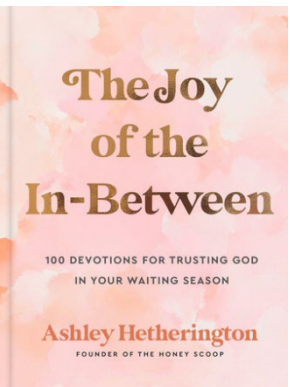
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December 2023

CONFIDENCE IS AN INSIDE JOB: *Conquer Self-Doubt and Embrace God's View of You*
by Ashley Henriott

CONFIDENCE IS AN INSIDE JOB guides women away from finding confidence in the approval of others, social media, and culture and encouraging them instead to harness the God-given confidence already available to them.

Ashley Henriott is a Christ-based life coach, blogger, podcaster, and content creator with a following on TikTok, and Instagram.



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THE JOY OF THE IN-BETWEEN: *100 Devotions for Trusting God in Your Waiting Season: A Devotional*
by Ashley Hetherington

Are you sick of waiting for your “real” life to begin? This joy-filled daily devotional offers the abundant peace that comes when you place your trust in God’s plan and start living today—from the founder of *The Honey Scoop*.

In **THE JOY OF THE IN-BETWEEN**, Hetherington offers daily encouragement for having faith as you wait for what’s next, and guidance for trusting God with your life right where you are. Ashley proposes that the in-between days are ripe for knowing God’s voice and experiencing God’s presence. They’re not a hyphen between two important chapters, but a chance to experience more joy, more purpose, and more connection. Waiting is a season that can be marked by abundant peace, rather than frustration and chaos.

Ashley Hetherington is an author, blogger, and content creator with a following on YouTube, TikTok, and Instagram. Her blog *The Honey Scoop* aims to guide young women on their biblical journeys to becoming their best selves and finding community.

We have another nonfiction work signed up from Ashley for February 2025.



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SACRED CREATIVITY: *Reclaim the Joy of Your God-Given Gifts for His Glory*

by Jena Holliday

From the beloved artist behind the picture book *A SPOONFUL OF FAITH* (HarperCollins) comes an invitation for creatives to experience freedom and delight as they learn to trust God with their own unique gifts.

With thoughtful stories, powerful reflections, hand lettering, and beautifully illustrated artwork, Jena Holliday invites readers to discover how they uniquely reflect the heart of a creative God. Using the lessons she’s learned along the way, Jena encourages readers to overcome the pressure to perform, face the fears of failure and imposter syndrome, believe in the gifts that God has given, step forward in creativity, and delight in the fruit that comes from freely creating as an act of worship.

SACRED CREATIVITY is the ultimate invitation to offer your God-given gifts back to the Creator in joyful worship. To yield to the One who Created all, and allow your art, creativity, and life to be a love offering.

Jena Holliday is a full-time artist, writer, entrepreneur, and storyteller from Minnesota.

This is the first in a three-book deal, with two companion titles forthcoming in September 2024 and March 2025.



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THE POWER OF YOUR DREAMS: *A Guide to Hearing and Understanding How God Speaks While You Sleep*

by Stephanie Ike Okafor

What would our lives look like if we gained years of wisdom, guidance, and strategy while asleep? That’s exactly what we receive when we tap into the discovery of God’s voice in our dreams. Pastor and cohost of *The Same Room*, Stephanie Ike shares fascinating stories of how God spoke through dreams to equip biblical and modern believers for pivotal moments and life-changing decisions. Stephanie offers scientific insight about dreams, practical tools to help readers remember and discern their dreams, and the biblical meanings of common symbols and numbers, and discussion questions with each chapter for further reflection and application.

With this expansive and practical teaching on one of the prevalent ways God speaks, readers will discover confidence in their purpose, and a strengthened relationship with God.

Stephanie Ike serves as the executive pastor of The Potter’s House at One LA in Los Angeles, California. She is the author of *MOVING FORWARD: Biblical Teachings for Walking in Purpose* and the co-host and executive producer of the podcast series, *The Same Room*.

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THROUGH THE VALLEY OF GRIEF: A 365-Day Devotional of Spiritual Practices for Hope in Suffering
by Mattie Jackson

Honest and simple practices for grieving sincerely and hopefully with God in this accessible, year-long devotional full of scriptural insight and grounded hope.

Mattie Jackson is the daughter of country music star Alan Jackson. After the loss of her husband in a tragic accident after just a year of marriage, Mattie took solace in her faith and family.



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EVERYTHING IS NEVER ENOUGH
By Bobby Jamieson

EVERYTHING IS NEVER ENOUGH thoughtfully uncovers how the biblical book of Ecclesiastes shatters our illusions of what will make us happy and blazes a surprisingly simple trail to resilient joy.

Bobby Jamieson serves as an associate pastor of Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, DC. His pastoral responsibilities include preaching and teaching, overseeing the church's pastoral internship, and facilitating church planting and revitalizing in the DC area. He has an MDiv and ThM from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a PhD in New Testament from the University of Cambridge, where he also taught Greek. Bobby is the author of several books, including *SOUND DOCTRINE: How a Church Grows in the Love and Holiness of God* (Crossway), *GOING PUBLIC: Why Baptism Is Required for Church Membership* (B&H Academic), *JESUS' DEATH AND HEAVENLY OFFERING IN HEBREWS* (Cambridge University Press), *THE PARADOX OF SONSHIP: Christology in The Epistle to the Hebrews* (Apollos), and *THE PATH TO BEING A PASTOR: A Guide for the Aspiring* (Crossway).



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CHURCH GIRL: *A Gospel Vision to Encourage and Challenge Black Christian Women*

by Sarita T. Lyons

With compassion and wisdom, Dr. Sarita Lyons invites Black women to tackle the unique issues they in the church face with prophetic boldness, priestly compassion, a church leader's wisdom, a counselor's insight, and a sister's relatability and love.

Black women are the hidden figures in the church. Despite at times being rendered invisible, uninvited, and unprotected in a racist and sexist world, they are valued image-bearers and influential instruments in God's redemptive plan. **CHURCH GIRL** invites Black women on a journey from the garden to a present day and eternal glory, and Dr. Lyons shows how every Black woman's unique story lies within the grand narrative of Scripture, and the message of the gospel is the light, lens, and love needed to help see and live as God intends.

Sarita T. Lyons is a speaker, women's bible teacher and psychotherapist, and serves at Epiphany Fellowship Church as the Director of Discipleship and Women's Ministry. Lyons received a PhD in Clinical and Forensic Psychology from Drexel University, where she taught for several years as an adjunct professor at Drexel University College of Medicine.



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GET OUT OF YOUR WAY: *Break Free of Negative Self-Talk and Step Fully Into Your Calling*

by Earl McClellan

In this manifesto of courage and purpose, a popular speaker and pastor offers the guidance you need to move beyond insecurity and negative self-talk and live out your God-given purpose with confidence. Earl passed the spotlight to others whenever possible—until God challenged him to stop sidestepping his calling.

In **GET OUT OF YOUR WAY**, Earl shares how he learned to get out of his own way, and break free from the prisons of insecurity, negative mindsets, and confusion, and walk in freedom and confidence. With an encouraging and engaging style, Earl urges readers to stop disqualifying themselves from the opportunities God has called them to and instead, discover the freedom and joy of leaning into their unique giftings. Drawing inspiration from the unlikely leader Gideon, this book will give readers practical wisdom to recognize when God is moving them to step into the spotlight or pass to another, when to speak up and when to listen up, and when get out of their own way and obey. For each of us who knows we have more to offer—more leadership, more boldness, more goodness to give the world—but are unsure how to start living it, Pastor Earl McClellan offers tangible principles to help us never worry again that we've missed a chance to live out our calling, and instead confidently trust the voice of God in our lives.

Earl McClellan is the founder and lead pastor of Shoreline City Church in Texas with locations emerging around the world. Under his engaging leadership and "come as you are" teaching style, Shoreline City has grown from 15 people to almost 4,000 in just six short years.

We have another nonfiction work signed up from Earl for April 2025.



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BORN ROYAL: *Overcoming Insecurity to Become the Woman God Says You Are*
by **Oneka McClellan**

Beloved speaker and pastor of the influential church Shoreline City, Oneka McClellan casts a bold vision of women confident in their God-given value and united in the call to bring goodness and healing to the world. Women are called to give life to powerful things. We know this is true because God entrusted a woman to bring Jesus into the world. Yet so many of us are held down by insecurity, doubt, and fear. It's time for a revolution. It's time for women to stand confident in their God-given worth and call out the same value in those around them.

Influential speaker and pastor Oneka McClellan reminds readers that like Mary, God has uniquely positioned and gifted each woman today to bring goodness into their lives, families, and communities. With humor, engaging stories, and inspiring truths from Scripture, McClellan equips readers to live out their true value. For every woman who has ever wondered about her purpose, **BORN ROYAL** will ignite hope and courage to help them walk in authority and power to bring heaven to this desperate world.

Oneka McClellan is a writer, speaker, and lead pastor of Shoreline City Church located in Texas and Antigua, Guatemala, alongside her husband Earl.

We have another nonfiction work signed up from Oneka for April 2025.



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BROWN FACES, WHITE SPACES: *Confronting Systemic Racism to Bring Healing and Restoration*
by **Latasha Morrison**

In her award-winning *New York Times* bestseller *BE THE BRIDGE* (WaterBrook, 2019), racial justice advocate Latasha Morrison challenged readers to become active participants in the work of racial reconciliation. Now in **BROWN FACES, WHITE SPACES** she equips them to engage more deeply in rooting out the systems that perpetuate racial disparity and building a society that serves everybody better.

In this compelling look at the landscape of American culture, Morrison applies her talent for powerfully connecting the truth of the past with the reality of our present as she invites us to wrestle honestly with the disparities that negatively impact the daily experience of Brown and Black people. Drawing on real-life encounters, she examines the inequities woven into institutions from the legal system to entertainment to housing to churches, and considers their impact on both individuals and society as a whole. Morrison doesn't just identify the problems; she illuminates a path toward lasting change, highlighting how each of us can play a role in building a better future where all can thrive.

Latasha Morrison is a bridge-builder, reconciler, and a compelling voice in the fight for racial justice. Tasha has spoken nationwide at many events including IF:Gathering and Justice Conference. A native of North Carolina, Tasha earned degrees in human development and business leadership. She founded *Be the Bridge* to inspire and equip ambassadors of racial reconciliation.

We have another book signed up from LaTasha Morrison for May 2025.



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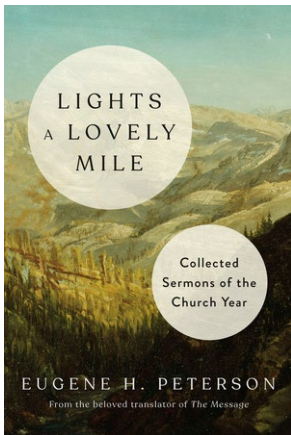
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LOVE LIFE SOBER: A 40-Day Alcohol Fast for Better Health, More Joy, and Clearer Mental Focus

by Christy Osborne

This faith-driven book combines scientific data about alcohol's effect on the body, insights into our subconscious beliefs about alcohol, and encouraging and practical tips in this 30-day, alcohol-free journey to help readers reset their drinking habits, find more freedom, and inspire their faith.

Born in Los Angeles and based in London, **Christy Osborne** runs the sobriety and life coaching business Love Life Sober with Christy. She co-hosts the 'But Jesus Drank Wine' & Other Stores That Kept Us Stuck podcast with life coach Meade Shirley.



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LIGHTS A LOVELY MILE: Collected Sermons of the Church Year

by Eugene H. Peterson

Long before the publication of his acclaimed books or iconic translation of THE MESSAGE, Eugene H. Peterson faithfully preached to the small congregation of Christ Our King Presbyterian Church in Bel Air, Maryland. As the seasons passed, with their fasts and feasts, his words marked time and cultivated souls.

Now you can join Eugene for a year of his most compelling never-before-published preaching. Following the calendar of the Christian year, from the darkness of Advent to the light of Epiphany, the wilderness of Lent to the celebration of Easter, the fire of Pentecost to the everyday glory of Ordinary Time, these remarkable sermons mark the highs and lows of the Christian life, pointing us to the eternity behind our experience of time.

Edited carefully to preserve his trademark wit and wisdom, this collection gives readers unprecedented insight into Eugene H. Peterson's preaching and pastoral life—and inspires us to live his "long obedience in the same direction" through all the seasons of our own lives.

Eugene H. Peterson, translator of *The Message Bible*, authored more than thirty books, including THIS HALLELUJAH BANQUET, EVERY STEP AN ARRIVAL, AS KINGFISHERS CATCH FIRE (all published by WaterBrook), and the spiritual classics RUN WITH THE HORSES and A LONG OBEDIENCE IN THE SAME DIRECTION (both published by IV Press). He was founding pastor of Christ Our King Presbyterian Church in Bel Air, Maryland, where he and his wife, Jan, served for twenty-nine years.

Publishers of Eugene Peterson: Chinese/complex: *Campus Evangelical Fellowship*; Korean: *Blessed People Publishing*; Portuguese (Brazil): *Editora Vida*; UK/BC: *Hodder & Stoughton*

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UNTITLED
by **Madison Prewett Troutt**

Praise for THE LOVE EVERYBODY WANTS:

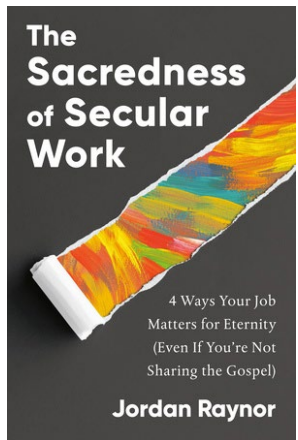
“Madi is fiercely in love with Jesus. Ultimately, there is no other love that will satisfy. But THE LOVE EVERYBODY WANTS will be a helpful guide for all of it—loving God and wrestling with our desires for love on earth too. This book will give you hope!”
—**Jennie Allen, New York Times bestselling author**

“In her new book, THE LOVE EVERYBODY WANTS, Madison Prewett Troutt shares her heart for God-honoring relationships with passion and compassion. Packed with incredibly wise, practical insights and biblical truths, this book will help you find the love that lasts and transforms lives. Anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of love and build stronger relationships with those around them will appreciate this message.”

—**Craig and Amy Groeschel, founding pastors of Life.Church and authors of FROM THIS DAY FORWARD**

The Bachelor finalist and bestselling author Madison Prewett Troutt’s next book will also cover relationships, love, and Christianity.

Madison Prewett Troutt, bestselling author of *MADE FOR THIS MOMENT* (Zondervan) and *THE LOVE EVERYBODY WANTS* (WaterBrook, 2023), is a TV personality with a growing platform as a traveling speaker and social media influencer. In 2020, she was a finalist on Season 24 of ABC’s *The Bachelor*.



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THE SACREDNESS OF SECULAR WORK: 4 Ways Your Job Matters for Eternity (Even When You’re Not Sharing the Gospel)
by **Jordan Raynor**

The Bible tells us our labor is not in vain. But it is exceedingly hard to see *how* that is true when we’ve grown disillusioned by the tedium of our jobs and the assumption that missional work is the only sacred work. **THE SACREDNESS OF SECULAR WORK** presents a compelling case that the time, craft, and care of the business owner, the bank teller, or stay-at-home parent matters more to God than we think.

Bestselling author Jordan Raynor gives an exponentially bigger view of the gospel and heaven, and what that means for our work lives. Through a fascinating look at the narrative of Scripture, Raynor shows how all types of work matter because: Good work brings God pleasure, Our work physically lasts into Eternity, Our work reveals God’s coming Kingdom, and Work makes disciples.

Raynor equips readers with engaging stories and practical steps for accomplishing tasks—no matter how small—with quality, excellence, and integrity. With this biblically redemptive perspective, readers will find confident hope that the work they do carries great purpose and meaning for eternity.

Bestselling author **Jordan Raynor** serves as the executive chairman of Threshold 360, a venture-backed tech startup which he previously ran as CEO following a string of successful ventures of his own.

Publishers of Jordan Raynor: Chinese (complex): *Taosheng Publishing House*; German: *Permission Verlag*; Portuguese (Brazil): *Editora Pilgrim*



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HERE BE DRAGONS

by Melanie Shankle

From the founder of the Big Mama blog and The Big Boo Cast podcast, Melanie Shankle, comes a nonfiction book that serves as a survival guide for moms seeking to raise strong daughters through their teen years in a world full of mean girls and other challenges.

Melanie Shankle is the *New York Times* bestselling author of SPARKLY GREEN EARRINGS, THE ANTELOPE IN THE LIVING ROOM, NOBODY'S CUTER THAN YOU, THE CHURCH OF THE SMALL THINGS, ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, EVERYDAY HOLY and FEARLESS FAITH. She lives in Texas with her husband and teenage daughter.



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STRONGER IN THE DIFFICULT PLACES: *Unraveling Complex Shame to Heal Your Relationship with Yourself*

by Dr. Zoe M. Shaw

In **STRONGER IN THE DIFFICULT PLACES**, Dr. Zoe Shaw shares her unflinchingly honest story of finding self-forgiveness after years of burying the shame of racial confusion as a Black woman, a teen pregnancy, a forced adoption, a dysfunctional marriage, and a belief that her special needs child was a punishment.

As it is with many who suffer trauma, it would take years to untangle her false story—and would require learning rooted in psychology and science—to finally leave shame behind and find freedom on the other side. Zoe shares the insight she gained that allowed her to stop accepting false messages, create healthy internal and external boundaries, and embrace self-compassion—and she will empower and equip you to do this in your own life.

Rooted in Dr. Zoe's personal experience and professional expertise in psychology and relationships, this book gives readers the tools to recognize their own shame journey, help identify the origin of their shame, and begin the hard work of speaking up and forgiving themselves on the path toward freedom.

Dr. Zoe Shaw is a psychotherapist, motivational speaker, podcast host, life coach, and author of A YEAR OF SELF CARE (Rockridge Press). She writes the "Ask Dr. Zoe" column in thegritandgraceproject.org and has been featured in *Psychology Today*, OprahMag.com, and *Recovery Today* magazine.

We have another book signed up from Dr. Zoe Shaw for February 2026.



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CHRISTMAS REDISCOVERED: *Exploring the Nativity Story You Thought You Knew*
by AJ Sherrill

A biblically-rich and culturally-informed reconsideration of the beauty and meaning of the traditional Christmas story, to encourage a pursuit of deep Christian understanding, belief, and worship for readers related to the holiday.

AJ Sherrill has more than twenty years of experience as a pastor, including as lead pastor at Mars Hill Bible Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is now lead pastor at St. Peter's Church in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. He is an adjunct professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, where he teaches popular courses on transformational preaching and the Enneagram. Sherrill receives many speaking requests to lead Enneagram workshops across the country and is the author of THE ENNEAGRAM FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION and BEING WITH GOD (both with Brazos Press).



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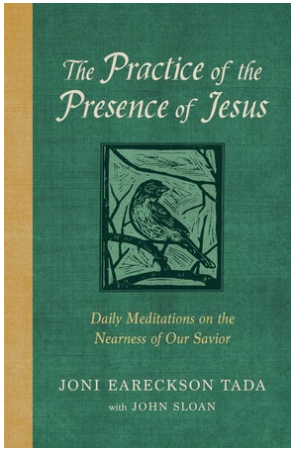
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THE ART OF FASTING
by Reward Sibanda

THE ART OF FASTING explores the biblical teaching of fasting, weaving together Reward Sibanda's fasting experiences with the biological and the spiritual effects of the discipline and how it can bring readers into a truer relationship with ourselves and with Christ.

Reward Sibanda, originally from Zimbabwe and now living in Texas, is a Pastor at the UPPERROOM Dallas and the Senior Advisor for Church Relations at World Vision International.



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THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF JESUS: *Daily Meditations on the Nearness of Our Savior*
by Joni Eareckson Tada with John Sloan

Brother Lawrence lived through the drudgeries of kitchen duty during the 1600s while Paris roiled in the waters of a turbulent France. Joni suffered a terrible accident which broke her neck, an accident which resulted in her turning from a life of distant faith to a life as a Christian who has had a worldwide influence through her experience of suffering with grace. In their lives, they both found the secret to peace, joy, and a close personal walk with God.

THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF JESUS ushers in wisdom from these two saints, more than 400 years apart, to teach and inspire you to find and experience the nearness of God in your life. Through rich devotional content from Brother Lawrence's *The Practice of the Presence of God* accompanied by original art and never-before-published insight from Joni that both complements his excerpts, you'll experience a unique blend of past and present wisdom designed to teach you how to live 24/7 in the peace of the Shepherd.

A diving accident in 1967 left **Joni Eareckson Tada** a quadriplegic in a wheelchair at 17 years old. After two years of rehabilitation, she emerged with new skills and a fresh determination to help others in similar situations. She is the author of more than 45 books, a radio host, and a sought-after fine art painter.



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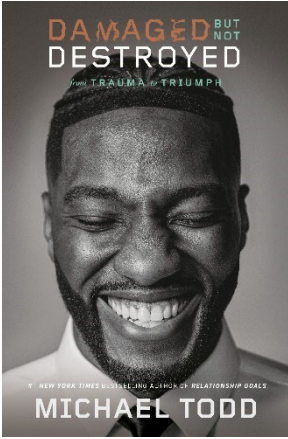
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RETURN TO JESUS
by Jennifer Thompson

RETURN TO JESUS allows readers to examine the root of their habits and find practical ways to engage with Jesus throughout the day.

Jennifer Thompson writes about faith, family, parenting, friendship, forgiveness, and her struggles and joys in life.



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DAMAGED BUT NOT DESTROYED: *From Trauma to Triumph* by Michael Todd

The next book from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *CRAZY FAITH* (WaterBrook, 2021) and *RELATIONSHIP GOALS* (WaterBrook, 2020).

A study guide will accompany this title in October 2023.

Through perspective-shifting insights gained by overcoming his own significant challenges, Pastor Michael Todd offers the encouragement you need to identify the damage you've experienced in life and practical tools to receive God's healing. With transparent and dynamic storytelling, Pastor Mike shares about the damaging hits he's received in life—sexual trauma, dumb choices, generational struggles, and letting coping mechanisms drive decisions. With hard-earned insights and an inspiring look at the biblical story of King David and Mephiboseth, Pastor Mike helps you overcome the lie that the mistakes you've made and the pain you've experienced have made you unworthy of God's love and calling.

You'll learn how to get unstuck from your past, step into the bold future God has planned for you, and trust deep in your bones that you are handcrafted with love and purpose by the creator of the universe.

Michael Todd is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *RELATIONSHIP GOALS* and the lead pastor of Transformation Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Michael's driving passion is re-presenting God to the lost and found for transformation in Christ.

We have several more books under contract with Michael Todd to come—including *RELATIONSHIP GOALS RELOADED*, set to publish March 2025 along with an accompanying study guide.

Publishers of Michael Todd: Chinese (complex): *Maple House*; Dutch: *Jongbloed Uitgeverij*; Estonian: *Million Mindset*; French: *Editions Vida*; Hungarian: *Immanuel*; Norwegian: *Agape Forlag*; Polish: *MT Biznes*; Portuguese (Brazil): *Editora Alta*; Russian: *AST*; Spanish: *PRH*; Swedish: *Livets Ords Forlag*; Ukrainian: *Golden City Publishing*; Vietnamese: *Saigon Books*

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THE NARROW PATH: *How the Subversive Way of Jesus Satisfies Our Souls* by Rich Villodas

This next book from Rich Villodas is a book of pastoral spiritual formation from a broad Evangelical perspective, focusing on a contemporary view of the Sermon on the Mount and its implications for spiritual and social life today. To modern sensibilities, Jesus's call to take "the narrow way" sounds closed-minded, restricting, and holier-than-thou, but Rich Villodas explains how the way of Jesus frees us to live and love well.

Rich Villodas is the author of *GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL AND KIND* (WaterBrook, 2022) and *THE DEEPLY FORMED LIFE* (WaterBrook, 2020), winner of the *Christianity Today* Book Award, and the Brooklyn-born lead pastor of New Life Fellowship, a large, multiracial church with more than seventy-five countries represented in Elmhurst, Queens.

We have another forthcoming project from Rich Villodas, Jr., *FIRST-HAND SPIRITUALITY*, set for Summer 2026.

Publishers of Rich Villodas: Korean: *Korea Inter Varsity Press*; Portuguese (Brazil): *Associação Editora Inspire*

Conquer Yesterday's Regrets,
Ditch Tomorrow's Worries, and
Thrive Right Where You Are

Single Today

Ryan Wekenman

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SINGLE TODAY: *Conquer Yesterday's Regrets, Ditch Tomorrow's Worries, and Thrive Right Where You Are*

by Ryan Wekenman

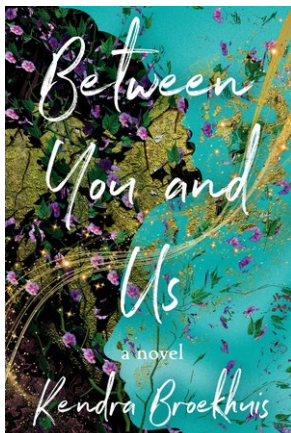
SINGLE TODAY is an empowering guide to the gift of singleness that will help you leave shame in the past and let go of anxiety about the future in order to thrive today—from a thirtysomething single pastor who understands that the struggle is real.

Ryan Wekenman has been an unmarried pastor for over a decade, and he believes that singleness isn't a curse to endure, rather it's a gift to enjoy, even in the times it can be hard to see it that way. But he has discovered firsthand—and from hundreds of meetings with other single people—that we are often consumed by regrets or shame from the past, together with worry or fear of the future, making it feel impossible to find peace in the present. But it doesn't have to stay that way. **SINGLE TODAY** shares Ryan's disarming anecdotes, thought-provoking questions, biblical insight, and humor as he invites you into his journey of learning to fully embrace his current reality. No amount of shame will change the past, and no amount of worry will fix the future, but with a little faith and work, you can thrive while being single today.

Ryan Wekenman is a storyteller and pastor with a master's degree from Talbot School of Theology. He hosts a popular podcast, *Stories in Scripture*, that brings the Bible to life for people all around the world. Ryan lives in Austin, Texas, where he helped plant Red Rocks Austin, a young, vibrant church with a large contingent of single adults.

We have another book signed up from Ryan forthcoming in April 2026.

Fiction



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BETWEEN YOU AND US

by Kendra Broekhuis

Three lives. Two outcomes. One impossible choice.

Leona hopes dinner with her husband will mean enjoying a rare upscale meal and hopefully begin learning how to live again. But when she crosses the threshold of the ridiculously romantic restaurant, she quickly realizes she doesn't belong. It's not only her thrifted dress screaming "I clip coupons" or the menu printed in Italian, it's all the clues pointing to the fact she's in a different version of her life—the one where she still accepted David Warlon's marriage proposal, but where they choose to live by his family's rules and all the expectations that came with it. Instead of struggling to pay rent, she lives in a lavish home with working faucets. She's no longer teaching English to high schoolers, but attending brunch with a bunch of high society busybodies (a.k.a. her mother-in-law).

Leona would put more effort into figuring out how to get home, but there's one thing stealing all her attention: a precious little girl with her green eyes and David's curly hair. In this trajectory, her daughter Vera lived. Now, Leona must weigh the bitter and sweet of each world, choosing between the chance to be with Vera under the impossible expectations of the Warlon family, or the life swallowed by grief with the man she loves worlds away.

Kendra Broekhuis is an author and intentional neighbor living in the city of Milwaukee with her husband and family.

We have a second novel signed up from Kendra for April 2025.



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THE GARDINS OF EDIN

by Rosey Lee

The four women of the Gardin family live side-by-side in Edin, Georgia, but residing in tight proximity doesn't mean everything is picture-perfect. Ruth runs the family's multimillion-dollar peanut business, a legacy of the Gardins' formerly enslaved ancestors. But tensions have intensified since the death of her husband, Beau, and she feels like an outsider in the very place she wishes to belong.

Sisters Mary and Martha fuel the family tension. Martha's unfounded mistrust of Ruth causes her to constantly seek ways to undermine Ruth's decisions with the business, while Mary, trying to focus on her new restaurant that serves healthy comfort food, is dragged into the family fray by Martha.

For years, Naomi, the matriarch who raised the sisters after their parents' death and supported Ruth in her grief, has played peacemaker. But as she decides to take a step back, hidden truths, life-and-death circumstances, and escalating clashes finally force the Gardin women to grapple with what it means to be a family.

A heartwarming Southern story of family and all its many complexities, *The Gardens of Edin* delivers a thoughtful portrayal of four women trying to hold on to their secrets. Women who just might—if they can only let go—find the peace they seek by holding on to one another.

Rosey Lee writes stories about complicated families and complex friendships, but a happy ending is guaranteed. A native of the Westbank of New Orleans, Louisiana, Rosey is a fan of good food and a good time. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

We have another novel signed up from Rosey Lee for May 2025.



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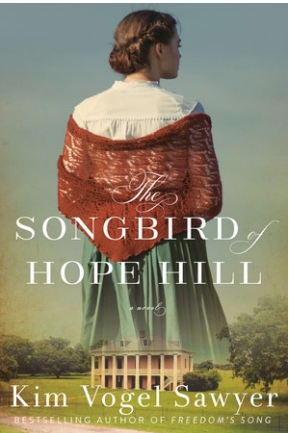
ANGEL BY THE SEA

By Nancy Naigle

ANGEL BY THE SEA follows the beloved characters from **THE SHELL COLLECTOR** after Whelk's Island recovers from a hurricane, and one couple explores whether love is still possible even in the fourth quarter of life.

Nancy Naigle is a *USA Today* bestselling author whose many contemporary romance novels include **THE SHELL COLLECTOR** and the Adams Grove, Boot Creek, and Christmas in Evergreen series. Several of her novels have been adapted to the television screen, airing on Hallmark Channel and Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, including the popular *Christmas Joy* and *The Secret Ingredient*. Nancy makes her home in Virginia.

We have another book signed up from Nancy Naigle for April 2026.



WaterBrook

April 2024

Trade Paperback Original
Fiction / Historical

Editor: Jamie Lapeyrolerie

Rights: World

Co-Agents: Christian

Status: Manuscript
available

THE SONGBIRD OF HOPE HILL

by Kim Vogel Sawyer

Birdie Clarkson only recently started working at Lida's Palace, a house of ill repute at the edge of Tulse, Texas. Abandoned and penniless, she turned to someone she thought was a friend, but instead it turned out to be a nightmare. She wants to leave, but doesn't know how. And how will she ever feel clean again? When Reverend Isaiah Overly and his son, Ephraim, arrive offering a safe haven and better life for any of the women who want to leave, Birdie takes a chance. Ignoring the madam's furious raging, she climbs into the back of the preacher's wagon.

The Reverend and his wife, Ophelia, welcome Birdie to Hope Hill, which they founded as a haven to teach women how to read and write, how to keep a house, and other skills necessary to ensure their future will be brighter than their past. Hesitant at first, Birdie soon joins the preacher at revival meetings and becomes part of the chorus, singing alongside Ephraim.

Reverend Overly's ministry is built on the premise that none are irredeemable. When romance develops between Ephraim and Birdie, will Ephraim be able to convince Birdie that God's redemption wipes the soul clean—or will she feel forever smeared?

Kim Vogel Sawyer is a highly acclaimed, bestselling author with more than 1.5 million books in print in seven different languages. Her titles have earned numerous accolades including the ACFW Carol Award, the Inspirational Readers' Choice Award, and the Gayle Wilson Award of Excellence. Kim lives in central Kansas with her retired military husband, Don, where she continues to write gentle stories of hope.

We have two more novels signed up from Kim Vogel Sawyer in 2025 and 2026.

Publishers of Kim Vogel Sawyer: Dutch: *KokBoekencentrum*; Dutch: *Kok Ten Have*; German: *Gerth Medien*; Romanian: *Life Publisher*

Children's

Middle Grade/YA, Adapted Young Reader's Editions, and Devotionals



WaterBrook

June 2024

Hardcover

Juvenile

Non-Fiction /

Religious

Editor: Sarah Rubio

Rights: World

Co-Agents: Christian

Status: Manuscript available

YOU ARE NOT ALONE: A Kid's Guide to Fight Anxious Thoughts and Believe What's True

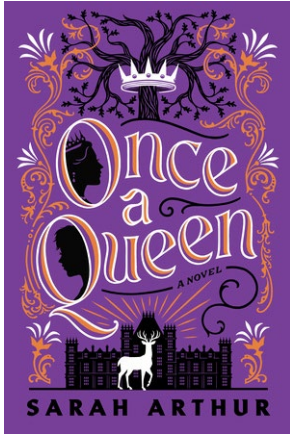
by Jennie Allen

New York Times bestselling author, visionary, and mom of four Jennie Allen offers a practical guide to help kids form positive habits and connections that are crucial to their mental and spiritual health.

Mental health tops the list of concerns for today's kids (and their parents). Kids also have to contend with constant input from the digital world, which is all too often detrimental to their wellbeing. In this edition for young readers, bestselling author Jennie Allen draws on the insights, truth, and experiences from her *New York Times* bestsellers GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD and FIND YOUR PEOPLE to help kids discover exactly how to change their thought patterns, control what they take in, and form healthy habits and relationships that will lead them to a life of peace, joy, and love.

Jennie Allen is the founder and visionary of IF:Gathering as well as the *New York Times* bestselling author of FIND YOUR PEOPLE, GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD, ANYTHING, and NOTHING TO PROVE (all published by WaterBrook). A frequent speaker at events such as Catalyst and Q Conference, she is a passionate leader, and Jennie earned a master's in biblical studies from Dallas Theological Seminary.

Publishers of GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD: Chinese (Complex Characters): *Business Weekly Publications*; Croatian: *Verbum*; Dutch: *Jongbloed Uitgeverij*; Farsi (Persian): *Koolehposhti Book Publishing*; German: *Gerth Medien*; Indonesian (Bahasa): *Light Publishing*; Korean: *Duranno Ministry*; Polish: *Wydawnictwo Esprit*; Portuguese (Brazil): *Editora Alta Books*; Romanian: *Curtea Veche*; Slovak: *Tatran*; Slovene: *Druzina*; Spanish: *PRHGE*; Swedish: *Sjobergs Forlag*; Ukrainian: *Svichado Publishers*



WaterBrook
February 2024
Hardcover
Young Adult
Fiction / Fantasy

Editor: Sarah Rubio
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Manuscript available

ONCE A QUEEN
by Sarah Arthur

In the first book in this new young adult fantasy trilogy, a teenage girl discovers that her estranged English grandmother was once a queen in a world she believed was mythical.

When fourteen-year-old Eva Joyce unexpectedly finds herself spending the summer at the mysterious manor house of the English grandmother she's never met, troubling questions arise, and strange things start happening in the gardens at night. Eva turns to the elderly housekeeper, gardener, and the gardener's grandson, Frankie, for answers. Astonishingly, they all seem to believe the old fairy tales she was told are true—that portals to other worlds still exist, though hidden and steadily disappearing. They suspect that Eva's grandmother was once a queen in one of those worlds. But Eva's grandmother denies it all. After a horrific family tragedy when she was young, her heart is closed to the beauty and pain of her past.

It's up to Eva, with Frankie's help, to discover what really happened, whether family relationships can be restored, and if the portals are closed forever. As she unravels generational secrets, Eva wrestles with the grief of a vanishing childhood—and the fear that growing up means giving up fairy tales forever.

Sarah Arthur is the author of a dozen books ranging from popular devotionals to serious engagement with literature. Her first book for teens was a bestseller in religious publishing and her writing continues to win awards. A graduate of Wheaton College and Duke University Divinity School, Sarah is a recognized authority on such authors as Madeleine L'Engle and C. S. Lewis, as well as on the intersection of faith and literature more broadly.

The next two books in the trilogy are set for January 2025 and January 2026.



WaterBrook
August 2024
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile Fiction /
Superheroes

Editor: Bunmi Ishola
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Manuscript available

THE MINOR MIRACLE
by Meredith Davis; Illustrated by Billy Young

Noah Minor is a pretty average kid. Nothing major has happened in his life except for the time he survived falling sixteen stories as a baby—and he doesn't even remember it. As he enters seventh grade, Noah is hoping to be less average and more extraordinary like his best friends. But during a standard vision test, Noah learns that he can manipulate gravity and a special section of the CIA called Gravitas wants to train him. He also learns that his fall twelve years ago wasn't an accident. It turns out his family's beloved great-uncle Saul dropped Noah as part of an illegal experiment, and is a wanted fugitive. Noah is simply ecstatic to learn that he has "super powers", but he quickly learns that unlocking and harnessing his power isn't so easy. Is Uncle Saul really the bad guy—or just the right person to help Noah reach his full potential?

THE MINOR MIRACLE includes 50 black-and-white illustrations.

Meredith Davis is the co-author of *HER OWN TWO FEET* (Scholastic), which earned a starred review in *Publishers Weekly*, was a Junior Library Guild selection, a nominee for the NAACP Image Award, and was *World* magazine's Children's Book of the Year winner for nonfiction. She once worked at an independent children's bookstore, started the Austin Chapter of SCBWI, and earned her Masters of Fine Arts in Writing for Children and Young Adults at VCFA.

The second book in this duology is scheduled for August 2025.

Billy Yong is an illustrator and character designer. He's been privileged to work on a wide range of projects, from picture books to middle grade novels, and even packaging for fish.



WaterBrook
October 2025
Hardcover
Juvenile
Non-Fiction /
Devotional

Editor: Bunmi Ishola
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated May 2025

TODAY I'LL BE A PENGUIN
by Valerie Ellis

This four-color devotional for kids ages 6 to 9 includes 52 devotionals that use engaging animal facts and biblical encouragement to inspire kids to grow in joy, kindness, love.

Valerie Ellis is a children's book author, speaker, certified teacher, and nonprofit consultant.



WaterBrook
March 2026
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile
Non-Fiction /
Devotional

Editor: Bunmi Ishola
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated November 2025

CHANGE IT UP!: A 30-Day Devotional for Kids
by Amanda Jass

This four-color devotional for kids ages 5 to 11 teaches kids how to tell the difference between the world's tugs and God's truth in the midst of big life changes.

Amanda Jass is a writer and illustrator of faith-based content and resources for children.



WaterBrook
September 2024
Hardcover/POB
Young Adult
Fiction / Fantasy

Editor: Bunmi Ishola
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Manuscript January 2024

BETWEEN FLOWERS AND BONES
by Carolyn Leiloglou; Illustrated by Vivienne To

Praise for BENEATH THE SWIRLING SKY:

“What a timely tale of uplifting the good and slow work of art-making. Carolyn Leiloglou sets out to restore humanity’s fractured connection with history’s great painters, and she pulls young readers in so close to historic works of art that they can almost smell the paint.”—Joe Sutphin, illustrator of the Wingfeather Saga and the official graphic novelization of WATERSHIP DOWN

This second book in the middle grade contemporary fantasy trilogy, following BENEATH THE SWIRLING SKY (WaterBrook, 2023). In the Restorationists series, a boy discovers his family is one of the last of the Restorationists, a secret society whose members are gifted with the ability to travel through paintings and sworn to protect the art from evil.

Carolyn Leiloglou is a writer who has been published in over a dozen children’s magazines, and her picture book LIBRARY’S MOST WANTED (Arcadia, 2020) was a 2021 WILLA Literary Award Finalist. She lives in Texas with her family.

Vivienne To is a New Zealand-based illustrator and artist who has designed several animated feature films and created illustrations for many middle grade books.

Rights sold: Greek: *Pedio Publishing* – 3-book deal

The conclusion of the Restorationists series will follow in September 2025.



WaterBrook

April 2025
Hardcover/
Juvenile
Nonfiction
Religion /
Personal Growth

Editor: Sarah Rubio

Rights: World

Co-Agents: Christian

Status: Materials estimated November 2024

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 6 x 8 in

Pages: 272

Illustrations: 4C throughout

Price: \$17.99

THE EMMAUS BIBLE STORYBOOK

by Matt Mikalatos; Illustrated by David Shephard

The account of the first Easter in the biblical Gospels includes a mysterious and lesser known story—an encounter between two grieving travelers, followers of the just-crucified Jesus, and an eavesdropping stranger—who turns out to be Jesus himself, risen from the dead.

THE EMMAUS BIBLE STORYBOOK follows two disciples fleeing Jerusalem, a mysterious stranger, and two children who can't help but join in the conversation. Along the way, they also interact with Jewish religious leaders, foreigners, and Roman soldiers, all of whom contribute to the stories and learn the good news about Jesus.

Matt Mikalatos is a Christian author, screenwriter, and speaker.

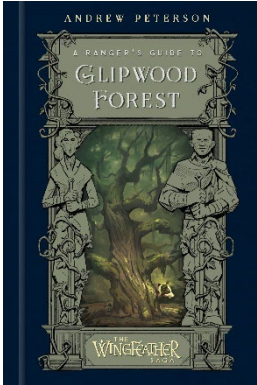


WaterBrook

Andrew Peterson
Author of the Wingfeather Saga

Editor: Sarah Rubio
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian

Andrew Peterson is the bestselling author of the Wingfeather Saga (the animated series adaptation from Angel Studios is [now streaming!](#)), a singer/songwriter, and the founder of The Rabbit Room, which fosters community through story, art, and music.



WaterBrook
November 2023
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile Fiction /
Religious
Status: Materials
available

A RANGER'S GUIDE TO GLIPWOOD FOREST
by Andrew Peterson

Wingfeather fans will want to make sure to pack this illustrated guide in their knapsacks, whether they're first-time visitors or repeat travelers to the always mysterious and sometimes treacherous Glipwood Forest.

A RANGER'S GUIDE TO GLIPWOOD FOREST is a detailed exploration of the region in Skree, longtime home of the Igiby family. Marvel at the majestic glipwood trees, poke around the (possibly haunted) Anklejelly Manor, dip your toes (if you dare!) into the mighty River Blapp, and try to avoid falling off a cliff edge into the Dark Sea of Darkness and getting eaten by a sea dragon. Both longtime Wingfeather fans and readers new to the series will be enthralled, tickled, delighted, and occasionally disturbed by never-before-known nuggets and familiar factoids about the longtime refuge of Janner, Tink, Leeli, and their family. Get a closer look than ever at the place where all the adventures began!

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 127 x 190 mm (5 x 7-1/2 in)
Pages: 128
Illustrations: 50-55 PIECES LINE ART; 2 MAPS
Price: \$14.99

WaterBrook

August 2024
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile Fiction / Fantasy & Magic
Status: Materials estimated October 2023

THE PRINCE OF YORSHA DOON
by Andrew Peterson; Illustrated by Kristina Kister

One of the popular Wingfeather Tales comes to life in a new fully illustrated picture book format for young readers. **THE PRINCE OF YORSHA DOON** tells the story of Safiki—already beloved by thousands of Wingfeather fans—as he emerges from his life of solitary freedom and becomes an accidental hero. Life on the streets of the bustling and mysterious city of Yorsha Doon can be hard, but Safiki loves his independence. But when he bumps into a stranger who's being far too conspicuous with the valuable book he's carrying, Safiki finds himself at the center of a noble but foolhardy rescue and discovers that he can be braver than he imagined, and that friendship might be worth the risk after all.

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 280 x 216 mm (11 x 8-1/2 in)
Pages: 40
Illustrations: 4C throughout
Price: \$14.99

WaterBrook

May 2025
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile Fiction / Religious
Status: Materials estimated February 2024

ON THE EDGE OF THE DARK SEA OF DARKNESS: *The Graphic Novel*
by Andrew Peterson

This is a graphic novel adaptation of the first book in Andrew Peterson's bestselling Wingfeather Saga, ON THE EDGE OF THE DARK SEA OF DARKNESS.

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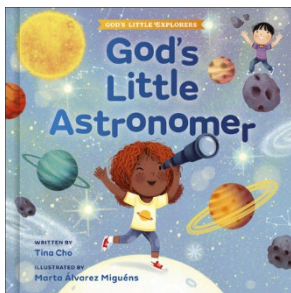
Trim Size: 152 x 229 mm (6 x 9 in)
Pages: 224
Illustrations: Fully illustrated
Price: \$14.99

Rights sold: Dutch: *Gideon*

Publishers of the Wingfeather Saga: Czech: *Albatros Media*; Dutch: *Uitgeverij Gideon*; German: *Permission Verlag*; Hungarian: *Harmat Kiado*; Korean: *Dasan Books*; Polish: *Szaron Grzegorz Przeliorz*; Portuguese (Brazil): *Editora Trinitas*; Romanian: *Editura Paralela 45*; Russian: *Eksmo*; Slovak: *i527.net*; Slovene: *Druzina*; Spanish: *LifeWay Christian Resources*; Ukrainian: *Bookchef*; UK/BC: *Hodder & Stoughton*

Picture Books

<div data-bbox="99 184 391 459" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>WaterBrook July 2025 Hardcover/POB Juvenile Fiction / Religious</p> <p>Editor: Bunmi Ishola Rights: World Co-agents: Christian Status: Materials estimated October 2024</p> <p><u>Title Specs:</u> Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in) Pages: 40 Illustrations: 4C throughout Price: \$12.99</p>	<p>CHICHI AND DIDI LOVE THEIR NAMES by Peace Amadi, Ndidi Amadi; Illustrated by Mervin Kaunda</p> <p>It's the first day of school for Nigerian American sisters Chichi and Didi! Both sisters start the day full of joy and excitement, but when the teacher takes attendance and the other students tease Chichi for her name, her self-confidence and pride in her Nigerian heritage is shaken.</p> <p>With the loving guidance of her parents and the support of her sister, Chichi discovers that names are important to God, to her culture, and the foundation of her identity. This prompts her to return to school with newfound confidence and pride, which spreads to the other kids in her class as they all learn to honor their own names, as well as each other's.</p> <p>Although most people now know Peace Amadi by her middle name, her first name is Chinyere and she is the real-life Chichi. Peace works as a psychology professor, author, speaker, mental health expert, and coach. She is also a social media influencer (@pinkcouchgirl), TEDx Speaker, and personal development coach.</p> <p>Ndidi Amadi is the real-life Didi and has grown up to become a social justice advocate, philanthropist, professor, and artist.</p> <p>Mervin Kaunda is an illustrator and character designer who has worked for Netflix, Toei Animation, and Disney. He is the recipient of several artistic awards including the Michigan Kalamazoo Animation and Film Festival award for best animation. Mervin currently resides in Zambia.</p> <p>This is the first of three Chichi and Didi picture books we have signed up from Chinyere Peace Amadi, with the next two to follow in 2026 and 2027.</p>
<div data-bbox="99 1171 391 1446" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>WaterBrook March 2026 Hardcover/POB Juvenile Fiction / Religious</p> <p>Editor: Jamie Lapeyrolerie Rights: World Co-agents: Christian Status: Materials estimated October 2025</p> <p><u>Title Specs:</u> Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in) Pages: 40 Illustrations: 4C throughout Price: \$13.99</p>	<p>NEVER ALONE by Faith Eury Cho</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Praise for EXPERIENCING FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD:</u></p> <p><i>"Experiencing Friendship with God is an answered prayer for the countless people who have longed to know God in a way that is deeply personal. This is truly a powerful guide on how to live and dwell with God, a 'how to abide in God with longevity and peace' book. A must-read for all believers."—Kobe Campbell, licensed trauma therapist and author of Why Am I Like This?</i></p> <p>A funny-yet-profound picture book about a little girl who lies awake at bedtime, wondering what it <i>really</i> means that Jesus is always with her.</p> <p>Faith Eury Cho has been a gospel preacher since she was 19-years-old. Currently, she is a pastor, a pastor's wife, writer, and an itinerant speaker. Faith is the CEO and founder of The Honor Summit, a nonprofit organization that centers Asian American women in the mission of God. Alongside her husband, Pastor David Cho, she is also the co-founder and co-pastor of Mosaic Covenant Church in NJ.</p>



WaterBrook
 February 2024
 Hardcover/POB
 Juvenile Non-Fiction/Science & Nature

Editor: Bunmi Ishola
Rights: World
Co-agents: Christian
Status: Materials available

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in)
 Pages: 40
 Illustrations: 4C throughout
 Price: \$12.99

GOD'S LITTLE ASTRONOMER
by Tina Cho; Illustrated by Marta Álvarez Miguéns

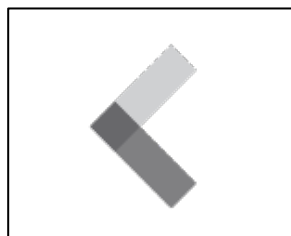
In **GOD'S LITTLE ASTRONOMER**, author and educator Tina Cho invites young readers to blast off to see God's creation in the heavens. From the sun, moon, stars, constellations, and comets, this out-of-this-world introduction to space will teach budding astronomers new words, facts, and concepts, while also encouraging them to see God throughout the universe, and reinforcing the message that the same God loves them too.

Each page includes fact-filled sidebars plus an accompanying Bible verse, making **GOD'S LITTLE ASTRONOMER** the perfect combination of faith and science for budding scientists.

Tina Cho teaches at an international school and writes for the children's and educational markets. Though she grew up in Iowa, she now lives in South Korea. She is the author of many books for young readers, including *RICE FROM HEAVEN* (Little Bee), *MY BREAKFAST WITH JESUS* (Harvest House), and *THE OCEAN CALLS* (Kokila).

Marta Álvarez Miguéns is a children's book illustrator based in Spain. She has won several awards like the Blue Spruce award, the Chickadee award, and the Beehive award for her book *SHARK LADY: The Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist* (Sourcebooks).

In June 2025, we have **GOD'S LITTLE OCEANOGRAPHER** forthcoming from this author/illustrator team.



Convergent
 September 2024
 Hardcover/POB
 Juvenile Non-Fiction / Religious

Editor: Sarah Rubio
Rights: World
Co-agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated February 2024

Title Specs:

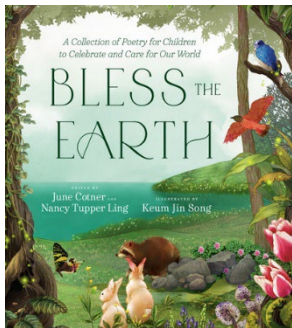
Trim Size: 187 x 229 mm (7-3/8 x 9 in)
 Pages: 288
 Illustrations: 50-55 4C illustrations
 Price: \$22.00

THE BOOK OF BELONGING: Bible Stories
by Mariko Clark; Illustrated by Rachel Eleanor

From author-illustrator team Mariko Clark and Rachel Eleanor, **THE BOOK OF BELONGING** is a beautifully illustrated Bible story book for modern and mindful kids, featuring diverse and beautiful stories focused on identity, wonder and contemplation. Originally launched [on Kickstarter](#), this is an updated story Bible that allows all young children to see themselves in the pages of God's word.

Mariko Clark is a writer and podcaster who previously edited philosophy and religion books with *National Geographic* and worked in advertising. She co-hosts The Pause Podcast, a devotional podcast focused on mindfulness and faith.

Rachel Eleanor is an illustrator based in Atlanta, Georgia, helping others to tell their stories through magazines, podcasts, picture books, shop windows, sides of buildings and packaging.



Convergent
 April 2024
 Hardcover/POB
 Juvenile
 Non-Fiction /
 Science & Nature

Editor: Bunmi Ishola
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials available

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 203 x 229 mm (8 x 9 in)
 Pages: 96
 Illustrations: 4C throughout
 Price: \$22.00

BLESS THE EARTH: A Collection of Poetry for Children to Celebrate and Care for Our World
 by June Cotner and Nancy Tupper Ling; Illustrated by Keum Jin Song

BLESS THE EARTH is a children’s anthology full of writings and illustrations that convey a spiritual perspective of caring for and appreciating the world. With the environment in the forefront of so many conversations, this book is the perfect way to acquaint children with the idea of respecting and being kind to our home. The writing is vivid and memorable, and offers concrete suggestions for little things children can do to make the world a better place.

June Cotner is the bestselling author of more than 36 books that have collectively sold more than one million copies. She is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, and she lives with her husband and their dog in Poulsbo, Washington.

Nancy Tupper Ling is a children’s book author and illustrator. She draws her inspiration from the multicultural background of her family and the interwoven fabric of familial culture which is, on the surface, seemingly everyday. She lives in Walpole, Massachusetts with her husband, Vincent, and their two girls.

Keum Jin Song grew up in South Korea. She studied illustration and design at National University. After earning her degree, Keum Jin now works as a full-time illustrator, who illustrated *Rice from Heaven* (Simon & Schuster). She is inspired by birds, trees, flowers and works both traditionally and digitally.



Convergent
 November 2023
 Hardcover/POB
 Juvenile Fiction /
 Native American

Editor: Sarah Rubio
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials available

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 280 x 216 mm (11 x 8-1/2 in)
 Pages: 40
 Illustrations: 4C throughout
 Price: \$14.99

WINTER'S GIFTS
 by Kaitlin B. Curtice; Illustrated by Gloria Félix

A vibrantly illustrated children's book about an Indigenous girl who finds awe in the resting and waiting that winter teaches us and shares with her friends how Creator's gift of gratitude can transform the way we see the world.

WINTER'S GIFTS is the tale of a young Potawatomi girl named Dani whose family celebrates the darkest season of the year by treasuring the slowness that winter brings. Dani's schoolmates think it's silly to think that Earth gives us presents, but on a magical snowy day, her family and Creator give Dani the courage to teach her friends about the gifts of winter—resting, remembrance, and gratitude. Can Dani help them receive winter’s gifts?

Kaitlin B. Curtice is a poet, author and public speaker. As an enrolled citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and someone who has grown up in the Christian faith, Kaitlin writes on the intersection of Indigenous spirituality, faith in everyday life, and decolonization within the church.

We have 3 more books signed with Kaitlin in 2024, 2025, and 2026.

Gloria Félix is a professional VisDev and Background artist from Mexico. She has over 8 years of experience as a Background Designer and Background Painter for animation.



WaterBrook
September 2024
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile Fiction /
Social Themes

NOT POP-POP
by **Angela De Groot**; Illustrated by **MacKenzie Haley**

NOT POP-POP is about a young boy who mistakes a homeless man at the library for his grandfather. A tender story of an intergenerational friendship that teaches kids about homelessness and the transformational power of empathy.

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During a visit to the library, Brian is sure he sees his Pop-Pop around the corner—same eyes, same beard, same bushy eyebrows. This man brushes his teeth in the restroom and his sneakers are patched with duct tape. Some people make frowny faces and even call him mean words, but Not Pop-Pop loves books, puzzles, and turtles, just like Brian.

The book also includes a kid-friendly resource for adults to begin conversations about homelessness, empathy, and ways that anyone can make a big difference in the life of a person in need.

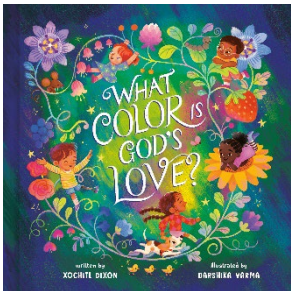
Angela De Groot was born in England, grew up in South Africa, and now lives in New Jersey with her family.

When she's not writing picture books and poems, you'll find her in the garden, digging in the dirt, and talking to the birds. A lifelong lover of reading, Angela teaches English as a second language and basic literacy at her local library.

MacKenzie Haley is an illustrator who. She received her bachelor's in fine arts in illustration from the University of Dayton, and currently lives in her hometown of Louisville, Kentucky.

Editor: Bunmi Ishola
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated January 2024

Title Specs:
Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in)
Pages: 40
Illustrations: 4C illustrations throughout
Price: \$12.99



WaterBrook
March 2024
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile Fiction /
Diversity &
Multicultural

WHAT COLOR IS GOD'S LOVE?
by **Xochitl Dixon**; Illustrated by **Darshika Varma**

This playful rhyming picture book invites young readers to discover all the ways God's love can be displayed through a rainbow of colors.

God created all the colors in the world, and in each one, we can discover how great His love is for us and how we can let that love shine to others! With each turn of the page, the focus shifts to a specific color--orange, yellow, blue, green, pink, black, white, gray, brown, red, purple--and explores a different attribute and expression of love through its many shades.

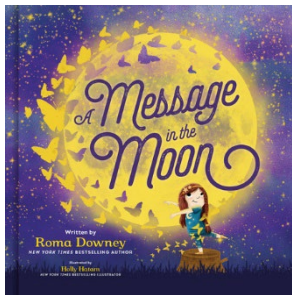
Xochitl Dixon is a writer and the author of WAITING FOR GOD: TRUSTING DAILY IN GOD'S PLAN AND PACE (Our Daily Bread, 2019) and the children's picture book DIFFERENT LIKE ME (Our Daily Bread, 2020). She lives in Wisconsin with her family.

Her next picture book, WONDERFULLY, MARVELOUSLY BROWN, is forthcoming in October 2024 and will explore the colorful world God created to reveal how He intentionally designed people to be beautiful hues of brown, from light to dark.

Darshika Varma is a children's book illustrator based in Mumbai, India. She can usually be found poring over a book and sniffing in the scent of inked pages, or taking long walks to draw inspiration for her vibrant illustrations.

Editor: Bunmi Ishola
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials available

Title Specs:
Trim Size: 280 x 216 mm (11 x 8-1/2 in)
Pages: 40
Illustrations: 4C throughout
Price: \$14.99



Convergent
October 2023
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile Fiction /
Family

Editor: Keren Baltzer
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Final PDF available

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in)
Pages: 40
Illustrations: 4C illustrations throughout
Price: \$15.99

A MESSAGE IN THE MOON
by Roma Downey; Illustrated by Holly Hatam

Throughout Roma Downey's life, she's carried a deep longing for her parents. However, no matter how much time crawls by, Roma draws comfort from the moon and knowing her parents are on the other side of Heaven sending unconditional love. Longing is a complex, complicated emotion. **A MESSAGE IN THE MOON** will gently explain to children that the longing for someone or something to return is something we all feel, but don't quite know how to express.

Whether your child is going to their first day of school, or their favorite stuffed animal is inexplicably gone, whether they are experiencing the loss of a grandparent or the loss of a goldfish, or a sibling has left for college, **A MESSAGE IN THE MOON** helps parents to explain to their little ones that to long for something or someone is to love and to love is the greatest gift of all.

Roma Downey is an Emmy-nominated actress and producer, *New York Times* bestselling author and has been creating inspirational content for twenty-five years. She gained fame for her role as the kindhearted angel Monica on the popular network show, *Touched by an Angel*. With her husband, Mark Burnett, their productions include *The Bible series, A.D, Son of God, The Dovekeepers, Woodlawn, Ben-Hur, and Resurrection*. Roma is president and CCO of LightWorkers Media—the faith and family division of MGM.

Holly Hatam is an author and illustrator working in book making and animation. Since 2015 she has illustrated over 30 books, written and illustrated six, and worked with numerous animation studios.



WaterBrook
July 2024
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile Fiction /
African American
& Black

Editor: Kimberly von Fange
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials available

Title Specs:

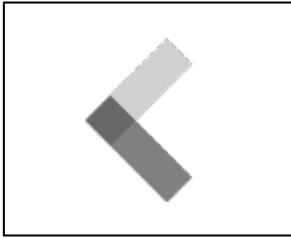
Trim Size: 280 x 216 mm (11 x 8-1/2 in)
Pages: 40
Illustrations: 4C throughout
Price: \$12.99

I GOTTA SING
by Alice Faye Duncan; Illustrated by Paul Kellam

From the author and illustrator team that brought you *THIS TRAIN IS BOUND FOR GLORY* comes another riveting interpretation of a beloved African American spiritual. With illustrations that pop off the page, rhythmic text, and onomatopoeia for the youngest reader, **I GOTTA SING** delivers a lively story that will quickly become a family favorite.

Alice Faye Duncan is the author of *THIS TRAIN IS BOUND FOR GLORY* (WaterBrook, 2023) among other picture books, including *OPAL LEE AND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE FREE, EVICTED!*, and *MEMPHIS, MARTIN, AND THE MOUNTAINTOP*, which received a Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor.

Paul Kellam is a graduate of The Art Institute and a freelance watercolor illustrator based in Florida.



Convergent
 March 2025
 Hardcover/POB
 Juvenile Fiction /
 Religious

Editor: Sarah Rubio
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated November 2024

Title Specs:
 Trim Size: 203 x 203 mm (9 x 9 in)
 Pages: 40
 Illustrations: 4C illustrations
 Price: \$17.99

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?
by Rachel Held Evans and Matthew Paul Turner

A four-color children’s picture book that explores the story of God, as told by the late author Rachel Held Evans and her co-author, Matthew Paul Turner. This is the next book from this author team, following WHAT IS GOD LIKE?.

Rachel Held Evans (1981–2019) wrote about faith, doubt, and life in the Bible Belt. Her *New York Times* bestselling books include *INSPIRED*, *SEARCHING FOR SUNDAY*, and *A YEAR OF BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD*. She served on President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and spoke often at churches, conferences, and universities around the country. Rachel's family calls eastern Tennessee home.

Matthew Paul Turner is a blogger, speaker, and author of several books, including the bestselling *WHEN GOD MADE YOU* and *WHEN I PRAY FOR YOU*. Matthew lives in Nashville, Tennessee, with his three children.

Publishers of *WHAT IS GOD LIKE?*: Dutch: *KokBoekencentrum*; German: *Gutesloher*; Korean: *Where the Wind Blows*



WaterBrook
 June 2024
 Hardcover / POB
 Juvenile Fiction /
 Action &
 Adventure

Editor: Sarah Rubio
Rights: World
Co-agents: Christian
Status: Materials available

Title Specs:
 Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in)
 Pages: 40
 Illustrations: 4C throughout
 Price: \$14.99

MY LIGHTHOUSE: A Story of Finding Your Way Home
by Ali Gilkeson; Illustrated by Lee Wildish

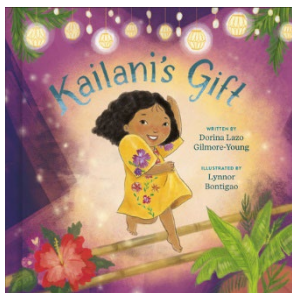
Based on Rend Collective's hit song, **MY LIGHTHOUSE** is a whimsical and tender tale of finding adventure, losing your way, and learning to appreciate what you already have.

Exasperated by trying to fit all his favorite things in a round house and tired of being so different from everyone else, a young boy named Fynn runs away from his lighthouse, seeking adventure on the sea. But when the winds and waves rise and things get very, very dark, Fynn finds that the light he needs most is the one that he's known all his life. A story with the same inspiring themes as the song, paired with whimsical illustrations by *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Lee Wildish, make this a tale families will return to again and again.

Ali Gilkeson is a performer, author, and speaker. She has traveled the world playing music and sharing stories with the band Rend Collective. After meeting her now-husband, Gareth, she joined Rend Collective and has been touring the world ever since.

A follow-up picture book by Ali Gilkeson is scheduled for June 2025.

Lee Wildish has been interested in illustration and art from a young age. As soon as he left university he started as a graphic designer for an advertising agency before venturing into greeting cards, and then illustrating for children’s books.



WaterBrook
 April 2024
 Hardcover/POB
 Juvenile
 Nonfiction /
 Family

Editor: Bunmi Ishola
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials available

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in)
 Pages: 40
 Illustrations: 4C throughout
 Price: \$12.99

KAILANI'S GIFT
by Dorina Lazo Gilmore-Young; Illustrated by Lynnor Bontigao

A picture book celebration of family, Filipino heritage, and dance that showcases the value of patience, perseverance, and blessing others with your gifts and talents.

As Kailani watches her siblings practice a traditional Filipino dance for their grandparents' anniversary party, she longs to join them. But keeping up with the rhythm and hopping in time with the beats of the tinikling is much harder than Kailani imagined!

With Daddy's help, Kailani practices the motions of the dance step by step. But will she be able to learn the tinikling in time to surprise her Lolo and Lola?

Dorina Lazo Gilmore-Young is a writer, speaker, former news reporter, and foodie. She is the author of CHASING GOD'S GLORY (WaterBrook, 2023). Her children's book CORA COOKS PANCIT (Lee & Low Books) received the Picture Book of the Year Award from the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association.

Lynnor Bontigao is a Filipino children's book illustrator.



Multnomah
 July 2025
 Hardcover/POB
 Juvenile Fiction /
 Religious

Editor: Kimberly Von Fange
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated October 2024

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in)
 Pages: 40
 Illustrations: 4C throughout
 Price: \$13.99

IF JESUS CAME TO MY SCHOOL
by April Graney

A four-color children's picture book that encourages children to make a difference in their schools through compassion, kindness, and inclusion.

April Graney is the author of the 2017 Christian Book Award finalist THE MARVELOUS MUD HOUSE (B&H Kids), a whimsical true story about finding contentment and joy based on her family's trip to Kenya. She has a Master's Degree in Biblical Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary and lives at New Life Ranch in Oklahoma with her husband and five children.



WaterBrook
October 2023
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile
Nonfiction /
Biblical Studies

Editor: Bunmi Ishola
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Final PDF available

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in)
Pages: 40
Illustrations: 4C throughout
Price: \$12.99

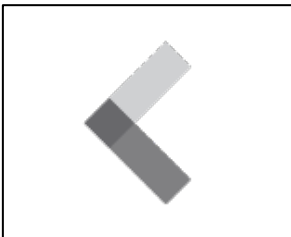
ONE PERFECT PLAN: *The Bible's Big Story in Tiny Poems*
by Nancy Tupper Ling; Illustrated by Alina Chau

A picture book that introduces young readers to the story of Bible—all in one sitting!—and invites them into God's great plan.

ONE PERFECT PLAN is a fun, accessible retelling of biblical tales through engaging poems by Nancy Tupper Ling—each three to six lines long—and breathtaking illustrations by Alina Chau.

Nancy Tupper Ling is a children's author and poet, and is the winner of the prestigious Writer's Digest Grand Prize and the Pat Parnell Poetry Award. She is the author of *MY SISTER, ALICIA MAY* (Pleasant Street Press), *DOUBLE HAPPINESS* (Chronicle Books), *THE STORY I'LL TELL* (Lee & Low Books) and the founder of Fine Line Poets.

Alina Chau is an award-winning filmmaker and artist. Her credits include the Emmy Award-winning *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* animated series, and numerous best-selling games. She illustrated *The Nian Monster*, which received the 2018 APALA Picture Book Honor. Her whimsical illustration style is highly sought after for art exhibitions worldwide. Her lyrical watercolors have garnered her a devoted fan base and the accolades of her peers.



Convergent
September 2024
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile Fiction -
Holidays &
Celebrations

Editor: Bunmi Ishola
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated February 2024

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in)
Pages: 40
Illustrations: 4C throughout
Price: \$13.99

ANDY JOHNSON AND THE MARCH FOR JUSTICE
by Esau McCaulley; Illustrated by Emmanuel Boateng

In this four-color children's picture book, the Johnson family attends a protest led by their church in Chicago.

Esau McCaulley is a professor of New Testament at Wheaton College and theologian in residence at Progressive Baptist Church, a historically black congregation in Chicago. He is the author of *SHARING IN THE SON'S INHERITANCE* and the award winning book *READING WHILE BLACK: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope*, as well as the forthcoming *HOW FAR TO THE PROMISED LAND*. He is a contributing opinion writer for the *New York Times*. His writings have also appeared in places such as *The Atlantic*, *Washington Post*, and *Christianity Today*.

We have two more picture books about the Johnson family signed up from Esau McCaulley, forthcoming in 2026 and 2027.



Convergent
 October 2023
 Hardcover/POB
 Juvenile Fiction /
 Social Themes /
 Values & Virtues

Editor: Laura Barker
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Final PDF available

Title Specs:
 Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in)
 Pages: 40
 Illustrations: 4C illustrations throughout
 Price: \$13.99

CORY AND THE SEVENTH STORY
By Brian McLaren and Gareth Higgins

A beautifully illustrated children’s book that shows us all how to find a new way forward in a world that can be scary for kids and adults alike.

Cory the raccoon and Cory’s best friend Owl love their happy, peaceful village and want to keep it that way. But things begin to change for the worse when some of their neighbors, including Badger, Fox, and Weasel, become fierce and angry critters who fight and bully others in the village, driving away those who they deem "dirty and bad." It breaks Cory and Owl's hearts to see their village filled with anger, fear, and fighting -- but what can they do?

Brian McLaren is a Christian thinker, author, and activist. A former pastor with a background in literature, McLaren is the author of over a dozen books, an Auburn Senior Fellow, and board chair of Convergence.

Gareth Higgins is a writer from Belfast, Northern Ireland now living in Asheville, North Carolina.

Rights sold: Hungarian: *Patmos Kiadó*



WaterBrook
 October 2025
 Board Book
 Juvenile
 Nonfiction /
 Religious /
 Sign Language

Editor: Bunmi Ishola
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated March 2025

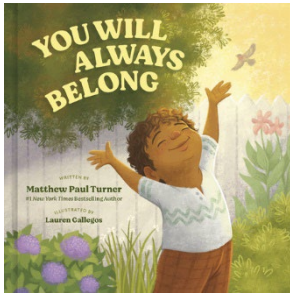
Title Specs:
 Trim Size: 152 x 168 mm (6 x 6-5/8 in)
 Pages: 20
 Illustrations: 4C
 Price: \$8.99

ASL GOSPEL SIGNS
by Janet Moreno and Jennifer Fusco

This four-color children’s board book shares the gospel message using American Sign Language.

Janet Moreno is the founder of Sweet Signshine and runs the popular social media account Deaf Motherhood with over 179k followers on Instagram.

Jennifer Fusco is an educator passionate about sharing God’s word through American Sign Language.



Convergent
March 2024
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile Fiction /
Religious

Editor: Sarah Rubio
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials available

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in)
Pages: 40
Illustrations: 4C throughout
Price: \$13.99

YOU WILL ALWAYS BELONG
by Matthew Paul Turner; Illustrated by Lauren Gallegos

Praise for WHEN GOD MADE YOU:

"WHEN GOD MADE YOU is one of the most beautiful, most compelling, and most life-affirming children's books I've ever read—it's OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO meets the Divine. This book is a gift for kids of all ages!"

—Amy Grant, six time Grammy Award-winning artist

YOU WILL ALWAYS BELONG is a joyous reminder that we were created by God with infinite beauty and purpose from the day we were born, just by existing as who we are, with all of our quirks and differences. In this hopeful and encouraging children's book, parents and kids alike will be encouraged to live confidently and freely as their whole selves, certain that God created everyone exactly as they are supposed to be.

Matthew Paul Turner is a blogger, speaker, and author of several books, including the bestselling *WHEN GOD MADE YOU* and *WHEN I PRAY FOR YOU*. Matthew lives in Nashville, Tennessee, with his three children.

We have a second book signed up for 2026.

Publishers of *WHEN I PRAY FOR YOU*: Chinese (complex): *Paul Publishing*; Farsi: *Mehr-o-Marh*; Korean: *Seoul Logos*



WaterBrook
November 2024
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile
Nonfiction /
Religious

Editor: Sarah Rubio
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated February 2024

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in)
Pages: 40
Illustrations: 4C throughout
Price: \$12.99

THE ROYAL IN YOU

by Jordan Raynor; Illustrated by Jonathan D. Voss

The second children's picture book from Jordan Raynor, author of *THE CREATOR IN YOU* (April 2022) as well as several bestselling adult books.

Scripture teaches Christians that we should look forward with hope and joy to the day when God will make all things new—so why do so many feel apathy or even dread when picturing God's heavenly kingdom? Far from being the end of our story, it's just the beginning of a new life filled with all the things we love about the earth—animals, music, adventure, and meaningful work—but without any of the things that make this world sad and broken.

Based on Scripture and told with the same engaging rhyme and epic illustrations that made *THE CREATOR IN YOU* popular, **THE ROYAL IN YOU** is sure to become a go-to resource and beloved readaloud for families of faith.

Jordan Raynor, the bestselling author of *MASTER OF ONE* (WaterBrook, 2020) and *CALLED TO CREATE* (Baker Books), leads a growing community of Christians seeking to more deeply connect their faith with their work. A highly sought-after speaker on the topic of faith and work, Raynor has spoken at Harvard University, SXSW, TEDx, and many other events around the world. Jordan has twice been selected as a Google fellow and served in the White House under President George W. Bush.

We have another picture book signed up from Jordan Raynor for July 2025, called *THE SPIRIT IN YOU*.

Jonathan D. Voss writes and illustrates stories for children. He worked as a portrait artist directly out of high school. And before turning his creativity toward books, he worked as a graphic designer. He lives in North Carolina with his family.

Publishers of *THE CREATOR IN YOU*: German: *Permission Verlag*



WaterBrook
April 2025
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile Fiction /
Science & Nature

Editor: Kimberly von Fange
Rights: World
Co-agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated October 2024

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in)
Pages: 40
Illustrations: 4C throughout
Price: \$13.99

MISS PRIM GOES WILD

by Katy Rose; Illustrated by Thai Phuong

A whimsical picture book follows the transformation of a cantankerous, strict older woman as she learns how nature's wild ways can heal both her yard and her heart.

Miss Prim had been called all kinds of things—precise, punctual, and practical. Sometimes even stern, strict, and scary. But never welcoming or whimsical, and certainly not wild. Miss Prim believed in no-nonsense. But that's all about to change when her prim and proper yard decides to go wild while she's away. Aghast at the grass, fuming at the flowers, and batting at birds, her strained efforts wane as the wild wonders begin to work their way into her hard heart, revealing its power to heal and restore.

Katy Rose is a writer, illustrator and painter. Her artwork can be seen at katyrosecollection.com.

Vietnamese illustrator **Thai Phuong** has worked with international publishers, magazines, brands, and universities.



WaterBrook
September 2024
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile Fiction /
Religious

Editor: Bunmi Ishola
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated January 2024

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8 ½ in x 8 ½ in)
Pages: 40
Illustrations: 4C throughout
Price: \$14.99

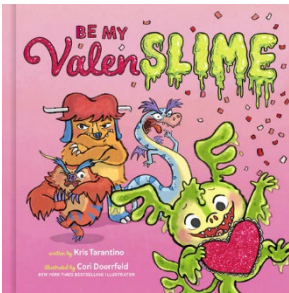
THE DELIVERER HAS COME
by Sarah Shin; Illustrated by Shin Maeng

A four-color children's picture book capturing the longing, wonder, and exhilaration of the Advent story, from the perspective of Anika and her great-aunt, the prophetess Anna.

Sarah Shin is a speaker and trainer in ethnicity, evangelism, and the arts, and she is the author of *BEYOND COLORBLIND* (IVP, 2017). A fine artist and painter, Shin has a master's degree in theology from Gordon-Cromwell Theological Seminary and a master's degree in city planning and development from MIT.

Shin Maeng resides in St. Andrews Scotland. He grew up in Bridgewater, NJ, New Haven, CT and Cambridge, MA. He is married to Sarah and has a wee lass.

Sarah and Shin are signed up for a follow-up picture book, *THE GREAT WAKING UP* in January 2025.



WaterBrook
December 2023
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile Fiction /
Holidays &
Celebrations

Editor: Bunmi Ishola
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials available

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in)
Pages: 40
Illustrations: 4C throughout
Price: \$13.99

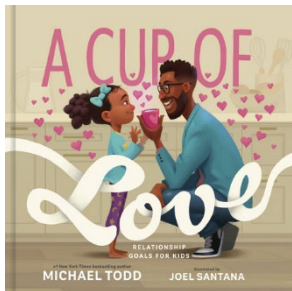
BE MY VALENSLIME
by Kris Tarantino; Illustrated by Cori Doerrfeld

A hilarious and heartwarming picture book about a sweet little monster who *really* wants to celebrate a not-so-monstery holiday: Valentine's Day... even though the other monsters insist that monsters *don't do* Valentine's Day. Together they discover the true meaning of love and how to show it in their monster way.

Kris Tarantino is a children's book author from San Antonio, Texas.

Cori Doerrfeld illustrated the acclaimed picture book *THE RABBIT LISTENED*, as well as popular books like *LITTLE BUNNY FOO FOO: THE REAL STORY* and *THE TRUE ADVENTURES OF ESTHER THE WONDER PIG*.

Two more picture books in the series are to come—*BEDSLIME FOR SNOODLE* in 2026 and *SLIME! FOR SCHOOL* in 2028.



WaterBrook
February 2024
Hardcover/POB
Religion /
Personal Growth

Editor: Sarah Rubio
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials available

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in)
Pages: 40
Illustrations: 4C throughout
Price: \$15.99

A CUP OF LOVE: *Relationship Goals for Kids*
by Michael Todd; Illustrated by Joel Santana

In his first children's book, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of RELATIONSHIP GOALS shares a tender story that helps kids understand how our families are strengthened by God's love.

Michael Todd is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of RELATIONSHIP GOALS and the lead pastor of Transformation Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His driving passion and the vision of his ministry is re-presenting God to the lost and found for transformation in Christ.

Based in Tampa, Florida, **Joel Santana** paints with a cinematic eye for light, colour and composition as well as a strong sense of narrative. He attended the High School of Art & Design in Manhattan before graduating from the International Academy of Art & Technology in Tampa.

Publishers of Michael Todd: Chinese (complex): *Maple House*; Estonian: *Million Mindset*; Hungarian: *Immanuel*; Norwegian: *Agape Forlag*; Polish: *MT Biznes*; Portuguese (Brazil): *Editora Alta*; Russian: *AST*; Spanish: *PRH*; Swedish: *Livets Ords*; Ukrainian: *Golden City Publishing*; Vietnamese: *Saigon Books*



WaterBrook
March 2025
Hardcover/POB
Juvenile Fiction /
Science & Nature

Editor: Bunmi Ishola
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated July 2024

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 216 x 216 mm (8-1/2 x 8-1/2 in)
Pages: 40
Illustrations: 4C throughout
Price: \$13.99

PLANTED
by Natasha Tripplett; Illustrated by Adriana Predoi

An illustrated children's picture book about a young boy who discovers through the lessons of his new foster mom's garden that he is wanted, loved, and will blossom in life.

Natasha Tripplett is a Jamaican Jewish American children's book author who is passionate about #ownvoices. She is also one of the founders and co-coordinators of the SCBWI Tapestry of Voices diversity initiative.

Natasha is signed up for a second picture book, DOWNTOWN DOORS in 2025.

Ink & Willow

Ink & Willow products infuse contemplation and inspiration into the regular spiritual practice of creative-minded Christians, wherever they are in their faith journey. Each thoughtfully curated gift product is based in biblical truth and sparks a reminder of how God reveals beauty in the midst of our ordinary.



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 Trade Paperback
 Original
 Religion –
 Devotional
 Journal

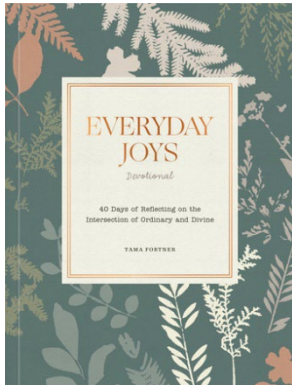
ENJOYING FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD by Faith Eury Cho

ENJOYING FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD will provide short encouragement, prayers, scripture reading, and journaling space as the reader grows in their understanding of the supernatural joy Paul experienced as he lived in friendship with Jesus, through the book of Philipians.

Faith Eury Cho has been a gospel preacher since she was 19-years-old. Currently, she is a pastor, a pastor's wife, writer, and an itinerant speaker. Faith is the CEO and founder of The Honor Summit, a nonprofit organization that centers Asian American women in the mission of God. Alongside her husband, Pastor David Cho, she is also the co-founder and co-pastor of Mosaic Covenant Church in NJ.

Editor: Jamie Lapeyrolerie
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated October 2024

Title Specs:
 Trim Size: 140 x 216 mm (5 ½ x 8 ½ in)
 Pages: 144
 Price: \$16.99



Ink & Willow
 February 2024
 Trade Paperback
 Original
 Self-Help /
 Journaling

EVERYDAY JOYS DEVOTIONAL: 40 Days of Reflecting on the Intersection of Ordinary and Divine by Tama Fortner

EVERYDAY JOYS DEVOTIONAL is an invitation to seek God and recognize Hisdivine presence in even the most "ordinary" moments of your day. Whether folding clothes, tackling the day's to-do list, or wondering how fingerprints got on the ceiling, you can join bestselling author Tama Fortner in seeing and experiencing the holy ground right where you are.

With forty short, sometimes humorous and always real and thought-provoking devotions, this interactive devotional invites you to ponder the possibilities of a life lived fully in the presence of God. Each devotion offers a prayer, a point to ponder, and prompts for journaling and reflection. The peaceful, foliage-inspired artwork throughout the devotional promotes a spirit of rest even in the busiest lifestyles.

Tama Fortner is a bestselling writer and ghostwriter with more than forty titles to her credit, including the Ink & Willow devotional SIMPLY CHRISTMAS and the ECPA Christian Book Award Winner HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD with Louie Giglio. As a ghostwriter, she has collaborated with some of the biggest names in Christian publishing to create inspirational books for children, teens, and adults. But her greatest accomplishments happenin a happy little home on the outskirts of Nashville, Tennessee.

Publishers of SIMPLY CHRISTMAS: German: *SCM Hanssler*

Editor: Leslie Calhoun
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials available

Title Specs:
 Trim Size: 152 x 203 mm (6 x 8 in)
 Pages: 176
 Illustrations: 4C photographs
 Price: \$17.00



Ink & Willow
November 2023
Hardcover/POB
Religion /
Devotional

REIMAGINE HOME: *Devotions, Recipes, and Tips for Loving Your Home Through Every Season*
by Sarabeth Galimba

Home—whether an camper van, mansion, or anything in between—is where we recharge and rest, where we learn and grow, and where we welcome others. And for Christians, our home should act as a small reflection of God's kingdom on earth.

Unfortunately, our homes often feel anything but peaceful, ordered, or representative of who we are. If this sounds familiar, consider **REIMAGINE HOME** a gift of inspiration and your personal invitation to quiet all voices of comparison and tune in to what really matters when it comes to your home—creating a space where you can know the love of God and share that love with others.

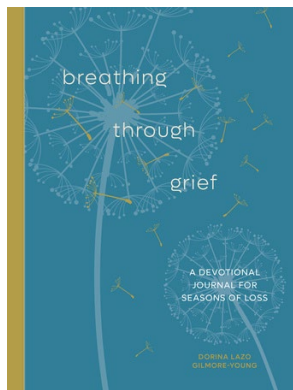
With twenty-eight devotions that span the four seasons of the year, **REIMAGINE HOME** encourages you to begin creating the home you want on a schedule that works for you, offering customizable tactics, helpful tips, and an undated format. Accompanied by beautifully inspiring, full-color photographs that inspire peace instead of perfection, this devotional provides a sense of calm to each day.

Sarabeth Galimba is a wife, mother of four, artist, interior decorator, real estate agent, and former youth pastor. When she is not working on a home project with her husband or trying out a new recipe, she enjoys spending time making memories with her family and sharing home styling tips through her Instagram account @ladyofthehome.

Editor: Leslie Calhoun
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials available

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 140 x 178 mm (5-1/2 x 7 in)
Pages: 176
Illustrations: 60-70 4C photographs
Price: \$16.00



Ink and Willow
November 2023
Trade Paperback
Original
Religion / Grief

BREATHING THROUGH GRIEF: *A Devotional Journal for Seasons of Loss*
by Dorina Lazo Gilmore-Young

Reflect on your unique path through grief with this guided journal, featuring compassionate resources, short devotionals, and heartfelt essays from the perspective of a woman who has walked her own journey of loss.

After the sudden loss of her husband, Dorina Lazo Gilmore-Young felt lost in her grief. With **BREATHING THROUGH GRIEF**, she provides a comforting, giftable resource for those who are processing their own loss, whether of a loved one, a season of life, or a dream. In addition to the twenty-five short devotionals that each focus on a different aspect of grief from Dorina's personal experience, the journal includes special resources such as breathing exercises, reflection questions, soul care tips, ample writing space, advice on how to talk to children about death, suggestions on how to approach triggers, and creative ways to honor a loved one's memory.

With a master of fine arts in children's literature and a passion for multiculturalism, **Dorina Lazo Gilmore-Young** is a writer, speaker, former news reporter, and foodie. Her children's book **CORA COOKS PANCIT** received the Picture Book of the Year Award from the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association.

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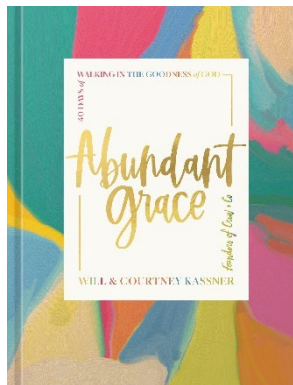
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Trim Size: 248 x 248 mm (9-3/4 x 9-3/4 In)
Pages: 96
Illustrations: 45 pieces line art
Price: \$16.00

WILDLY LOVED COLORING BOOK: *An Invitation to Joy, Hope, and Rest*
by Jena Holliday

With beautiful illustrations and inspirational quotes from celebrated artist and creative, Jena Holliday, **WILDLY LOVED COLORING BOOK**, invites you to find joy, hope, and rest as you spend time with her unique imagery. The empowering coloring pages feature original designs and quotes from Jena.

Jena Holliday is an illustrator and author from Minnesota. Her work can be seen on her [website](#).



Ink & Willow
April 2024
Hardcover
Self-Help /
Journaling

Editor: Leslie Calhoun
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials available

Title Specs:

Trim Size: 152 x 203 mm (6 x 8 in)
Pages: 96
Illustrations: Hand lettering
Price: \$18.00

ABUNDANT GRACE: *40 Days of Walking in the Goodness of God*
by Will & Courtney Kassner

ABUNDANT GRACE, the debut book from Crew + Co. founders Courtney and Will Kassner, invites creative believers to meditate on and engage with Scripture daily with devotions that are accessible, beautifully designed, and deeply encouraging. Divided into three parts—Knowing God's Grace, Trusting God's Grace, and Showing God's Grace, this 40-day devotional guides you in recognizing the small moments of grace around you and teaches you how to cultivate a grace-filled perspective in even the busiest lifestyle.

Each of the forty spreads pairs a full-color hand-lettered Bible verse with a thoughtful devotion that closes with either a prayer or a reflection question for helping you recognize how God's grace works in your normal, everyday life.

Will and Courtney Kassner are the owners and creators of Crew + Co., a small, faith-based business that focuses on encouraging and colorful family devotional products. They grew up in the Memphis area and now live close by in north Mississippi. Their three children, Crew, Grey, and Sutton, were the inspiration to start their business in 2015. When not at work, Will and Courtney love being outdoors with the kids, growing wildflowers, and camping. You can learn more about their business at www.crewandco.com.



Ink & Willow
November 2024
Trade Paperback
Original
Self-Help /
Journaling

BLACK JOY PLAYBOOK
by Tracey Michae'l Lewis-Giggetts

BLACK JOY PLAYBOOK helps readers find out what joy looks and feels like to them and guides them in recreating that joy in their present-day life.

Tracey Michae'l Lewis-Giggetts is a writer, educator, and the author or collaborator of eighteen books in several genres. She offers those who read her work and hear her speak an opportunity to explore the intersection of culture, identity, and faith at the deepest levels.

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Title Specs:
Trim Size: 152 x 203 mm (6 x 8 in)
Pages: 224
Illustrations: 5-10 2C
Price: \$18.00



Ink & Willow
September 2024
Hardcover/POB
Religion /
Devotional

WILD WONDER: *What Nature Teaches Us About Slowing Down and Living Well*
by Stephen Proctor

Tapping into this need for meaningful experiences in the great outdoors, visual artist and landscape cinematographer Stephen Proctor invites readers into a deeper appreciation for the natural world with **WILD WONDER**. In a voice that is both reverent and conversational, he urges readers to adopt an “overview” perspective of awe for God while appreciating our “small” place in creation.

Whether for avid outdoor adventure seekers or contemplatives who enjoy sitting in a garden or strolling in a park, the inspiring words in this devotional will draw readers back into an awareness of the beautiful world around them.

Stephen Proctor is a visual artist who specializes in landscape cinematography and aerial photography to curate calming, imaginative experiences. Many of his current collaborations are with film composers, ambient artists, and modern classical musicians. For the past twenty years, he has toured with various bands and authors, producing visually immersive experiences for live concerts and conferences all around the world. Stephen lives in a small cabin in the Columbia River Gorge just outside Portland, Oregon.

Editor: Leslie Calhoun
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated February 2024

Title Specs:
Trim Size: 152 x 203 mm (6 x 8 in)
Pages: 160
Illustrations: 65-75 4C photographs
Price: \$18.00



Ink & Willow
November 2024
Trade Paperback
Original
Games &
Activities /
Activity Books

Editor: Leslie Calhoun
Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated February 2024

Title Specs:
Trim Size: 127 x 178 mm (5 x 7 in)
Pages: 160
Illustrations: 2C illustrations
Price: \$14.00

THE BORED BOOK: *Activities and Mindful Fun for When You Don't Want to Scroll*
by Ink & Willow

Inspired by the rise of digital detoxing, **THE BORED BOOK** offers an alternative to mindless scrolling with mindful activities, games, trivia, conversation starters, and other fun prompts for counteracting moments of boredom. Designed to be flexible and compact enough to be taken on the go, there are also resources for those looking for ways to dig deeper during “in between” moments: breath prayers, Scripture memory tips, and reflection questions.

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Ink & Willow
January 2025
Hardcover
Self-Help /
Humor

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Rights: World
Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated November 2024

Title Specs:
Trim Size: 140 x 178 mm (5-1/2 x 7 in)
Pages: 96
Illustrations: 50 4C photos
Price: \$16.00

EVERY LITTLE THING QUILL BE ALL RIGHT: *Hedgehugs and Happiness for When Life Feels Prickly*
by Ink & Willow; Photographs by Audrianna Martin Del Campo

Cinnamon, the beloved hedgehog of professional photographer Audrianna Martin delCampo, inspires thousands online with her presence in adorably posed scenes. Now Cinnamon brings her one-of-a-kind inspiration to the written page in **EVERY LITTLE THING QUILL BE ALL RIGHT**, which pairs 45 full-color photographs with sweet mini-messages of encouragement.

Audrianna Martin Del Campo is a professional photographer and dancer who loves surrealism, storms, and hedgehogs. She and Cinnamon make their home in Toronto, Canada. See more of Cinnamon on Instagram @cinnamon.hodgepodge.



Ink & Willow
March 2025
Journals /
Religion

**THE STORY OF US: A Keepsake of Our Family's Memories and Traditions
by Ink & Willow**

Families are not only a blessing from the Lord; they're also a treasure trove of stories—from the mundane and memorable to the hilarious and heartfelt. With **THE STORY OF US**, you can finally record all those weird and wonderful stories that make your family unique and create a keepsake that is certain to become a beautiful part of your family's legacy.

This classically designed hardcover journal is divided into four sections that each chart a distinguishing aspect of your family: Who We Are, Where We Come From, What We Value, and Why We're Awesome. Within these pages, you'll find questions that will encourage you to discover new gems about your family or perhaps uncover favorite stories you may have forgotten. As you complete each section, whether individually or as a group, you will be able to identify what makes your family so special and recognize your vital contribution to your family's wider story. When finished, this journal will become a treasured keepsake to share with family members in every generation.

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Co-Agents: Christian
Status: Materials estimated September 2024

Title Specs:
Trim Size: 178 x 229 mm (7 x 9 in)
Pages: 80
Illustrations: 4C illustrations
Price: \$16.00



Ink & Willow
May 2025
Trade Paperback
Original
Religion /
Devotional

**SLEEP HABITS: Bedtime Prayers and Practices for Restless Nights
by Ink & Willow**

Peaceful, uninterrupted sleep has been eluding growing numbers of adults since 2020, with many experiencing fitful nights because of increased distractibility and anxiety. But while parents of sleep-troubled infants have shelves of resource books at their disposal, those eighteen and older are often harder pressed to find sleep-aid books directly tailored for their needs.

SLEEP HABITS offers the frustrated and sleep-deprived a soothing resource for those nights when they just can't fall asleep, whether because their minds keep cycling through the events of the day, fixating on future worries, or simply repeating that song or movie scene they can't get out of their heads. With peace-filled prayers and devotions, this gift book encourages readers to invite God into their nightly routines and "put to bed" all spiraling thoughts by writing them down. Additional features include bedtime stories, sleep tips, psalms, and inspirational quotes.

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Pages: 128
Illustrations: 4C illustrations
Price: \$12.00



Ink & Willow
June 2025
Hardcover/POB
Games &
Activities /
Guided Journals

**HEY, FRIEND: *I Wrote a Whole Book to Say Why You're the Best*
by Ink & Willow**

For when a regular greeting card just won't cut it, **HEY, FRIEND** offers a whole book of fill-in-the-blank prompts for you to share with your friend how amazing and important they are to you.

With over forty fill-in-the-blank lines as a guide, **HEY, FRIEND** invites you to record everything you love about your friend as well as your favorite memories and stories from your friendship.

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