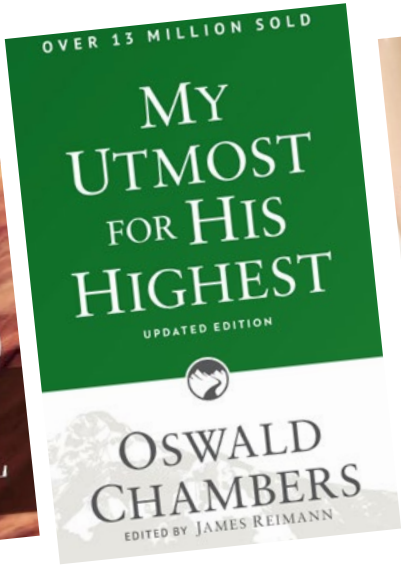
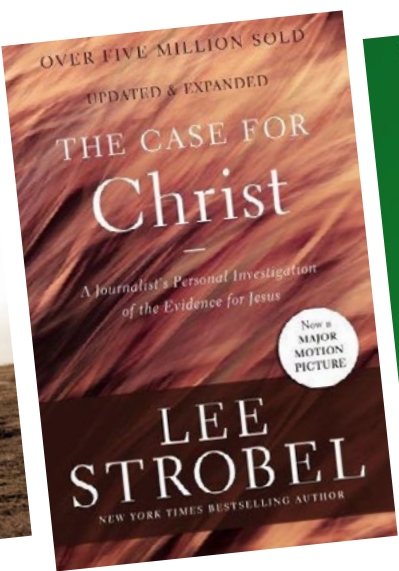
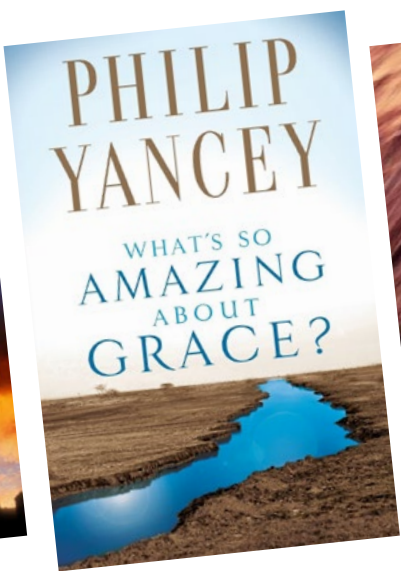
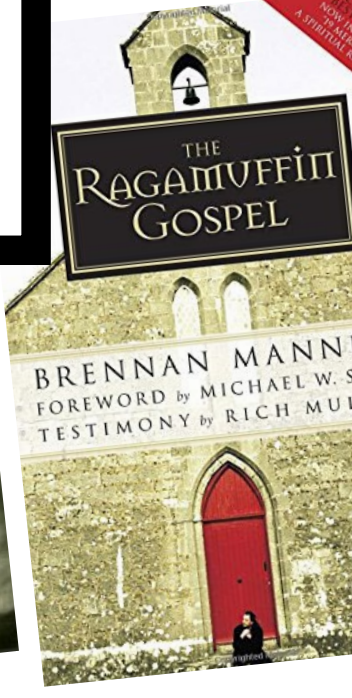
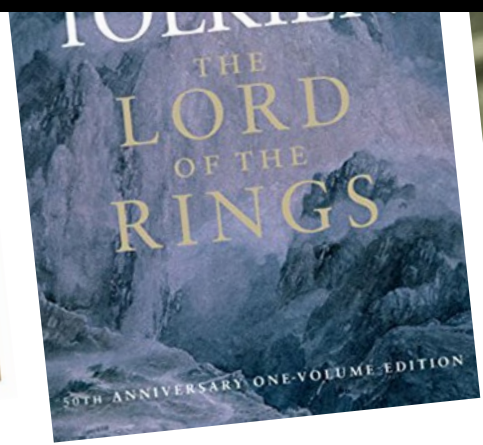
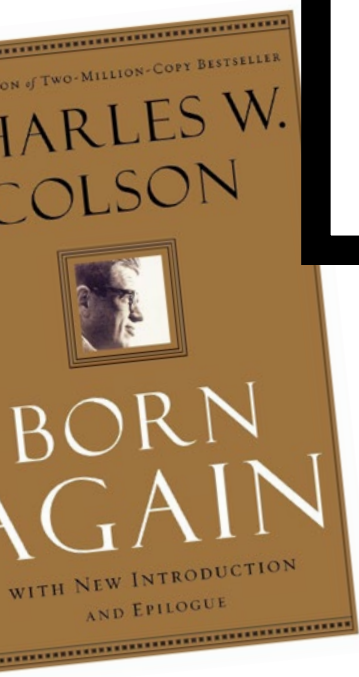
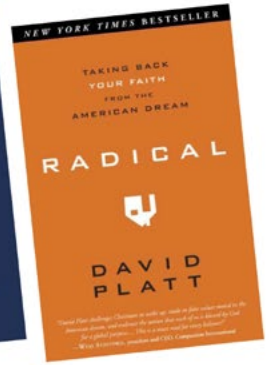
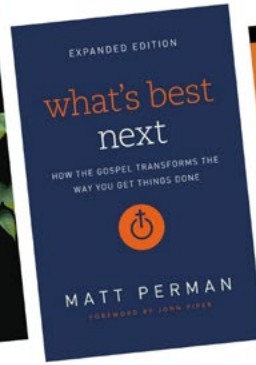
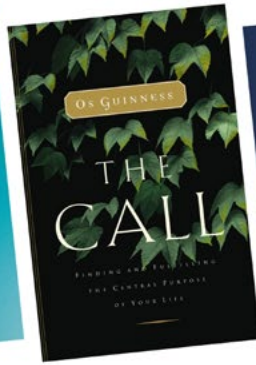
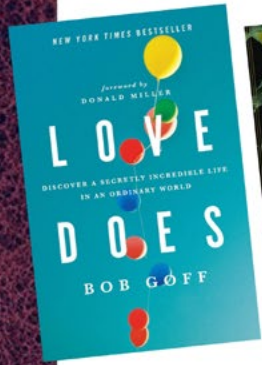
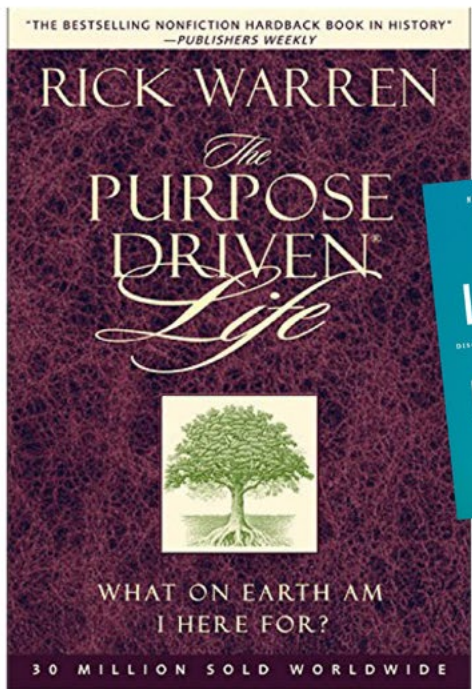


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The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For? by Rick Warren

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Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World by Bob Goff

Light and fun, unique and profound, the lessons drawn from Bob's life and attitude just might inspire you to be secretly incredible, too.

The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life by Os Guinness

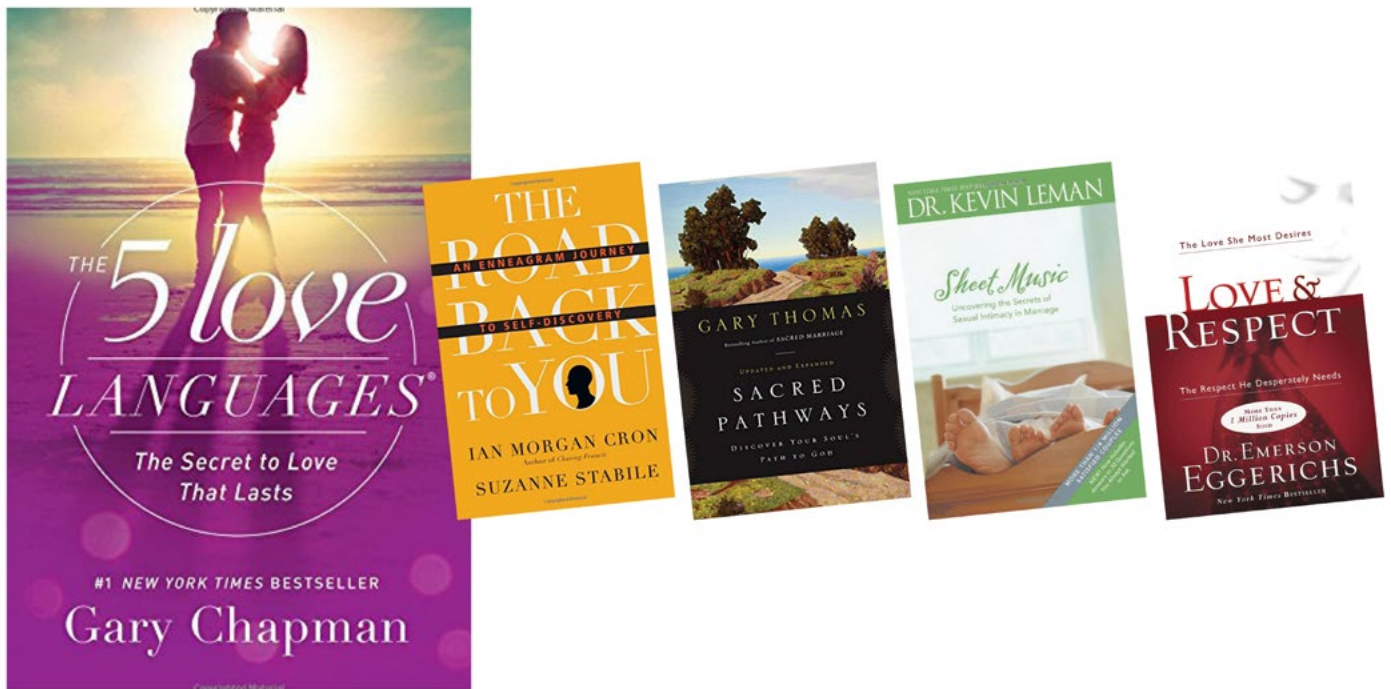
The Call continues to stand as a classic, reflective work on life's purpose. Best-selling author Os Guinness goes beyond our surface understanding of God's call and addresses the fact that God has a specific calling for our individual lives.

What's Best Next: How the Gospel Transforms the Way You Get Things Done by Matt Perman

By anchoring your understanding of productivity in God's purposes and plan, What's Best Next will give you a practical approach for increasing your effectiveness in everything you do. This expanded edition includes a new chapter on productivity in a fallen world and a new appendix on being more productive with work that requires creative thinking.

Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream by David Platt

In Radical, David Platt challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated the gospel to fit our cultural preferences. He shows what Jesus actually said about being his disciple--then invites you to believe and obey what you have heard. And he tells the dramatic story of what is happening as a "successful" suburban church decides to get serious about the gospel according to Jesus.



IF YOU LOVED:

The Five Love Languages: How to Express Heartfelt Commitment to Your Mate by Gary Chapman

TRY READING THESE:

The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery by Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile

Funny and filled with stories, this book allows you to understand more about each of the Enneagram types, keeping you turning the pages long after you have read the chapter about yourself. Beginning with changes you can start making today, the wisdom of the Enneagram can help you get on the road that will take you further along into who you really are—leading you into places of spiritual discovery you would never have found on your own, and paving the way to the wiser, more compassionate person you want to become.

Sacred Pathways: Discover Your Soul's Path to God by Gary Thomas

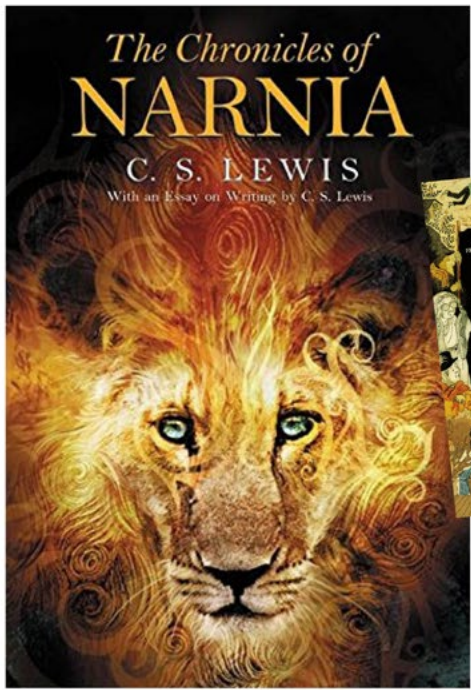
Sacred Pathways unfolds nine distinct spiritual temperaments—their traits, strengths, and pitfalls. Illustrated with examples from the Bible and from the author's life experience, each one suggests an approach to loving God through a distinctive journey of adoration. In one or more you will see yourself and the ways you most naturally express your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Sheet Music: Uncovering the Secrets of Sexual Intimacy in Marriage by Kevin Leman

With his characteristic warmth and humor, Dr. Kevin Leman offers a practical guide to sex according to God's plan. This frank and practical book is a perfect resource for married and engaged couples. Dr. Leman addresses a wide spectrum of people, from those with no sexual experiences to those with past sexual problems or even abuse. Using frank descriptions, this book has a warm and friendly tone that will help couples overcome awkwardness in discussing an issue important to all married couples.

Love and Respect: The Love She Most Desires; The Respect He Desperately Needs by Emerson Eggerichs

Reveals the secret to couples meeting each other's deepest needs--without love she reacts without respect, and without respect he reacts without love, and a painful, negative cycle begins.



IF YOU LOVED:

The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis

TRY READING THESE:

A Wrinkle in Time (Time Quintet) by Madeleine L'Engle

A tesseract (in case the reader doesn't know) is a wrinkle in time. To tell more would rob the reader of the enjoyment of Miss L'Engle's unusual book. *A Wrinkle in Time*, winner of the Newbery Medal in 1963, is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high school). They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem.

Wildwood (Wildwood) Chronicles by Colin Meloy

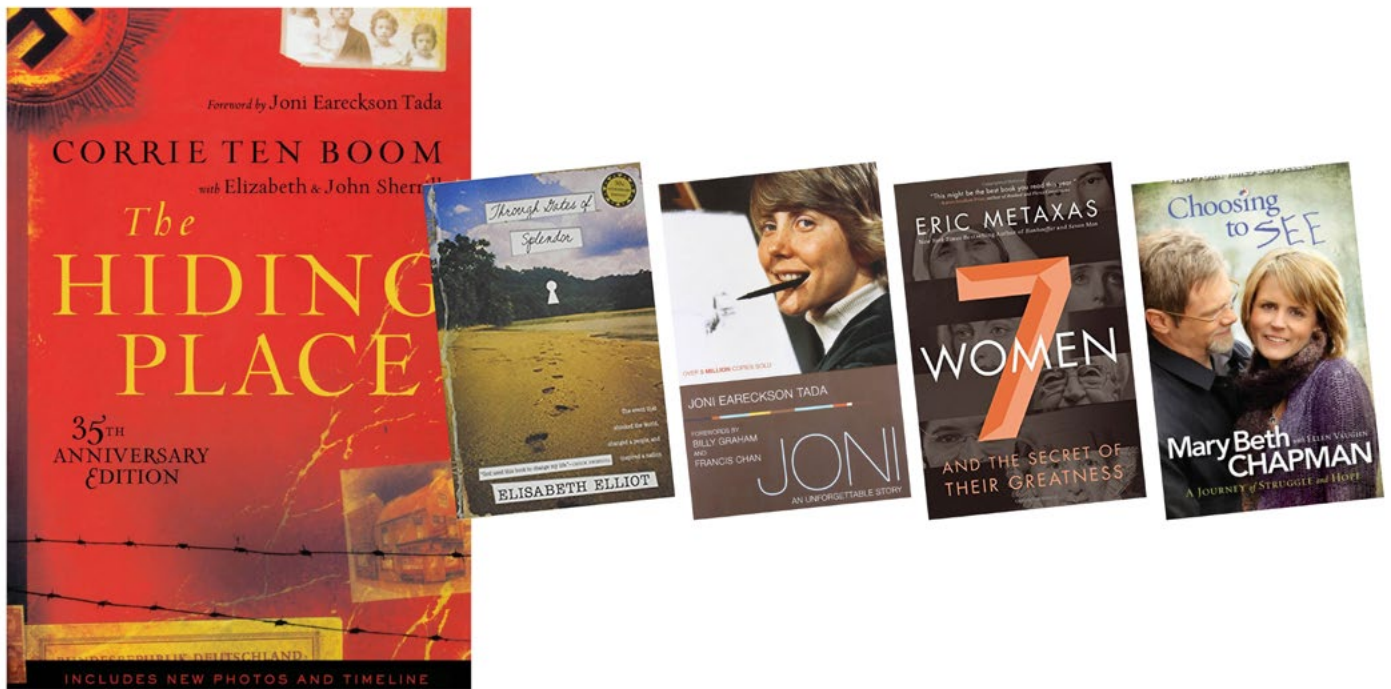
In *Wildwood*, Prue and her friend Curtis uncover a secret world in the midst of violent upheaval—a world full of warring creatures, peaceable mystics, and powerful figures with the darkest intentions. And what begins as a rescue mission becomes something much greater as the two friends find themselves entwined in a struggle for the very freedom of this wilderness. A wilderness the locals call Wildwood.

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

At her birth, Ella of Frell receives a foolish fairy's gift—the "gift" of obedience. Ella must obey any order, whether it's to hop on one foot for a day and a half, or to chop off her own head! But strong-willed Ella does not accept her fate... Against a bold backdrop of princes, ogres, giants, wicked stepsisters, and fairy godmothers, Ella goes on a quest to break the curse forever.

Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black

Join twins Jared and Simon and their older sister, Mallory, as they discover the fantastical world of Spiderwick. This complete set of *The Spiderwick Chronicles* includes *The Field Guide*, *The Seeing Stone*, *Lucinda's Secret*, *The Ironwood Tree*, and *The Wrath of Mulgrath*.



IF YOU LOVED:

**The Hiding Place: The Triumphant True Story of Corrie ten Boom
by Corrie ten Boom**

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Through Gates of Splendor by Elisabeth Elliot

Through Gates of Splendor is the true story of five young missionaries who were savagely killed while trying to establish communication with the Auca Indians of Ecuador. The story is told through the eyes of Elisabeth Elliot, the wife of one of the young men who was killed.

Joni: An Unforgettable Story by Joni Eareckson Tada

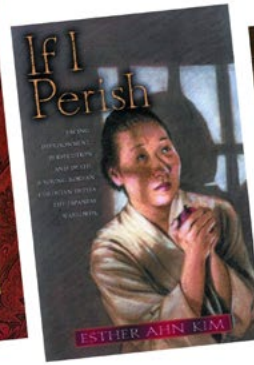
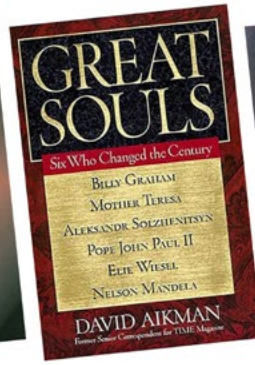
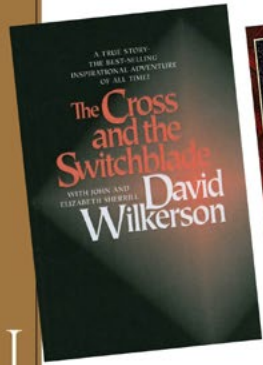
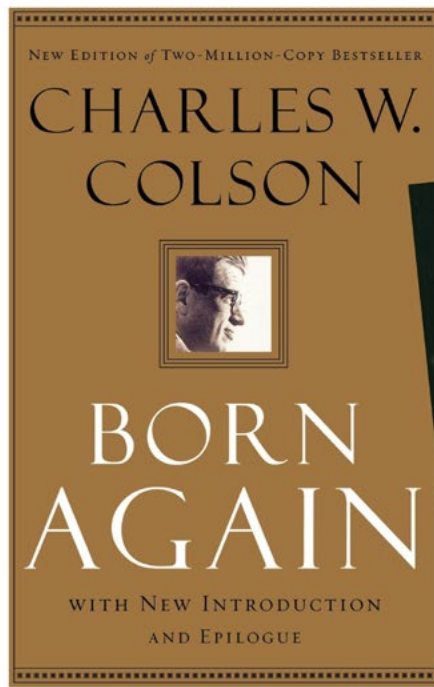
In a split second on a hot July afternoon, a diving accident transformed the life of Joni Eareckson Tada forever. She went from being an active young woman to facing every day in a wheelchair. In this unforgettable autobiography, Joni reveals each step of her struggle to accept her disability and discover the meaning of her life. The hard-earned truths she discovers and the special ways God reveals his love are testimonies to faith's triumph over hardship and suffering.

Seven Women: And the Secret of Their Greatness by Eric Metaxas

Each of the world-changing figures who stride across these pages—Joan of Arc, Susanna Wesley, Hannah More, Sister Maria of Paris, Corrie ten Boom, Rosa Parks, and Mother Teresa—is an exemplary model of true womanhood. Teenaged Joan of Arc followed God's call and liberated her country, dying a heroic martyr's death. Susanna Wesley had nineteen children and gave the world its most significant evangelist and its greatest hymn writer, her sons John and Charles. Corrie ten Boom, arrested for hiding Dutch Jews from the Nazis, survived the horrors of a concentration camp to astonish the world by forgiving her tormentors. And Rosa Parks's deep sense of justice and unshakable dignity and faith helped launch the twentieth-century's greatest social movement.

Choosing to SEE: A Journey of Struggle and Hope by Mary Beth Chapman

Mary Beth's story is our story--wondering where God is when the worst happens. In Choosing to SEE, readers will hear firsthand about the loss of her daughter, the struggle to heal, and the unexpected path God has placed her on.



IF YOU LOVED:

Born Again by Charles Colson

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The Cross and the Switchblade by David Wilkerson

A young country preacher ministers to teenage runaways, prostitutes, and gang members.

Great Souls: Six Who Changed the Century by David Aikman

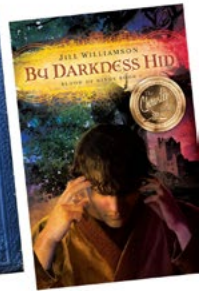
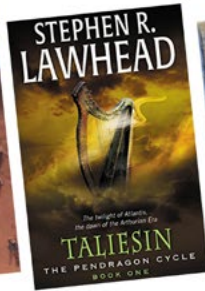
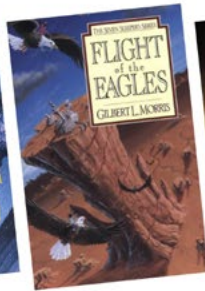
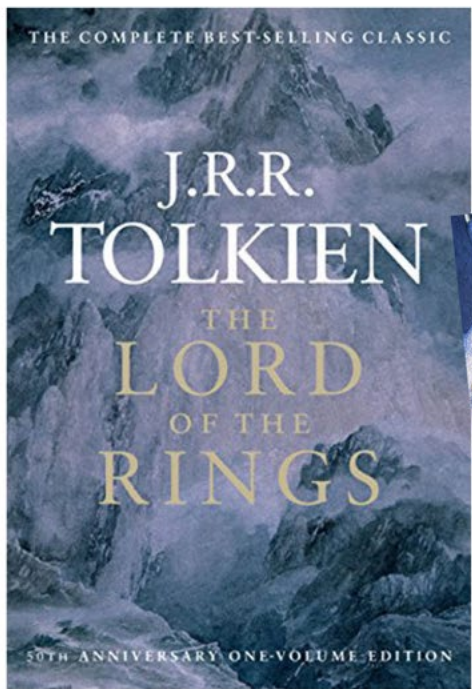
Presents perceptive profiles of six influential individuals who have transformed the twentieth century world through moral and spiritual leadership

If I Perish by Esther Ahn Kim

Ahn E. Sook stood alone among thousands of kneeling people. Her bold defiance of the tyrannical demand to bow to pagan Japanese shrines condemned her to a living death in the filth and degradation of a Japanese prison. This brave woman remained faithful to Christ in the face of brutality, oppression, and ruthlessness of her captors. The story of how she won many of her fellow prisoners to Christ in the most deplorable conditions is an inspiration to all.

No Compromise: The Life Story of Keith Green by Melody Green

The 25th Anniversary Edition of Keith Green's inspiring biography, revised and updated by his wife, Melody. This expanded biography contains many added stories and insights, never before published photos, extra selections from Keith's private journals, and glimpses into Melody's season of grieving and raising their two surviving children on her own.



IF YOU LOVED:

The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien

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Eragon by Christopher Paolini

Fifteen-year-old Eragon believes that he is merely a poor farm boy—until his destiny as a Dragon Rider is revealed. Gifted with only an ancient sword, a loyal dragon, and sage advice from an old storyteller, Eragon is soon swept into a dangerous tapestry of magic, glory, and power. Now his choices could save—or destroy—the Empire.

The Seven Sleepers Series by Gilbert Morris

Josh Adams, 14, awakes from a 50-year sleep. Ancient prophecy commands him and the other Sleepers to unite in battle against the evil priests, and combat the doubt that threatens their faith.

The Pendragon Cycle by Stephen Lawhead

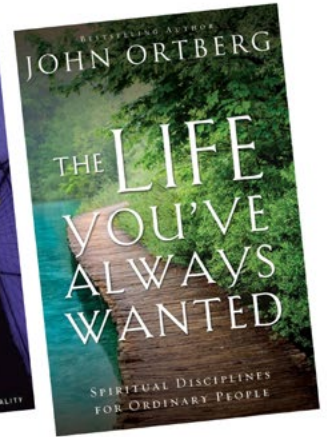
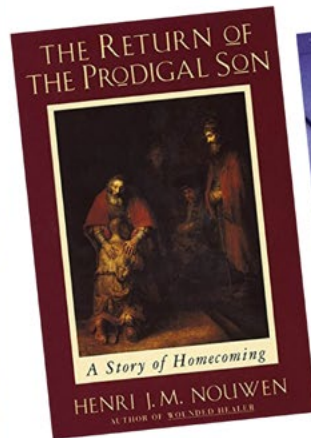
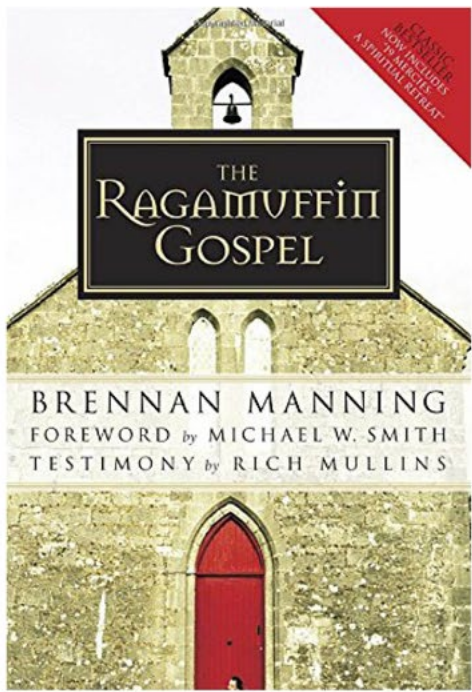
This is a majestic tale of breathtaking scope and haunting beauty. It is the remarkable adventure of Charis—the courageous princess from Atlantis who escapes the terrible devastation of her land—and of the fabled seer and druid prince Taliesin, singer at the dawn of the age. A story of an incomparable love that joins two astonishing worlds amid the fires of chaos, and spawns the miracles of Merlin . . . and Arthur the king!

The Wingfeather Saga by Andrew Peterson

Full of characters rich in heart, smarts, and courage, *On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness* presents a world of wonder and a tale children of all ages will cherish, families can read aloud, and readers' groups are sure to discuss for its layers of meaning about life's true treasure and tangle of the beautiful and horrible, temporal and eternal, and good and bad.

The Blood of Kings series by Jill Williamson

Given the chance to train as a squire, kitchen servant Achan Cham hopes to pull himself out of his pitiful life and become a Kingsguard Knight. When Achan's owner learns of his training, he forces Achan to spar with the Crown Prince—more of a death sentence than an honor. Meanwhile, strange voices in Achan's head cause him to fear he's going mad. While escorting the prince to a council presentation, their convoy is attacked. Achan is wounded and arrested, but escapes from prison—only to discover a secret about himself he never believed possible.



IF YOU LOVED:

The Ragamuffin Gospel: Good News for the Bedraggled, Beat-Up, and Burnt Out by Brennan Manning

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The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen

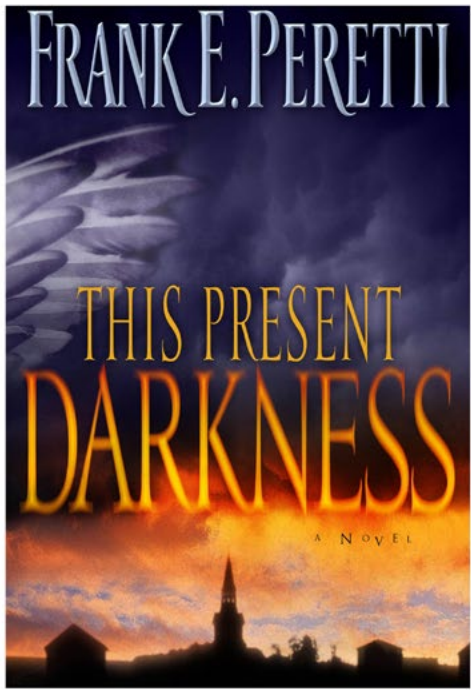
In seizing the inspiration that came to him through Rembrandt's depiction of the powerful Gospel story, Henri Nouwen probes the several movements of the parable: the younger son's return, the father's restoration of sonship, the elder son's vengefulness, and the father's compassion. In his reflection on Rembrandt in light of his own life journey, the author evokes a powerful drama of the parable in a rich, captivating way that is sure to reverberate in the hearts of readers. The themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation will be newly discovered by all who have known loneliness, dejection, jealousy, or anger. The challenge to love as the father and be loved as the son will be seen as the ultimate revelation of the parable known to Christians throughout time, and here represented with a vigor and power fresh for our times.

Blue Like Jazz: Nonreligious Thoughts on Christian Spirituality by Donald Miller

In Donald Miller's early years, he was vaguely familiar with a distant God. But when he came to know Jesus Christ, he pursued the Christian life with great zeal. Within a few years he had a successful ministry that ultimately left him feeling empty, burned out, and, once again, far away from God. In this intimate, soul-searching account, Miller describes his remarkable journey back to a culturally relevant, infinitely loving God.

The Life You've Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People by John Ortberg

The Life You've Always Wanted offers modern perspectives on the ancient path of the spiritual disciplines. But it is more than just a book about things to do to be a good Christian. It's a road map toward true transformation that starts not with the individual but with the person at the journey's end—Jesus Christ.



IF YOU LOVED:

This Present Darkness by Frank E. Peretti

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Edge of Eternity by Randy Alcorn

A disillusioned business executive whose life has hit a dead-end, Nick Seagrave has lost loved ones to tragedy and his family to neglect. Now, at a point of great crisis, he unbelievably and inexplicably finds himself transported to what appears to be another world. Suddenly he's confronted with profoundly clear views of his own past and personality. At the same time, he's enabled to see, hear, taste, and smell the realities of both heaven and hell—realities that force him to face dangers and trials far greater than any he's known before.

Winter Haven by Athol Dickson

Thirteen years ago, Siggie Gamble ran away from home never to be found—until his body washes ashore on the tiny island of Winter Haven off the coast of Maine. Now his sister, Vera, travels north to claim the body, and finds herself tangled in the impossible. Her brother hasn't aged a day since last she saw him. Determined to uncover the cause of Siggie's mysterious end, Vera soon learns there are many secrets haunting the island. Hemmed in by unearthly fog, distrusted by the locals, and forced to rely on the enigmatic owner of a grand but dilapidated mansion poised on a rocky cliff, will Vera's desperate questions lead to answers, or will her story become yet one more dark Winter Haven legend?

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis is a classic masterpiece of religious satire that entertains readers with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis's The Screwtape Letters is the most engaging account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written.

The Circle by Ted Dekker

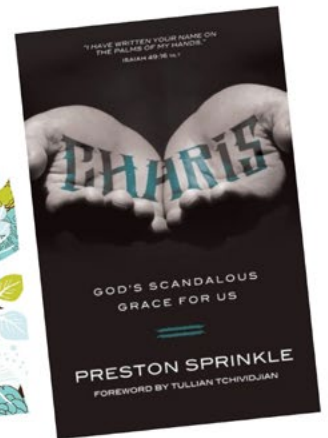
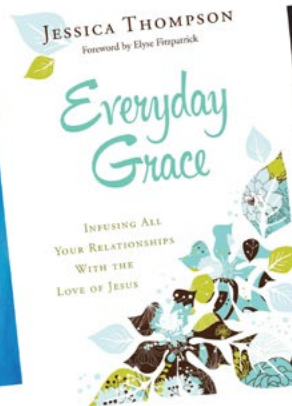
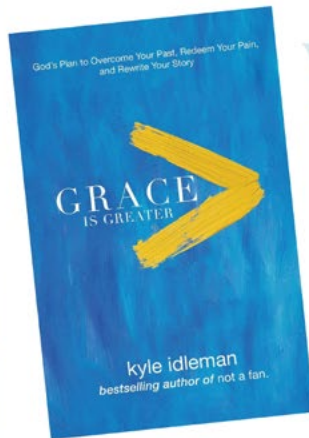
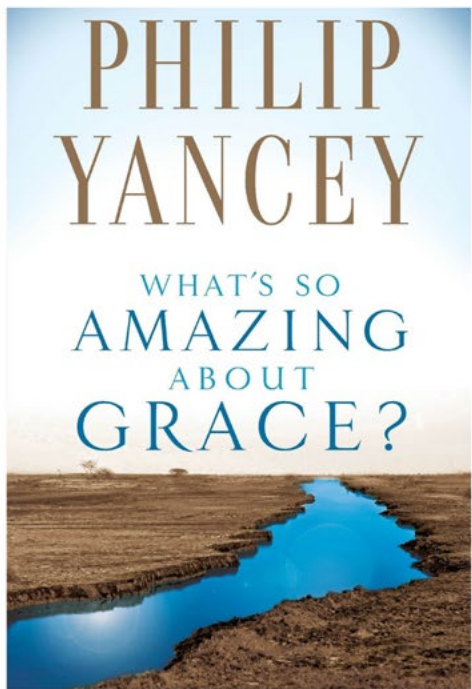
The Circle is an epic story of evil and rescue, betrayal and love, and terrorist threat unlike anything the human race has ever known.

Solitary: A Novel (Solitary Tales Series) by Travis Thrasher

When Chris Buckley moves to Solitary, North Carolina, he faces the reality of his parents' divorce, a school full of nameless faces—and Jocelyn Evans. Jocelyn is beautiful and mysterious enough to leave Chris speechless. But the more Jocelyn resists him, the more the two are drawn together. Chris soon learns that Jocelyn has secrets as deep as the town itself.

Demon: A Memoir by Tosca Lee

Recently divorced and mired in a meaningless existence, Clay drifts from his drab apartment to his equally lusterless job as an editor for a small Boston press—until the night Lucian finds him and everything changes with the simple words, "I'm going to tell you my story, and you're going to write it down and publish it." What begins as a mystery soon spirals into chaotic obsession as Clay struggles to piece together Lucian's dark tale of love, ambition, and grace—only to discover that the demon's story has become his own. And then only one thing matters: learning how the story ends.



IF YOU LOVED:

What's So Amazing about Grace? by Philip Yancey

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Grace is Greater: God's Plan to Overcome Your Past, Redeem Your Pain, and Rewrite Your Story by Kyle Idleman

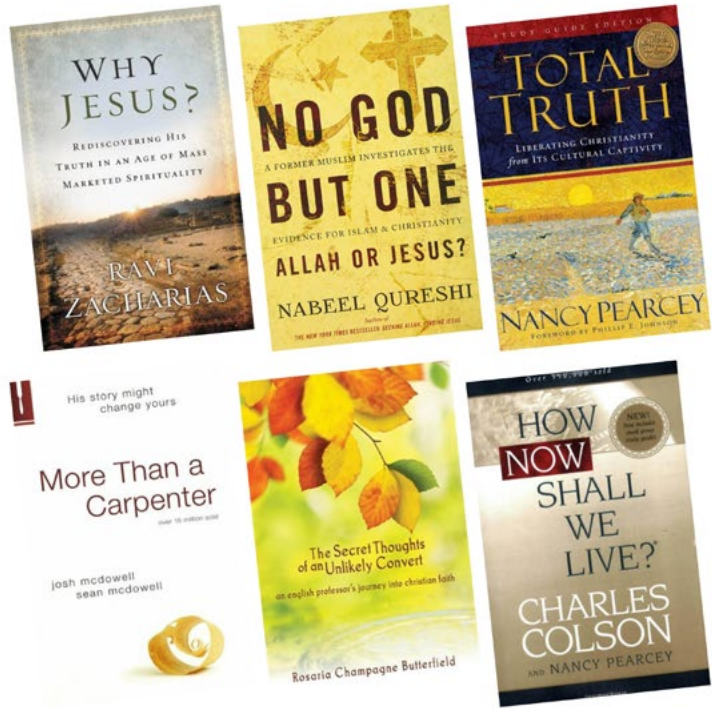
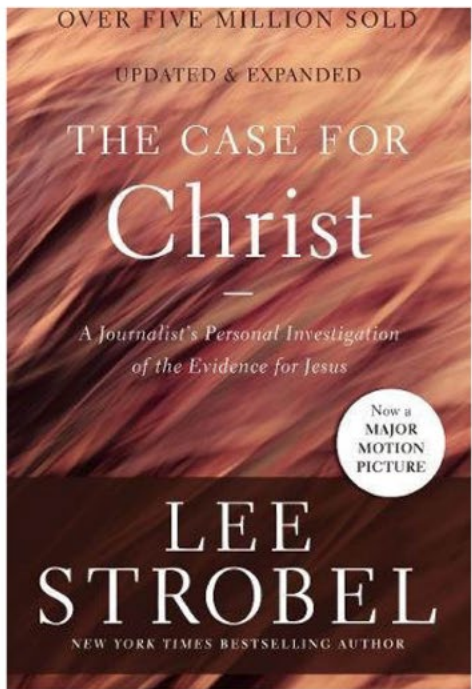
Through the powerful medium of story, *Grace Is Greater* leads readers past their hang-ups toward an understanding of grace that is bigger than our mistakes, our failures, our desire for revenge, and our seemingly impossible situations. No sin is so great, no bitterness so deep that God's grace cannot transform the heart and rewrite the story.

Everyday Grace: Infusing All Your Relationships With the Love of Jesus by Jessica Thompson

Through stories and biblical teaching, Jessica Thompson helps us move beyond trying to "fix" the people we interact with, and shows us a better way. Though our relationships may be marred by tension and frustration, because we are welcomed and known by Christ, they don't have to stay that way.

Charis: God's Scandalous Grace for Us by Preston Sprinkle

Charis flows from the Preston Sprinkle's half dozen years teaching the Old Testament to college students. You might think that would produce a book about judgment – but no way. He shows how every character, every event, every single page from the Old Testament bleeds with grace.



IF YOU LOVED:

The Case for Christ: A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus by Lee Strobel

TRY READING THESE:

Why Jesus?: Rediscovering His Truth in an Age of Mass Marketed Spirituality by Ravi Zacharias

In this brilliant and compelling critique of the dangers of the New Spirituality, Christian apologist Ravi Zacharias applies some vigorous therapy to counter this assault on rational thought and shows why the uniqueness of Jesus matters.

No God But One: Allah or Jesus?: A Former Muslim Investigates the Evidence for Islam and Christianity by Nabeel Qureshi

No God but One: Allah or Jesus? addresses the most important questions at the interface of Islam and Christianity: How do the two religions differ? Are the differences significant? Can we be confident that either Christianity or Islam is true? And most important, is it worth sacrificing everything for the truth?

Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity by Nancy Pearcey

In Total Truth, Nancy Pearcey offers a razor-sharp analysis of the public/private split, explaining how it hampers our efforts at both personal and cultural renewal. Ultimately it reflects a division in the concept of truth itself, which functions as a gatekeeper, ruling Christian principles out of bounds in the public arena.

More Than a Carpenter by Josh McDowell

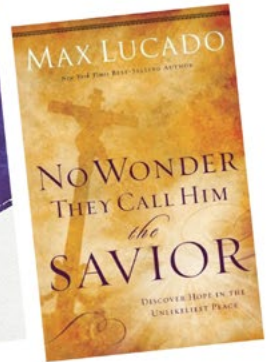
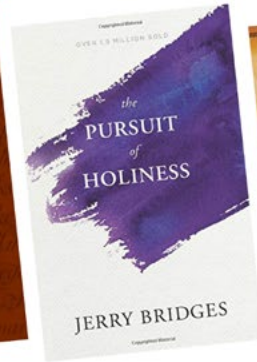
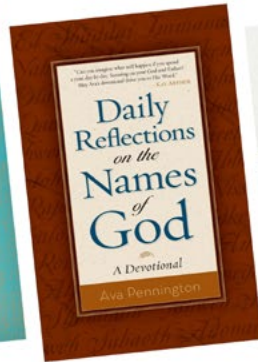
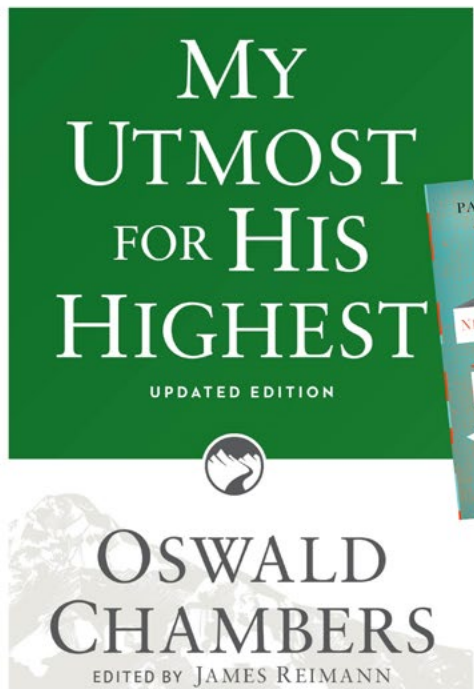
Former skeptic Josh McDowell is now joined by his son Sean as they examine the evidence about Jesus. Is he really the Lord he claimed to be? How can we know for sure? More than a Carpenter offers arguments for faith from a skeptic turned believer.

The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert: An English Professor's Journey into Christian Faith by Rosaria Champagne Butterfield

Rosaria, by the standards of many, was living a very good life. She had a tenured position at a large university in a field for which she cared deeply. She owned two homes with her partner, in which they provided hospitality to students and activists that were looking to make a difference in the world. In the community, Rosaria was involved in volunteer work. At the university, she was a respected advisor of students and her department's curriculum. Then, in her late 30's, Rosaria encountered something that turned her world upside down--the idea that Christianity, a religion she had regarded as problematic and sometimes downright damaging, might be right about who God was. That idea seemed to fly in the face of the people and causes that she most loved. What follows is a story of what she describes as a train wreck at the hand of the supernatural.

How Now Shall We Live by Charles Colson

Christianity is more than a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is also a worldview that answers life's basic questions and shows us how we should live as a result of those answers. How Now Shall We Live? equips Christians to confront false worldviews and live redemptively in contemporary culture.



IF YOU LOVED:

My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers

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New Morning Mercies: A Daily Gospel Devotional by Paul David Tripp

Forget “behavior modification” or feel-good aphorisms. Tripp knows that what we really need is an encounter with the living God. Then we’ll be prepared to trust in God’s goodness, rely on his grace, and live for his glory each and every day.

Daily Reflections on the Names of God: A Devotional by Ava Pennington

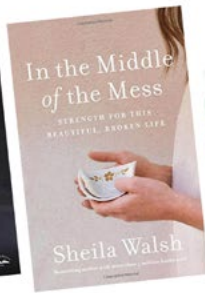
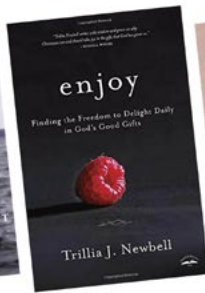
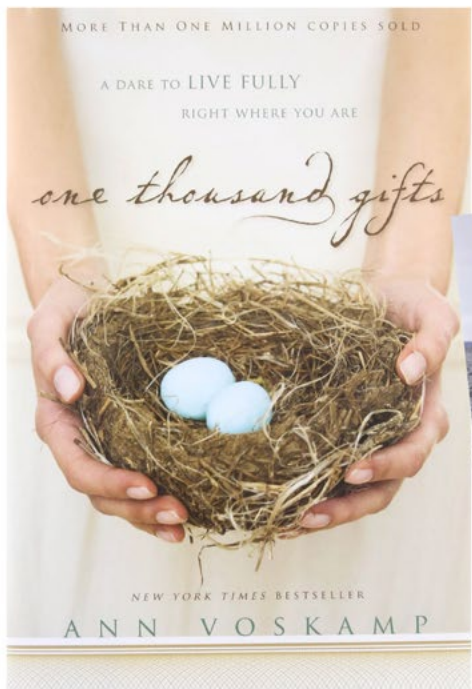
This insightful guide to the names of God provides 366 life-changing, personal devotions for new Christians and longtime believers.

The Pursuit of Holiness by Jerry Bridges

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Glory Happening: Finding the Divine in Everyday Places by Kaitlin Curtice

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