

Nurturing for Community

Highlighted titles are Bonus Books and Count for Two

2015

Across Many Mountains: A Tibetan Family's Epic Journey From Oppression to Freedom

Yangzom Brauen

In this memoir, Yangzom Brauen tells the story of her now 90-yearold grandmother Kunsang (a nun) and grandfather's (a monk) daring decision to flee from Chinese controlled Tibet to India with her mother, then 6 years old. With little money and no idea of what they would meet along the way, they began their journey to cross the Himalayas on foot.

2015

End of Your Life Book Club, The

Will Schwalbe

“What are you reading?”

That’s the question Will Schwalbe asks his mother, Mary Anne, as they sit in the waiting room of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. In 2007, Mary Anne returned from a humanitarian trip to Pakistan and Afghanistan suffering from what her doctors believed was a rare type of hepatitis. Months later she was diagnosed with a form of advanced pancreatic cancer, which is almost always fatal, often in six months or less.

This is the inspiring true story of a son and his mother, who start a “book club” that brings them together as her life comes to a close. Over the next two years, Will and Mary Anne carry on conversations that are both wide-ranging and deeply personal, prompted by an eclectic array of books and a shared passion for reading. Their list jumps from classic to popular, from poetry to mysteries, from fantastic to spiritual. The issues they discuss include questions of faith and courage as well as everyday topics such as expressing gratitude and learning to listen. Throughout, they are constantly reminded of the power of books to comfort us, astonish us, teach us, and tell us what we need to do with our lives and in the world. Reading isn’t the opposite of doing; it’s the opposite of dying.

Will and Mary Anne share their hopes and concerns with each other—and rediscover their lives—through their favorite books. When they read, they aren’t a sick person and a well person, but a mother and a son taking a journey together. The result is a profoundly moving tale of loss that is also a joyful, and often humorous, celebration of life: Will’s love letter to his mother, and theirs to the printed page.

2015

January First

Michael Schofield

Michael Schofield's daughter January is at the mercy of her imaginary friends, except they aren't the imaginary friends that most young children have; they are hallucinations. And January is caught in the conflict between our world and their world, a place she calls Calalini. Some of these hallucinations, like "24 Hours," are friendly and some, like "400 the Cat" and "Wednesday the Rat," bite and scratch her until she does what they want. They often tell her to scream at strangers, jump out of buildings, and attack her baby brother.

At six years old, January Schofield, "Janni," to her family, was diagnosed with schizophrenia, one of the worst mental illnesses known to man. What's more, schizophrenia is 20 to 30 times more severe in children than in adults and in January's case, doctors say, she is hallucinating 95 percent of the time that she is awake. Potent psychiatric drugs that would level most adults barely faze her.

A New York Times bestseller, *January First* captures Michael and his family's remarkable story in a narrative that forges new territory within books about mental illness. In the beginning, readers see Janni's incredible early potential: her brilliance, and savant-like ability to learn extremely abstract concepts. Next, they witness early warning signs that something is not right, Michael's attempts to rationalize what's happening, and his descent alongside his daughter into the abyss of schizophrenia. Their battle has included a two-year search for answers, countless medications and hospitalizations, allegations of abuse, despair that almost broke their family apart and, finally, victories against the illness and a new faith that they can create a life for Janni filled with moments of happiness.

A compelling, unsparing and passionate account, *January First* vividly details Schofield's commitment to bring his daughter back from the edge of insanity. It is a father's soul-baring memoir of the daily struggles and challenges he and his wife face as they do everything they can to help Janni while trying to keep their family together.

2015

Round House: A Novel, The

Louise Erdrich

One of the most revered novelists of our time—a brilliant chronicler of Native-American life—Louise Erdrich returns to the territory of her bestselling, Pulitzer Prize finalist *The Plague of Doves* with *The Round House*, transporting readers to the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota. It is an exquisitely told story of a boy on the cusp of manhood who seeks justice and understanding in the wake of a terrible crime that upends and forever transforms his family.

Riveting and suspenseful, arguably the most accessible novel to date from the creator of *Love Medicine*, *The Beet Queen*, and *The Bingo Palace*, Erdrich's *The Round House* is a page-turning masterpiece of literary fiction—at once a powerful coming-of-age story, a mystery, and a tender, moving novel of family, history, and culture.

2015

Whatever Happened to Dinner? Recipes and Reflections for Family Mealtime

Melodie Davis

Part cookbook, part reflection on the changing role of dinner in our culture and part celebration of family and community that's what you'll find in *Whatever Happened to Dinner?* by Melodie M. Davis. It's a book that invites people to eat together, even as it acknowledges the challenges of living in a culture that often pulls us apart.

2015

When Pastors Prey: Overcoming Clergy Sexual Abuse of Women

Valli Boobal Batchelor, Editor

While clergy abuse of children has received worldwide attention, little has been written about the more widespread and devastating phenomenon of clergy abuse of adult women. This project addresses a problem that undermines the very foundations of institutional Christianity. *When Pastors Prey* not only brings forward the stories of many women whose trust has been abused, it also offers a helpful framework in which to understand and address the problem.

2016

A Waist Is a Terrible Thing to Mind

Karen Linamen

The architects of pop culture have never been the leading authorities on what is best for you. So, turn your back on the lies that you are not thin enough, not successful enough, and not glamorous enough! Physical perfection is not the goal.

Instead, let Karen Linamen take you on a journey from a limiting and unhealthy body-image to a life of feeling good about yourself—body included. When you learn the secrets in *A Waist Is a Terrible Thing to Mind* you can change what you crave, what you eat, how you think, and ultimately how you live.

Along with Karen's trademark humor, you'll find practical, common-sense tools to help you accept who you are today and take the steps that will make you the person you were created to be. Along the way, you'll enjoy the new, improved, imperfect you!

2016

Church and People with Disabilities, The

Peggy Johnson

This book, which will build awareness in the church regarding issues of disability, calls the church to provide full accessibility to services and opportunities and promotes advocacy for justice for people with disabilities. Unlike other categories of human experience, disability crosses all lines of gender,

orientation, ethnicity, socioeconomic position, age and culture A disability can happen at any time to anyone This book will encourage you to identify ways that your church can do more to be inclusive.

2016

Dreamers – An Immigrant Generation's Fight for Their American Dream

Eileen Truax

Of the approximately twelve million undocumented immigrants living in the United States, as many as two million came as children. They grow up here, going to elementary, middle, and high school, and then the country they call home won't—in most states—offer financial aid for college and they're unable to be legally employed. In 2001, US senator Dick Durbin introduced the DREAM Act to Congress, an initiative that would allow these young people to become legal residents if they met certain requirements.

And now, more than ten years later, in the face of congressional inertia and furious opposition from some, the DREAM Act has yet to be passed. But recently, this young generation has begun organizing, and with their rallying cry "Undocumented, Unapologetic, and Unaframed" they are the newest face of the human rights movement. In *Dreamers*, Eileen Truax illuminates the stories of these men and women who are living proof of a complex and sometimes hidden political reality that calls into question what it truly means to be American.

2016 *** Youth

Dreaming in Indian – Contemporary Native American Voices, for Youth

Lisa Charleyboy, Editor

Whether discussing the transformative power of art or music, the lasting trauma of residential schools, growing up poor, or achieving success, the contributors to this remarkable anthology all have something in common: a rich Native heritage that has informed who they are.

2016

House of Purple Cedar

Tim Tingle

"The hour has come to speak of troubled times. It is time we spoke of Skullyville." Thus begins Rose Goode's story of her growing up in Indian Territory in pre-statehood Oklahoma. Skullyville, a once-thriving Choctaw community, was destroyed by land-grabbers, culminating in the arson on New Year's Eve, 1896, of New Hope Academy for Girls. Twenty Choctaw girls died, but Rose escaped. She is blessed by the presence of her grandmother Pokoni and her grandfather Amafo, both respected elders who understand the old ways. Soon after the fire, the white sheriff beats Amafo in front of the town's people, humiliating him. Instead of asking the Choctaw community to avenge the beating, her grandfather decides to follow the path of forgiveness. And so, unwinds this tale of mystery, Indian-style

magical realism, and deep wisdom. It's a world where backwoods spiritualism and Bible-thumping Christianity mix with bad guys; a one-legged woman shopkeeper, her oaf of a husband, herbal potions, and shape-shifting panthers rendering justice. Tim Tingle—a scholar of his nation's language, culture, and spirituality—tells Rose's story of good and evil with understanding and even laugh-out-loud Choctaw humor.

2016

I Love Growing Older but I'll Never Grow Old

J. Ellsworth Kalas

Growing older is a process. Growing old is a conclusion. If you're growing older you see some hope because you have perspective and you keep learning. If you've grown old, you may cynically think that times have never been as bad as they are now, and that they can only get worse.

2016

In Capable Arms

Sarah Kovac

Sarah Kovac was born with Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC), a rare congenital birth defect that left her with arms that she could barely use. Growing up, she was the only one in her class with a disability, setting her apart as "different" and unpopular. Realizing her unique place in the world, Sarah began adapting, working to her strengths, and eventually learned to use her feet to do such activities as changing her son's diapers, making dinner, putting on makeup, and even typing on the computer--even as she grew in spiritual and emotional maturity and independence in exceptional ways.

Picked up by national news network CNN, Sarah's story went viral and she was suddenly presented with a platform from which to share her love for God. *In Capable Arms* brings readers on Sarah's journey, crying with her through intense frustration and the desire to be perfect, cheering her through physical training and pain, and admiring her eventual spiritual surrender as she let go of her insecurities and let God use her . . . even her crippled arms.

Sarah brings readers face to face with their own struggles, challenges them with questions about self-worth and fear, then offers guidance, wisdom, and inspiration for finding hope—and healing—in the arms of the One who loves them no matter what.

2016

Lend A Hand, for Children

John Frank

Making a difference in the world can be as simple as planting a tree, giving up your seat on a bus to a disabled person, or training a puppy to become a guide dog. These are just a few of the simple acts of kindness featured in this collection of fourteen original poems. Each poem emphasizes the compassion

and the joy of giving. Representing diverse voices different ages and backgrounds the collection shows the bridging of boundaries between people who are often perceived as being different from one another. The first step in bridging those boundaries is to extend a hand. John Frank is an accomplished poet and the author of several children's books, including three highly-praised poetry collections. Coupled with London Ladd's emotive illustrations, *Lend a Hand* demonstrates that empathy and social awareness can start at an early age.

2016

Miss Brenda and the Loveladies - One Woman's Brush with Prison

Brenda Spahn

For Brenda Spahn, entrepreneur and businesswoman, wealth was a lifestyle - until a brush with the law threatened to send her to prison. In those dark moments, Brenda made a promise to God. Spared incarceration, a renewed Brenda glimpsed into the lives of women serving time in one of the worst places in America - the Julia Tutwiler Prison for Women in Wetumpka, Alabama. What she saw prompted a God-inspired vision. With a heart to help and a will that couldn't be crushed, Brenda fought the system and overcame tremendous obstacles to take ex-cons into her own home and help them navigate the alien world of life on the outside. This is the story of Brenda's journey from rags to riches to redemption. It's the story of the first unlikely year of her 'Whole Way House' and of the extraordinary lives of the first seven women who came to call her 'Miss Brenda.' It's a story that testifies to the power of faith and how God changes hearts every day.

2016

Not Worth Saving – How a Severely Handicapped Boy Transformed Lives

Ann Joyner

Doctors told a young mother that her unborn child's life was *Not Worth Saving*. With the determination that mother found through faith, Matthew thrived, and he did live. He spoke without talking; he loved, laughed, and made friends—all without ever saying a single word. Matthew was a light and a joy to those who encountered him. In *Not Worth Saving*, Ann Joyner shares the story of her son Matthew's twenty-one miraculous and grace-filled years—and, unwittingly, reveals so much more about the number of lives and hearts Matthew changed, simply by being alive.

2016

This Far By Faith – Twenty Years at Cass Community

Faith Fowler

Through reports nationwide, including the Wall Street Journal and TV news, Americans are discovering Faith Fowler's ideas for transforming lives in Detroit's Cass Corridor. Known for her deep faith and creative ideas, Faith serves as one of the city's leading pastors and as a nonprofit entrepreneur. As a co-

founder of a wide array of Cass startups, Faith and her Cass community are turning one of the nation's most impoverished urban centers into a gold mine of talent and resources.

Now, Faith Fowler shares dozens of inspiring true stories of men and women who found new hope and were able to join in building a healthier community through Cass. Mitch Albom says: "The world waits for people like Faith Fowler. ... This memoir, like the author herself, is funny, poignant, moving, beautifully staged and oozing with a commitment to a simple yet profound idea: that other people are worth the trouble."

From turning trash heaps of old tires into a stylish line of sandals to a host of other startup businesses, Faith's work at Cass already has drawn nationwide attention. Headlines have chronicled her innovative ideas and her infectious belief that each and every life is valuable, despite the ravages of homelessness, addiction and violence. In this book, she shares the best of this inspiring community through stories of lives renewed and transformed.

2017 *** Youth

#Stolen—Is Social Media Stealing Your Identity?

Jessica Fralin

How many hours do we spend scrolling Facebook newsfeeds, retweeting something on Twitter, or posing for the perfect selfie on Instagram, hoping what we post will get likes and comments from our friends and followers? To get those likes, we post what is—according to social media standards—pretty, popular, and acceptable. We hide the messy parts of life, play up the fun times, and even twist the truth a bit so we look a little better, smarter, and funnier. But what happens when people start holding us up to these unrealistic standards? What happens when you realize that who you are on social media isn't who you really are? Have we let social media steal our identity?

In *#Stolen*, author Jessica Fralin uncovers our deep desire to be affirmed, valued, and loved and then points to the only place where that desire can be filled: in Christ not social media. She offers creative #FunFact, #GiveItATry, and #WhatDoYouThink callouts containing fun notes, activities, and ideas to discuss with your youth group and friends. As she tackles the issues and insecurities like popularity, body image, and cyberbullying, Jessica shows you how to find your identity in the one voice that really matters, not the million of voices online.

2017

Age of Dignity—Preparing for the Elder Boom in a Changing America, The
Ai-jen Poo

In *The Age of Dignity*, thought leader and activist Ai-jen Poo offers a wake-up call about the demographic reality that will affect us all. "We have more senior citizens in America today than we've had at any time in our history," Poo writes, pointing out that more than 14 percent of our population is now over sixty-five; by 2030 that ratio will be one in five. In fact, our fastest-growing demographic is the eighty-five-plus age group—over 5 million people now, a number that is expected to more than double

in the next twenty years. This change presents us with a new challenge: how we care for and support quality of life for the unprecedented numbers of older Americans who will need it.

Despite these daunting numbers, Poo has written a profoundly hopeful book, giving us a glimpse into the stories and often hidden experiences of the people—family caregivers, older people, and home care workers—whose lives will be directly shaped and reshaped in this moment of demographic change. *The Age of Dignity* outlines a road map for how we can become a more caring nation, providing solutions for fixing our fraying safety net while also increasing opportunities for women, immigrants, and the unemployed in our workforce. As Poo has said, “Care is the strategy and the solution toward a better future for all of us.”

2017

Broken & Blessed—God Changes the World One Person and One Family at a Time

Jessica LaGrone

A little nod to those of us who are still feeling slightly half-baked: those with struggling families, cracked relationships, and a world that's showing a little wear around the seams. When God wants to create the remarkable, He chooses to work with the less-than-perfect.

Genesis is a book of beginnings. It is deeply concerned with the origins of things—of the universe, of humankind, of relationships, of sin, of civilization, of families, and of one special family created and chosen by God to be the instrument through which He would bless the world. That family is our family, yours and mine. Like all good family stories, it starts with not just a something or somewhere, but a someone.

Part memoir, part biblical inspiration story, *Broken & Blessed* is about how change begins when one person decides to believe God's promises and how that makes a change in a family, like ripples on water.

2017

I'll Be Right There

Kyung-Sook

Set in 1980s South Korea amid the tremors of political revolution, *I'll Be Right There* follows Jung Yoon, a highly literate, twenty-something woman, as she recounts her tragic personal history as well as those of her three intimate college friends. When Yoon receives a distressing phone call from her ex-boyfriend after eight years of separation, memories of a tumultuous youth begin to resurface, forcing her to re-live the most intense period of her life. With profound intellectual and emotional insight, she revisits the death of her beloved mother, the strong bond with her now-dying former college professor, the excitement of her first love, and the friendships forged out of a shared sense of isolation and grief.

Yoon's formative experiences, which highlight both the fragility and force of personal connection in an era of absolute uncertainty, become immediately palpable. Shin makes the foreign and esoteric utterly

familiar: her use of European literature as an interpreter of emotion and experience bridges any gaps between East and West. Love, friendship, and solitude are the same everywhere, as this book makes poignantly clear.

2017

Launch Your Encore—Finding Adventure & Purpose Later in Life

Hans Finzel & Rick Hicks

In 2011, the first of the 76 million baby boomers--nearly a quarter of the US population--began turning 65. Every day for the next fifteen years, over ten thousand of them will celebrate that birthday. And for the first time in history, this generation will enjoy many years post-career pursuing meaning and purpose outside of traditional retirement. What will they do with that time? One thing is for sure: most of them want to find something meaningful. This book lays out the choices to be made to find fulfillment in the encore years of life. *Launch Your Encore* is a game plan for life after one's main-act career. Hans Finzel and Rick Hicks show boomers how to enter this new stage of life poised for personal satisfaction and contributions to society. They offer tested advice on finding new life potential and thriving in these later decades of life. With real-life examples of people who have made the transition from full-time work to volunteering, ministry, or even second careers, *Launch Your Encore* shows boomers how to make an impact later in life.

2017

Money on Purpose—Finding a Faith-Filled Balance

Shayna Lear

Are you a saver or a spender, an investor or a giver? Financial advisor and seminary graduate Shayna Lear invites you to discover the four purposes of money and the biblical foundations for those purposes. Each one has its rewards and its risks when taken to extreme, and Scripture observes it all. Take the authors quiz to discover your own financial personality, and then learn practical and faithful strategies to restore a healthy and faith-filled balance to your financial life.

2017 *** Youth

Perfect Place, The

Teresa E. Harris

Treasure's dad has disappeared, and her mom sets out to track him down, leaving twelve-year-old Treasure and her little sister, Tiffany, in small-town Virginia with their eccentric, dictatorial Great-Aunt Grace. GAG (as the girls refer to her) is a terrible cook, she sets off Treasure's asthma with her cat and her chain smoking, and her neighbors suspect her in the recent jewel thefts. As the hope of finding their dad fades, the girls and their great-aunt begin to understand and accommodate one another. When a final dash to their dad's last known address proves unsuccessful, Treasure has to accept that he's gone for good. When she goes back to Great-Aunt Grace's, it is the first time she has returned to a place

instead of just moving on. Convincing, fully realized characters, a snarky narrative voice, and laugh-aloud funny dialogue make *The Perfect Place* a standout among stories of adjustment and reconfigured families.

2017 *** Youth

Remember Dippy

Shirley Reva Vernuck

Johnny's plans fly out the window when he finds out his single mother is leaving town for the summer. She has a breakthrough job in upstate New York. He can live with his Aunt Collette but only on the condition that he "help out with" his autistic older cousin, Remember. Yup, you heard it right: *Remember Dippy*. That's his cousin's name—and Remember is a gawky awkward kid with some pretty strange habits, like repeating back almost everything Johnny says and spending hours glued to the weather channel. Johnny's premonitions of disaster appear at first to come to cringeworthy fruition, but when the two boys save a bully from drowning, salvage the pizzeria guy's romance, and share girl troubles, Johnny ends up having the summer of his life.

2017

Seamless Faith—Simple Practices for Daily Family Life

Traci Smith

Faith is learned when it is woven seamlessly into the fabric of everyday life. In *Seamless Faith*, author Traci Smith shares dozens of simple practices to equip families of all kinds with the tools they need for bringing faith home. Filled with easy-to-organize traditions, ceremonies, and spiritual practices for many of life's stressful and faith-filled moments, this is a resource parents will return to for years to come.

2017

Slowing Time—Seeing the Sacred Outside Your Kitchen Door

Barbara Mahany

Barbara Mahany believes the sacred is all around, within finger's reach--here to be gathered, culled, collected, through the simple yet complex art of paying attention, of savoring the moment, of cultivating stillness. Making room for God and illuminating the Godly specks in the everyday. Noticing the seen, revealing the unseen, and pinpointing the divine in both. The book sifts through the terrain of three particular landscapes where the author most often encounters the stirrings of the Divine: under heaven's dome; on the front lines of the homefront; and in the unspooling of the seasons. The most essential prayer, often, is the life closely examined, held up to the light.

By probing deeply the nooks and crannies of the home-front, the author points out that the reader need not venture far to find what matters most. And the questions stirred will linger, long after the page is turned.

2017

Voices of the Faithful

Beth Moore

Loving the world like God does involves extreme sacrifice. Living the passionate, courageous life Jesus challenged us all to live also has radical effects, demonstrated in these 366 true accounts of fellow believers from around the world:

- A Christian claims the names of God at knifepoint— and lives to tell about it . . .
- Prayer revives a coma victim, in defiance of village witch doctors . . .
- A former Muslim finds forgiveness in the Jesus she denied . . .
- Prayer walking college students lay a foundation for spiritual revival in West Africa . . .

If you're bored with your comfort-fit Christianity, if you're ready for God to shake you awake, then take the challenge. Find out in these pages what on earth God is doing in your generation . . .and discover your role in making a difference in the world.

2018

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States

Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

Today in the United States, there are more than five hundred federally recognized Indigenous nations comprising nearly three million people, descendants of the fifteen million Native people who once inhabited this land. The centuries-long genocidal program of the US settler-colonial regimen has largely been omitted from history. Now, for the first time, acclaimed historian and activist Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz offers a history of the United States told from the perspective of Indigenous peoples and reveals how Native Americans, for centuries, actively resisted expansion of the US empire.

In *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*, Dunbar-Ortiz adroitly challenges the founding myth of the United States and shows how policy against the Indigenous peoples was colonialist and designed to seize the territories of the original inhabitants, displacing or eliminating them. And as Dunbar-Ortiz reveals, this policy was praised in popular culture, through writers like James Fenimore Cooper and Walt Whitman, and in the highest offices of government and the military. Shockingly, as the genocidal policy reached its zenith under President Andrew Jackson, its ruthlessness was best articulated by US Army general Thomas S. Jesup, who, in 1836, wrote of the Seminoles: "The country can be rid of them only by exterminating them."

Spanning more than four hundred years, this classic bottom-up peoples' history radically reframes US history and explodes the silences that have haunted our national narrative.

2018

Book of Joy, The

Dalai Lama XIV and Desmond Tutu

Two great spiritual masters share their own hard-won wisdom about living with joy even in the face of adversity.

The occasion was a big birthday. And it inspired two close friends to get together in Dharamsala for a talk about something very important to them. The friends were His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The subject was joy. Both winners of the Nobel Prize, both great spiritual masters and moral leaders of our time, they are also known for being among the most infectiously happy people on the planet.

From the beginning the book was envisioned as a three-layer birthday cake: their own stories and teachings about joy, the most recent findings in the science of deep happiness, and the daily practices that anchor their own emotional and spiritual lives. Both the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Tutu have been tested by great personal and national adversity, and here they share their personal stories of struggle and renewal. Now that they are both in their eighties, they especially want to spread the core message that to have joy yourself, you must bring joy to others.

Most of all, during that landmark week in Dharamsala, they demonstrated by their own exuberance, compassion, and humor how joy can be transformed from a fleeting emotion into an enduring way of life.

2018

Detained and Deported

Margaret Regan

On a bright Phoenix morning, Elena Santiago opened her door to find her house surrounded by a platoon of federal immigration agents. Her children screamed as the officers handcuffed her and drove her away. Within hours, she was deported to the rough border town of Nogales, Sonora, with nothing but the clothes on her back. Her two-year-old daughter and fifteen-year-old son, both American citizens, were taken by the state of Arizona and consigned to foster care. Their mother's only offense: living undocumented in the United States.

Immigrants like Elena, who've lived in the United States for years, are being detained and deported at unprecedented rates. Thousands languish in detention centers—often torn from their families—for months or even years. Deportees are returned to violent Central American nations or unceremoniously dropped off in dangerous Mexican border towns. Despite the dangers of the desert crossing, many immigrants will slip across the border again, stopping at nothing to get home to their children.

Drawing on years of reporting in the Arizona-Mexico borderlands, journalist Margaret Regan tells their poignant stories. Inside the massive Eloy Detention Center, a for-profit private prison in Arizona, she meets detainee Yolanda Fontes, a mother separated from her three small children. In a Nogales soup

kitchen, deportee Gustavo Sanchez, a young father who'd lived in Phoenix since the age of eight, agonizes about the risks of the journey back.

Regan demonstrates how increasingly draconian detention and deportation policies have broadened police powers, while enriching a private prison industry whose profits are derived from human suffering. She also documents the rise of resistance, profiling activists and young immigrant "Dreamers" who are fighting for the rights of the undocumented.

Compelling and heart-wrenching, *Detained and Deported* offers a rare glimpse into the lives of people ensnared in America's immigration dragnet.

2018

Good Health, Good Life

Joyce Meyer

Meeting the demands of your busy life may leave little time for you to focus on maintaining your personal well-being. But it is important to remember that each part of you—mind, body, and emotions—serves a purpose in God's exciting plan for your future. Embracing a healthier lifestyle will help you fully experience all the good things He has in store for you.

Joyce Meyer, #1 New York Times bestselling author, understands that modern life is hectic and has created a practical plan for achieving good health, one day at a time. Her easy-to-use 12-Key Plan for Good Health will help you develop life-changing habits for a healthier lifestyle, no matter what your current level of health. By following her simple, yet effective tips on eating, exercise, rest, and stress management, you will unlock a new level of well-being, empowering you to live the fulfilling life you were meant to lead.

2018 ***Children

I Am a Bear

Jean-Francois Dumont

Life isn't easy for a bear. Not when he has to sleep on the sidewalk among cardboard boxes and old clothes. Not when he lives in a city full of people who are repulsed by him. Not when he's hungry and homeless. But one day a young girl smiles at the bear, and he realizes that maybe there is something that could make life a bit easier -- a friend.

This poignant, heartwarming tale will move readers of all ages and inspire them to be more compassionate and empathetic towards others.

2018

On Pluto

Greg O'Brien

This is a book about living with Alzheimer's, not dying with it. It is a book about hope, faith, and humor—a prescription far more powerful than the conventional medication available today to fight this disease.

Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S.—and the only one of these diseases on the rise. More than 5 million Americans have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or a related dementia; about 35 million people worldwide.

Greg O'Brien, an award-winning investigative reporter, has been diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's and is one of those faceless numbers. Acting on long-term memory and skill coupled with well-developed journalistic grit, O'Brien decided to tackle the disease and his imminent decline by writing frankly about the journey. O'Brien is a master storyteller. His story is naked, wrenching, and soul searching for a generation and their loved ones about to cross the threshold of this death in slow motion. *On Pluto: Inside the Mind of Alzheimer's* is a trail-blazing roadmap for a generation—both a “how to” for fighting a disease, and a “how not” to give up!

2018

Passing It On

Kara Lassen Oliver

In *Passing It On*, Kara Lassen Oliver provides a practical guide to help parents, grandparents, and other concerned adults nurture their children's faith. For four weeks at a time, she offers easy-to-follow suggestions for families during the seasons of Advent, Lent, summer, and back to school.

The most valuable legacy we can pass to our children, grandchildren, and other children is a spiritual heritage. Kara Oliver shows us how to do just that.

2018 ***Youth

Three Feathers

Richard Van Camp

Three young men -- Flinch, Bryce, and Rupert -- have vandalized their community. They are sent by its Elders to live nine months on the land as part of the circle sentencing process. There, the young men learn to take responsibility for their actions and acquire the humility required to return home. But will they be forgiven for what they have done? *Three Feathers* explores the power and grace of restorative justice in one Northern Indigenous community and the cultural legacy that can empower future generations.

2018

Trouble I've Seen

Drew G. I. Hart

What if racial reconciliation doesn't look like what you expected? The high-profile killings of young black men and women by white police officers, and the protests and violence that ensued have convinced many white Christians to reexamine their intuitions when it comes to race and justice.

In this provocative book, theologian and blogger Drew G. I. Hart places police brutality, mass incarceration, anti-black stereotypes, poverty, and everyday acts of racism within the larger framework of white supremacy. He argues that white Christians have repeatedly gotten it wrong about race because dominant culture and white privilege have so thoroughly shaped their assumptions. He also challenges black Christians about neglecting the most vulnerable in their own communities. Leading readers toward Jesus, Hart offers concrete practices for churches that seek solidarity with the oppressed and are committed to racial justice.

2018

When Breath Becomes Air

Paul Kalanithi

At the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing a decade's worth of training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. And just like that, the future he and his wife had imagined evaporated. *When Breath Becomes Air* chronicles Kalanithi's transformation from a naïve medical student "possessed," as he wrote, "by the question of what, given that all organisms die, makes a virtuous and meaningful life" into a neurosurgeon at Stanford working in the brain, the most critical place for human identity, and finally into a patient and new father confronting his own mortality.

What makes life worth living in the face of death? What do you do when the future, no longer a ladder toward your goals in life, flattens out into a perpetual present? What does it mean to have a child, to nurture a new life as another fades away? These are some of the questions Kalanithi wrestles with in this profoundly moving, exquisitely observed memoir.

Paul Kalanithi died in March 2015, while working on this book, yet his words live on as a guide and a gift to us all. "I began to realize that coming face to face with my own mortality, in a sense, had changed nothing and everything," he wrote. "Seven words from Samuel Beckett began to repeat in my head: 'I can't go on. I'll go on.'" *When Breath Becomes Air* is an unforgettable, life-affirming reflection on the challenge of facing death and on the relationship between doctor and patient, from a brilliant writer who became both.

2019 *** Children

All the Colors We Are: The Story of How We Get Our Skin Color

Katie Kissinger

Colorful photographs and engaging English/Spanish text showcase the beautiful diversity of skin color. This twentieth anniversary edition offers young children a simple, scientifically accurate explanation for how we get our skin color. Understanding melanin frees children from myths and stereotypes and helps

celebrate one of the ways we are special and different from one another—our skin color.

2019

Better – Waking Up to Who We Could Be

Melvin Bray

What if we could actually change the world by telling better stories? What if the world we have—with its racism, sexism, heterosexism, ableism, religious hatred, ecological disregard—is exactly the world we have spun into existence through the stories we have told?

In his new book, Melvin Bray insists that a better world is possible if the stories around which we organize our lives begin to match the beauty we imagine is possible. Bray puts forth his own daring yet faithful reimaginings of classic faith stories that inspire more beautiful, more just, more virtue-filled ways of being in the world.

Better offers a spiritual path on which people—for whom life has called into question many of their assumptions about God and the world—can continue to hold onto their faith, while joining others of goodwill in seeking sustainable, cooperative, and courageous answers to the seemingly intractable problems of our time.

2019 *** Youth

Dear Ijeawele, or a Feminist Manifesto in Fifteen Suggestions

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

A few years ago, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie received a letter from a childhood friend, a new mother who wanted to know how to raise her baby girl to be a feminist. *Dear Ijeawele* is Adichie's letter of response: fifteen invaluable suggestions—direct, wryly funny, and perceptive—for how to empower a daughter to become a strong, independent woman. Filled with compassionate guidance and advice, it gets right to the heart of sexual politics in the twenty-first century, and starts a new and urgently needed conversation about what it really means to be a woman today.

2019

Deep Denial: The Persistence of White Supremacy in United States History and Life

David Billings

Why is racism still with us, and what can the Civil Rights Movement tell us about today? David Billings, a self-described “son of the South,” tackles these questions in his well-researched, deeply personal and eminently readable new book, *Deep Denial: The Persistence of White Supremacy in United States History and Life*.

Part I of *Deep Denial*, takes a broad historical view. Beginning in seventeenth century Virginia up through World War II, Billings looks at the origins of white supremacy as a structural feature of US society and

describes its evolution over time.

Part II features the Civil Rights Movement, how it emerged in the post-WWII era, how the struggle was waged in the 1950s and '60s, and how it subsequently morphed from a community-led, issue-based movement to a government-sponsored, needs-based nonprofit industry that remains with us today.

Known to thousands as a master storyteller, Billings begins each chapter with an intimate and unsparingly personal account from his own life. After drawing the reader into his topic, he lays out the historical facts, while still retaining the storyteller's sense of engagement with the reader.

This masterful nonfiction narrative is told by an admittedly white man who has spent half a century working for racial justice. Born and raised in McComb County, Mississippi, the site of some of the fiercest struggles of the Civil Rights Movement, Billings' family rubbed shoulders with the KKK yet never succumbed to the hatred that surrounded them. Through a series of life experiences, Billings became one of a small number of founding members of the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, a New Orleans-based group led by people of color and the premier anti-racism training group in the country. Since then Billings has trained tens of thousands of people, of all races, on the very questions he writes about.

Often when doing a workshop, people would ask him about "his book." Given the scope of his knowledge and experience, and his skill as a storyteller, people just assumed he had written one. He was always too busy. But now, semi-retired, he has. *Deep Denial* is the result so many have been waiting for.

2019

Hidden Life Awakened, The

Kitty Crenshaw and Cathy Snapp

When Betty Skinner was 42, her doctor told her, "You have a hole in your soul."

In the 50 years that followed, Betty, now in her 90s, clinging only to her faith and a glimmer of hope, journeyed from desperate clinical depression to wholeness and profound wisdom—well before anti-depressants and mindfulness were mainstream.

Emerging science now affirms that the organic path Betty traveled has the power to heal the broken body, mind, and spirit. By changing her thought patterns, she changed her life.

With utter vulnerability and the beautiful view of hindsight, she reaches back with joy to offer her spiritual friendship and powerful encouragement to those of us still struggling on our own journey to the higher places.

2019

Hope for the Future: Answering God's Call to Justice for Our Children

Shannon Daley-Harris

Whether a parent or pastor, child advocate or Christian educator, professional or volunteer working with children, we yearn for both comfort and challenge, vision and validation, hope and help as we seek to make a difference in the lives of children.

In *Hope for the Future*, Shannon Daley-Harris draws from her twenty-four years of work with the Children's Defense Fund to offer twelve meditations for those working to create a better world for our children. Each meditation focuses on passages of Scripture and weaves together moving stories of children, startling statistics about the challenges facing children, and inspiring examples from other movements and faithful leaders that came before us. Questions for faithful response after each meditation will prompt further reflection and action.

This inspirational book can be used as a devotional, in Bible study discussion, or during a social action committee's discernment.

2019 *** Children

No One Else Like You

Siska Goeminne

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

2019

Same Sky: A Novel, The

Amanda Eyre Ward

Alice and her husband, Jake, own a barbecue restaurant in Austin, Texas. Hardworking and popular in their community, they have a loving marriage and thriving business, but Alice still feels that something is missing, lying just beyond reach.

Carla is a strong-willed young girl who's had to grow up fast, acting as caretaker to her six-year-old brother Junior. Years ago, her mother left the family behind in Honduras to make the arduous, illegal journey to Texas. But when Carla's grandmother dies and violence in the city escalates, Carla takes fate into her own hands—and with Junior, she joins the thousands of children making their way across Mexico to America, facing great peril for the chance at a better life.

In this elegant novel, the lives of Alice and Carla will intersect in a profound and surprising way. Poignant and arresting, *The Same Sky* is about finding courage through struggle, hope amid heartache, and summoning the strength—no matter what dangers await—to find the place where you belong.

2019

When Did Everybody Else Get So Old?

Jennifer Grant

When Did Everybody Else Get So Old? is Jennifer Grant's unblinking, good-humored and hope-filled look at the transitions of middle age. Exploring the physical, spiritual and emotional changes unique to the middle years, this is a must-read for anyone facing the flux and flow of age 40 and beyond.

2020

#RU Hooked: Teens & Social Media, For Teens and the People Who Care About Them

Jonathan Smith

A faith focused paperback booklet written for teens to help them think (or think differently) about how they use social media. *#RU Hooked* is a great resource for parents, teachers, pastors, youth group leaders or anyone that cares about teens and social media.

2020

Aging of Aquarius: Igniting Passion and Purpose as an Elder, The

Helen Wilkes, Ph. D.

Your career has wound down, the kids have moved, and your schedule is clear...for the next 30 years.

In your youth, you cared about people and planet earth, and you had grand visions of changing the world. At some point, those passions and that sense of purpose got buried under diapers and the 9-5. Still, that old you remains alive. Now, with the rest of your life ahead, you can be the change and make this next stage of your life the most powerful yet.

Helen Wilkes, a retired professor and activist, takes readers on an inspiring journey to find renewed purpose in retirement. Along the way she helps readers navigate the transition to a post-work identity by fanning the embers of lost passions and developing new interests.

2020

End of the Island, The

Jeffrey Tucker

What if you were to look at human suffering, pain, and loss with another lens? Not as something that you merely make it through but as something that you move around within.

In this fresh, creative, and provocative new book, Jeffrey Tucker explores suffering in new ways, challenging our existing beliefs and theologies while offering a healthier and more helpful approach to

viewing ourselves, our faith, and others in the face of suffering.

Tucker addresses specific and practical questions that we often ask ourselves when we suffer--attempting to locate our suffering, our identity, the persons of the Divine, our support, and our hope in the process. He also engages us along the way by wrapping wisdom within the framework of a story of an old man on an island who is seeking answers to his pain and loss. The journey takes unexpected turns as the old man learns new ways to walk and to live in the midst of his pain. As we join the old man in his walk, we learn new ways as well. This highly readable and accessible book offers thought-provoking and transforming ideas for persons of every walk of life and faith.

2020

Glory Happening: Finding the Divine in Everyday Places

Kaitlin B. Curtice

When you have an experience and tell the story of that experience to someone, something sacred happens inside of you. That experience doesn't have to be an extravagant moment, but it can be beautiful, nonetheless. And as you store up all those stories and share them, you grow your world's boundaries. You build community and remind yourself that every moment of your life counts for something holy, good, and glorious.

The search for glory will bring freedom and a fresh perspective to whatever season you happen to find yourself in. *Glory Happening* is a book of stories and prayers that remind you to take a closer look at your everyday circumstances, to find the magical beauty in everyday experiences. It is an invitation to live deeply into every moment with the expectation that something good will find you at the end of the day. And once you experience glory, you have words to speak, a prayer to pray, and a story to tell. And so glory grows from person to person, and community is created around the reality that God is truly in our midst.

2020

Heartbeat of a Mother: Encouragement for the Lifelong Journey

Jane Rubietta

Many mothers experience the joy, laughter, and hope of parenting and yet are riddled with shame, doubt, guilt, and anxiety because of their past and fear of the future for their children. Through discipleship and intimate fellowship, mothers of all ages will enjoy diving into this six-week group study that provides interactive vulnerability and truth. This is for every woman who has lived through the rigors of having a mother and/or the labor of childbirth or the adoptive process.

Jane Rubietta speaks worldwide, inviting her audiences to find the love they've been looking for in the arms of Jesus. She is the author of several seasonal deeper devotions (WPH).

2020

How the Woman at the Well Became the Well Woman

Donna Rhodes

This memoir is the story of an extraordinary ordinary life. It is the poignant life story of a woman's desperate journey to find love. Inspired by the biblical account of the woman at the well, this book is a remarkable testament to God's faithfulness and the power of His redemption. For those who think their lives will never change and those who are afraid to hope again, this testimony is transformative.

2020

Life and Ministry of Mary Webster, The

Anne Matthews-Younes

This is a short biography of Mary Webster, a witness in the evangelistic ministry of Dr. E. Stanley Jones. It prominently features six of Mary's selected sermons, Dr. Jones' sermon on Mary's life and ministry and a "conversation" between the two!

2016

My Name Is Blessing

Eric Walters

Based on the life of a real boy, this warm-hearted, beautifully illustrated book tells the story of Baraka, a young Kenyan boy with a physical disability. Baraka and eight cousins live with their grandmother. She gives them boundless love, but there is never enough money or food, and life is hard --love doesn't feed hungry stomachs or clothe growing bodies or school keen minds. Baraka is too young, and, with his disability, needs too much, and she is too old. A difficult choice must be made, and grandmother and grandchild set off on a journey to see if there is a place at the orphanage for Baraka. The story begins by looking at Baraka's physical disability as a misfortune, but ends by looking beyond the disability, to his great heart and spirit, and the blessings he brings.

2020

Tilly and the Crazy Eights

Monique Gray Smith

When Tilly receives an invitation to help drive eight elders on their ultimate bucket-list road trip, she impulsively says yes. Before she knows it, Tilly has said good-bye to her family and is on an adventure that will transform her in ways she could not predict, just as it will for the elders who soon dub themselves "the Crazy Eights."

The Crazy Eights each choose a stop—somewhere or something they've always wanted to experience—on the way to their ultimate goal, the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque. Their plan is to

travel to Las Vegas, Sedona, and the Redwood Forests, with each destination the inspiration for secrets and stories to be revealed. The trip proves to be powerful medicine as they laugh, heal, argue, and dream along the way. By the time their bus rolls to a stop in New Mexico, *Tilly and the Crazy Eights*, with friendships forged and hearts mended, feel ready for anything. But are they?