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Discusses the traditions, culture, religion, media, literature, and arts of Kenya.

This book is a training manual for Christian soldiers, motivating believers to not give up and encouraging them that God's Word is true when it claims that He will come through for them as long as they do not quit. Dr. Jerry Savelle, who admits that he was once a quitter himself, writes candidly about his own experiences and challenges God's army to stand on the Word of God until victory is achieved.

OVER ONE MILLION COPIES SOLD! An inspirational classic for more than thirty years, *Where Is God When It Hurts?* honestly explores pain--whether physical, emotional, or spiritual--and sheds new light on God's presence in our suffering. Includes a discussion guide. "How can a loving God allow this to happen? Either God is all-loving or all-powerful, but he can't be both." You've heard that question, and perhaps even asked it yourself. No matter how you complete it, at its root lies the issue of pain. When a loved one dies, we receive a terminal diagnosis, or natural disasters strike, people often wonder whether God is the cause of suffering and why he doesn't immediately take away the pain or fix the situation. As a result, we become angry at the once-beloved God who betrayed us. In this Gold Medallion Award-winning book, Philip Yancey uses examples from the Bible and from his own experiences to show us how

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we can learn to accept--without blame, anger, or fear--that which we don't understand. He answers questions such as: Why is there such a thing as pain? Is pain a message from God? How should we respond to suffering? How can we cope with pain? Does faith help? Yancey speaks to everyone for whom life sometimes doesn't make sense. With compassion and clarity, Yancey brings us one step closer to finding an answer when our pain, or the pain of those we love, is real and we are left wondering, where is God when it hurts? Isaiah 53 is one of the clearest messianic messages of the Old Testament and is often quoted in the New Testament as a prophecy of what would happen to Jesus.

Bo Stern realizes life is full of fierce and unexpected battles. When her husband was diagnosed with a terminal illness, she knew she had found her Goliath. With winsome sincerity, Bo points readers to the battle plans available to us in Scripture—and to our God, who brings beauty from the struggles we face.

Longlisted for the National Book Award New York Times Bestseller A former Wall Street quant sounds an alarm on the mathematical models that pervade modern life -- and threaten to rip apart our social fabric We live in the age of the algorithm. Increasingly, the decisions that affect our lives--where we go to school, whether we get a car loan, how much we pay for health insurance--are being made not by humans, but by mathematical models. In theory, this should lead to greater fairness: Everyone is judged according to the same rules, and bias is eliminated. But as Cathy O'Neil reveals in this

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urgent and necessary book, the opposite is true. The models being used today are opaque, unregulated, and uncontestable, even when they're wrong. Most troubling, they reinforce discrimination: If a poor student can't get a loan because a lending model deems him too risky (by virtue of his zip code), he's then cut off from the kind of education that could pull him out of poverty, and a vicious spiral ensues. Models are propping up the lucky and punishing the downtrodden, creating a "toxic cocktail for democracy." Welcome to the dark side of Big Data. Tracing the arc of a person's life, O'Neil exposes the black box models that shape our future, both as individuals and as a society. These "weapons of math destruction" score teachers and students, sort resumes, grant (or deny) loans, evaluate workers, target voters, set parole, and monitor our health. O'Neil calls on modelers to take more responsibility for their algorithms and on policy makers to regulate their use. But in the end, it's up to us to become more savvy about the models that govern our lives. This important book empowers us to ask the tough questions, uncover the truth, and demand change. -- Longlist for National Book Award (Non-Fiction) -- Goodreads, semi-finalist for the 2016 Goodreads Choice Awards (Science and Technology) -- Kirkus, Best Books of 2016 -- New York Times, 100 Notable Books of 2016 (Non-Fiction) -- The Guardian, Best Books of 2016 -- WBUR's "On Point," Best Books of 2016: Staff Picks -- Boston Globe, Best Books of 2016, Non-Fiction

The strength of Puritan character and life lay in prayer and meditation. In this practice the spirit of prayer was

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regarded as of first importance and the best form of prayer, for living prayer is the characteristic of genuine spirituality. Yet prayer is also vocal and may therefore on occasions be written. Consequently in the Puritan tradition there are many written prayers and meditations which constitute an important corpus of inspiring devotional literature. Too often *ex tempore* prayer lacks variety, order and definiteness. The reason for this lies partly in a neglect of due preparation. It is here that the care and scriptural thoroughness which others found necessary in their approach to God may be of help. This book has been prepared not to 'supply' prayers but to prompt and encourage the Christian as he treads the path on which others have gone before.

With no-holds-barred honesty and poignant storytelling, Nate Larkin introduces a model of community and friendship that is reinvigorating men's ministry across the country, a model he calls The Samson Society. Too many men see the biblical hero Samson as their model for manhood--a rugged individualist of the highest order. Yet, Samson's solitary successes were eventually overcome by moral weaknesses. Larkin, through the story of his own past and the stories of those in The Samson Society, offers a radical, refreshing alternative. The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything by the Reverend James Martin, SJ (*My Life with the Saints*) is a practical spiritual guidebook based on the life and teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus. Centered around the Ignatian goal of "finding God in all things," The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything shows us how to manage relationships, money, work, prayer, and

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decision-making, all while keeping a sense of humor. Filled with user-friendly examples, humorous stories, and anecdotes from the heroic and inspiring lives of Jesuit saints and average priests and brothers, *The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything* is sure to appeal to fans of Kathleen Norris, Richard Rohr, Anne Lamott, and other Christian Spiritual writers.

The most important disciple a parent will make is within their own home, and yet this is the most difficult disciple to make. *Family Discipleship* by Matt Chandler and Adam Griffin helps readers develop a sustainable rhythm of gospel-centered discipleship through a guided framework focusing on moments of discipleship in 3 key areas: time (intentional time gathering your family around gospel activities or conversations), moments (leveraging opportunities throughout the day), and milestones (celebrating significant life events). Each section provides parents with Scriptures to consider, questions to answer, structures to implement, and ideas to try out as they seek to see Christ formed in their children. Here is a book that begins with the end in mind, offering ideas and examples of what gospel-centered family discipleship looks like, helping parents design their own discipleship plan as they seek to raise children in the love and fear of the Lord.

My Life with the Saints (10th Anniversary Edition) Loyola Press

With her parents recently murdered and her two older sisters off looking to bring the killers to justice, 18-year-old Glory Lawless is alone for the first time in her life. Glory has difficulty running the family ranch. When her

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nanny asks Riley Thorne--handsome neighbor and son of the rival Thorne family--to help out, Glory's pride is wounded. Why would a Thorne set foot on Lawless land? Could Riley's family have had a hand in the death of Glory's parents? And lastly, could Glory love the enemy?

A candid, inspiring guide to finding lasting love by getting real about your relationship goals--based on the viral sermon series about dating, marriage, and sex. Realer than the most real conversation you've ever heard in church on the topic, Michael Todd's honest, heartfelt, and powerful teaching on relationships has already impacted millions. Michael believes that relationships are the epicenter of human thriving. All too often, though, we lack the tools or vision to build our relationships on the wisdom and power of God. In other words, it's good to have a goal, but you can't get there without proper aim. By charting a course that candidly examines our most common pitfalls, and by unpacking explosive truths from God's Word, Michael's debut book will transform a trendy hashtag into a future where your most cherished relationships thrive in relational life, hope, and abundance. Now those are real #relationshipgoals. The New York Times bestselling author of *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything* turns his attention to the relationship between LGBTQ Catholics and the Church in this loving, inclusive, and revolutionary book. On the day after the Orlando nightclub shooting, James Martin S.J. appeared in a video on Facebook in which he called for solidarity with our LGBTQ brothers and sisters. "The largest mass shooting in US history took place at a gay

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club and the LGBTQ community has been profoundly affected" he began. He then implored his fellow Catholics—and people everywhere—to "stand not only with the people of Orlando but also with their LGBTQ brothers and sisters. . . . Sadly of all the US Catholic bishops who expressed their condolences after the shooting, only one that I know . . . made any explicit reference to the LGBTQ community." A powerful call for tolerance, acceptance, and support—and a reminder of Jesus' message for us to love one another—Father Martin's post went viral and was viewed more than 1,6 million times. Now, Martin expands on his reflections in this moving and inspiring book, offering a powerful, loving, and much-needed voice in a time marked by anger, prejudice, and divisiveness. Adapted from a talk he gave to New Ways Ministry, a group that ministers to and advocates for LGBTQ Catholics, *Building a Bridge* provides a roadmap for repairing and strengthening the bonds that unite all of us as God's children. Martin uses the image of a two-way bridge for LGBTQ Catholics and the Church to come together in a call to end the "us" versus "them" mentality. Turning to the Catechism, he draws on the three criteria at the heart of the Christian ministry—respect, compassion, and sensitivity—as a model for how the Catholic Church should relate to the LGBTQ community. You hold in your hands, a book written by a seasoned and proven minister's wife, for ministers' wives bearing in mind that: Your call as a minister's wife is honourable Your assignment is rewarding and enviable Your effectiveness has a lot to add to the

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assignment of your minister husband. Just like in any chosen career, you need adequate relevant knowledge to excel. This book gives you those nuggets that will enhance your effectiveness in your role as a minister's wife

First published in 1982, *If Satan Can't Steal Your Joy* has sold more than 225,000 copies! Now with a fresh new design, this book brings to light what the Bible declares -- that there is unspeakable joy for the believer. World-renowned author and teacher, Jerry Savelle shares the secrets to obtaining and maintaining joy. It is in maintaining your joy that readers will find strength. No matter what Satan may try to steal, if he can't steal your joy, he can't win! No man will get anywhere in life without discipline—and growth in godliness is no exception. Seasoned pastor R. Kent Hughes's inspiring and best-selling book *Disciplines of a Godly Man*—now updated with fresh references and suggested resources—is filled with godly advice aimed at helping men grow in the disciplines of prayer, integrity, marriage, leadership, worship, purity, and more. With biblical wisdom, memorable illustrations, and engaging study questions, this practical guide will empower men to take seriously the call to godliness and direct their energy toward the things that matter most.

Daily Manna is a compendium of daily devotional readings designed to draw the sincere seeker closer

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to God on a daily basis, through an insightful exposition and compelling analysis of the scriptures. "Hymn singing reflects a congregation's spiritual vitality and their response to God's grace.

Women desire to live well. However, living well in this modern world is a challenge. The pace of life, along with the new front porch of social media, has changed the landscape of our lives. Women have been told for far too long that being on the go and accumulating more things will make their lives full. As a result, we grasp for the wrong things in life and come up empty. God created us to walk with him; to know him and to be loved by him. He is our living well and when we drink from the water he continually provides, it will change us. Our marriages, our parenting, and our homemaking will be transformed. Mommy-blogger Courtney Joseph is a cheerful realist. She tackles the challenge of holding onto vintage values in a modern world, starting with the keys to protecting our walk with God. No subject is off-limits as she moves on to marriage, parenting, and household management. Rooted in the Bible, her practical approach includes tons of tips that are perfect for busy moms, including: Simple Solutions for Studying God's Word How to Handle Marriage, Parenting, and Homemaking in a Digital Age 10 Steps to Completing Your Husband Dealing With Disappointed Expectations in Motherhood Creating Routines that Bring Rest Pursuing the Discipline and

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Diligence of the Proverbs 31 Woman There is nothing more important than fostering your faith, building your marriage, training your children, and creating a haven for your family. *Women Living Well* is a clear and personal guide to making the most of these precious responsibilities.

The Study Bible for Women will equip you to reach deep into God's Word. Perhaps the single most powerful aspect of this Bible are the "threads" of specialized study thoughtfully woven throughout, pointing you to God's larger story and allowing the Holy Spirit to write His revealed truths on your heart. In *The Study Bible for Women*, you'll join a host of other women, all academically trained in the original languages of the Bible and passionate about God's Word, for an intimately deep dive into Scripture that will equip you to unlock the riches and majesty of His Word, and ignite a passion to mentor others in your life to do the same. *The Study Bible for Women* includes the full text of the Holman Christian Standard Bible, a clear, contemporary English translation that's faithful to the original languages of the Bible. Features include extensive commentary notes, word studies, answers to hard questions, doctrinal notes, Biblical womanhood articles, character profiles, *Written on My Heart* applications, extensive book introductions, presentation pages, in-text maps, charts & timelines, full-color maps section and concordance.

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The Woman's Bible (1895-1898) is a work of religious and political nonfiction by American women's rights activist Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Despite its popular success, The Woman's Bible caused a rift in the movement between Stanton and her supporters and those who believed that to wade into religious waters would hurt the suffragist cause. Reactions from the press, political establishment, and much of the reading public were overwhelmingly negative, accusing Stanton of blasphemy and sacrilege while refusing to engage with the book's message: to reconsider the historical reception of the Bible in order to make room for women to be afforded equality in their private and public lives. Working with a Revising Committee of 26 members of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, Stanton sought to provide an updated commentary on the Bible that would highlight passages allowing for an interpretation of scripture harmonious with the cause of the women's rights movement. Inspired by activist and Quaker Lucretia Mott's use of Bible verses to dispel the arguments of bigots opposed to women's rights and abolition, Stanton hoped to establish a new way of framing the history and religious representation of women that could resist similar arguments that held up the Bible as precedent for the continued oppression of women. Starting with an interpretation of the Genesis story of Adam and Eve, Stanton attempts to

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show where men and women are treated as equals in the Bible, eventually working through both the Old and New Testaments. In its day, *The Woman's Bible* was a radically important revisioning of women's place in scripture that Stanton and her collaborators hoped would open the door for women to obtain the rights they had long been systematically denied. With a beautifully designed cover and professionally typeset manuscript, this edition of Elizabeth Cady Stanton's *The Woman's Bible* is a classic of American literature reimaged for modern readers.

How have millions of American Christians come to measure spiritual progress in terms of their financial status and physical well-being? How has the movement variously called Word of Faith, Health and Wealth, Name It and Claim It, or simply prosperity gospel come to dominate much of our contemporary religious landscape? Kate Bowler's *Blessed* is the first book to fully explore the origins, unifying themes, and major figures of a burgeoning movement that now claims millions of followers in America. Bowler traces the roots of the prosperity gospel: from the touring mesmerists, metaphysical sages, pentecostal healers, business oracles, and princely prophets of the early 20th century; through mid-century positive thinkers like Norman Vincent Peale and revivalists like Oral Roberts and Kenneth Hagin; to today's hugely successful prosperity

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preachers. Bowler focuses on such contemporary figures as Creflo Dollar, pastor of Atlanta's 30,000-member World Changers Church International; Joel Osteen, known as "the smiling preacher," with a weekly audience of seven million; T. D. Jakes, named by Time magazine one of America's most influential new religious leaders; Joyce Meyer, evangelist and women's empowerment guru; and many others. At almost any moment, day or night, the American public can tune in to these preachers-on TV, radio, podcasts, and in their megachurches-to hear the message that God desires to bless them with wealth and health. Bowler offers an interpretive framework for scholars and general readers alike to understand the diverse expressions of Christian abundance as a cohesive movement bound by shared understandings and common goals.

Isaiah 55:11 reads, "So My word that comes from My mouth will not return to Me empty, but it will accomplish what I please and will prosper in what I send it to do." In a world where time is limited and people are running from one thing to another, this devotional gives the reader permission to pause and spend time considering and meditating on one verse each week. In *52 Bible Verses You Should Have In Your Heart*, you'll find Scripture that teaches, encourages, challenges, and points you to Christ—the giver of all things in every season. This

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year, for a change, instead of bracing for quiet time at a read-through-the-Bible pace, bask inside this choice selection of verses, handpicked for marinating and memorizing.

Grammy Award winner Michael W. Smith's *The Way of the Father* offers a deeply personal reflection on his father Paul Smith's legacy and its profound effect on every area of his life. Through the life and lens of his earthly dad, the multi-platinum selling Christian artist gives glimpses of a Father in Heaven that anyone can approach and experience. Michael W. Smith, multi-platinum artist, celebrated songwriter, producer, best-selling author, and acclaimed actor, himself a father of five adult children and grandfather of sixteen, calls upon his humble experiences of growing up in a small West Virginia town to share his father's story. Each chapter identifies a quality and characteristic of his dad that came out of an obedient and sacrificial life, committed to serving his Abba Father, including: ?? Finding truth in tragedy Loving unconditionally Persevering through pain Bringing righteousness to the world Influencing and inspiring generations Discovering identity and approval in Christ Paul Smith was a familiar face in the crowd at Michael W. Smith's concerts over the years. A kind and joyful man who would sing, dance, and worship to the singer's countless number one hits, with his countenance beaming brighter than the spotlights on the stage, Paul would often introduce himself to

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those nearby and talk about how proud he was of his son. From the artist's early days as a struggling musician in Nashville to his death in 2015 (the year his son's album sales surpassed 15 million), Paul was always Michael's biggest fan. Michael shares how his dad inspired and encouraged him using biblical principles and virtues. Now, Michael passes on these same truths through stories, testimonies, origins of songs, and personal insights from his family life and thirty-five plus years of touring as a Christian artist. He hopes that by sharing his father's legacy, readers will come to find that no matter who our earthly parents have been in our lives, our Abba Father will never fail us. *The Way of the Father* will likewise challenge readers in their faith journeys so they will one day hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have fought the good fight, run the race, and have been found faithful"--just like Paul Smith heard on the day he was called home to be with his Father.

The cinematic innovator behind Tyler Perry Studios traces his youth in New Orleans through his successful career, in an uplifting account of his spiritual awakening that explains how his faith has enriched his life and sustained him in hard times.--Worldcat.

You Can Destroy What Steals Your Strength Just like Superman, who can leap over any hurdle and defeat every foe, followers of Christ have the

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supernatural ability to conquer the challenges we face. But the problem for both Superman and us is there's a kryptonite that steals our strength. Of course, both Superman and kryptonite are fictional. But spiritual kryptonite is not. This book offers answers to why so many of us are unable to experience the divine strength that was evident among first-century Christians. In *Killing Kryptonite*, John Bevere reveals what this kryptonite is, why it's compromising our communities, and how to break free from its bondage. Not for the faint of heart, *Killing Kryptonite* is anything but a spiritual sugar high. This is serious truth for any Christ-follower who longs to embrace the challenging but rewarding path of transformation. Includes discussion questions for group study

You know people around the world are struggling. A homeless man holds a sign that reads, "Anything helps." A poor child lives in a slum swarming with flies. A refugee mother is on the brink of starvation. You ask yourself, "But what can I do about such big problems?" You're looking for long-term solutions. John D. Barry shares incredible, and often shocking, stories about working among the impoverished and unchurched in the U.S. and abroad. And since Barry is a Bible scholar, Jesus' Economy is also deeply rooted in the Scriptures. It is a personal, sometimes funny, often heartbreaking account that presents a revolutionary pattern for lasting change. Jesus'

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Economy is based on self-sacrifice. His currency is love. It's called Jesus' Economy because it's about creating a spiritual and physical economy for those who need it most. Here is a thoroughly biblical and compassionate pattern for addressing issues of poverty and offering the hope of the gospel. Jesus' Economy: • Shows how you as an individual can best encourage renewal in your community. • Demonstrates how your church community or any group can alleviate poverty. • Presents a unified plan for creating jobs, spreading the gospel, and meeting basic needs. • Focuses on community development and sustainability—lasting change, globally and locally. Jesus' Economy is a call to address our own spiritual poverty—as people who can too easily become distant from Christ—and it is a call to address the physical poverty all around us in a smart and sustainable way. Jesus' teachings show that with simple, everyday choices, you can make the world a better place and create enduring change. Here's how to live Jesus' economy—a currency of love. 100% of author's proceeds go to the nonprofit Jesus' Economy, to fuel the movement of creating jobs and churches in the developing world.

2014 Outreach Magazine Resource of the Year (Church Health) Sometimes we get so caught up in the power of Jesus shouting from the cross, "It is finished!" that we forget that Jesus started something. What Jesus started was a movement that began small, with intimate conversations designed to build disciples into apostles who would go out in

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the world and seed it with God's kingdom vision. That movement grew rapidly and spread wide as people recognized the truth in it and gave their lives to the power of it. That movement is still happening today, and we are called to play our part in it.

This is the third volume of devotionals created from the Daily Bread leaflets that have been a daily devotional reading of choice for millions of people since 1954. With hundreds of thousands of writings to choose from, we have selected the best 365 pieces to create a strong compilation of daily readings. This volume celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of the Daily Bread leaflets by Discovery House. Each daily devotion consists of a Scripture verse, a poignant short story, and a few words of wisdom. For 50 years, Our Daily Bread devotionals have provided spiritual nourishment and food for thought. Elegantly designed with a four-color cover and interior, Our Daily Bread: 50th Anniversary Edition is both a celebration of the publication's rich history and a relevant compass for life today.

One of Publishers Weekly's Best Books of the Year Winner of the Christopher Award Winner of the Catholic Press Association Book Award WITTY, WRYLY HONEST, AND ALWAYS ORIGINAL, My Life with the Saints is James Martin's story of how his life has been shaped by some surprising friends—the saints of the Catholic Church. In his modern classic memoir, Martin introduces us to saints throughout history—from St. Peter to Dorothy Day, St. Francis of Assisi to Mother Teresa—and chronicles his lifelong friendships with them. Filled with fascinating tales, Martin's funny, vibrant, and stirring book invites readers to discover how saints guide us throughout our earthly journeys and how they help each of us find holiness in our own lives. Featuring a new chapter from Martin, this tenth-anniversary edition of the best-selling memoir updates readers about his life over

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the past ten years. In that time, he has been a New York Times best-selling author, official chaplain of The Colbert Report, and a welcome presence in the media whenever there's a breaking Catholic news story. But he has always remained recognizably himself. John L. Allen, Jr., the acclaimed Catholic journalist, contributes a foreword that shows how Martin has become one of the wisest and most insightful voices of this era. "An outstanding and often hilarious memoir." —Publishers Weekly "One of the best spiritual memoirs in years." —Robert Ellsberg "Remarkably engaging." —U.S. Catholic "Martin's final word is as Jungian as it is Catholic: God does not want us to be Mother Teresa or Dorothy Day. God wants us to be most fully ourselves." —The Washington Post Book World

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