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A Simon & Schuster eBook. Simon & Schuster has a great book for every reader.

This gift book combines charming scenes of country living with inspirational stories about how God speaks to us through everyday miracles. Celebrating the everyday moments of life, each heartwarming story shares a lesson and a Scripture verse. The book features the full-color art of a popular folk artist whose lovely and unusual paintings can stir the heart and reawaken memories of faith, love, peace, and days gone by.

Based on her bestseller *Unwrapping the Greatest Gift*, Ann Voskamp expands her presentation of the timeless Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree with this beautiful keepsake book that can be handed down and enjoyed for generations. Each December, families can celebrate the coming of Jesus by opening the book to see a stunning 13-inch, three-dimensional Jesse Tree pop up from the page. At its foot are 25 doors, one for each day of Advent, which hide meaningful, beautifully detailed ornaments--including the Christmas star--that are ready to be hung on the tree. Also inside is a simple devotional book with a reading for each ornament. Create precious holiday memories with *The Wonder of the Greatest Gift* pop-up book and recapture the sacredness of the Advent season as you celebrate

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the epic pageantry of the coming of the Messiah. Street-fighter Nina Black lives by her fists in Denver, stealing wallets and taking advantage of men who try to take advantage of her. This symbiosis is upended when one of her marks wants his wallet and his dignity back.

We all pray . . . some. We pray to stay sober, centered, or solvent. When the lump is deemed malignant. When the money runs out before the month does. When the marriage is falling apart. We pray. But wouldn't we like to pray more? Better? Stronger? With more fire, faith, and fervency? Yet we have kids to feed, bills to pay, deadlines to meet. The calendar pounces on our good intentions like a tiger on a rabbit. And what about our checkered history with prayer? Uncertain words. Unmet expectations. Unanswered requests. We aren't the first to struggle with prayer. The first followers of Jesus needed prayer guidance too. In fact, prayer is the only tutorial they ever requested. And Jesus gave them a prayer. Not a lecture on prayer. Not the doctrine of prayer. He gave them a quotable, repeatable, portable prayer. Couldn't we use the same? In *Before Amen* best-selling author Max Lucado joins readers on a journey to the very heart of biblical prayer, offering hope for doubts and confidence even for prayer wimps. Distilling prayers in the Bible down to one pocket-sized prayer, Max reminds readers that prayer is not a privilege for the

pious nor the art of a chosen few. Prayer is simply a heartfelt conversation between God and his child.

Let the conversation begin.

John Barclay explores Pauline theology anew from the perspective of grace. Arguing that Paul's theology of grace is best approached in light of ancient notions of "gift," Barclay describes Paul's relationship to Judaism in a fresh way. Barclay focuses on divine gift-giving, which for Paul, he says, is focused and fulfilled in the gift of Christ. He both offers a new appraisal of Paul's theology of the Christ-event as gift as it comes to expression in Galatians and Romans and presents a nuanced and detailed consideration of the history of reception of Paul, including Augustine, Luther, Calvin, and Barth.

"Wanton Chase was a sickly baby so his mother took him to stay with his grandparents at the Rose Island Lighthouse, thinking the sea air would do him good. Despite his isolation on the island, Wanton cried when he had to leave, and later in life he wrote nostalgically of his happy boyhood times spent at the lighthouse. The Curious Childhood of Wanton Chase captures some of Mr. Chase's memories through heartwarming stories interspersed with fascinating glimpses of life in the world just prior to World War I. If you are a lighthouse enthusiast or simply want to learn about a fascinating piece of Rhode Island history, you will enjoy this journey with young Wanton Chase to beautiful Rose Island." --

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"A supportive, practical guide for all those who want to learn the best way of holding space for themselves and others."--Provided by publisher.

Experience the stories of Advent in a vibrant, new way this year as you Color Advent! In a collection of stories from both testaments, explore prophecies of the coming Messiah, the humble birth of Jesus, and the time-honored first worshippers at Epiphany. Each day has a new scripture for reflection as you create your own scenes and color a story you've known your whole life -- one that becomes more meaningful with every year. Make Coloring Advent part of your journey to Bethlehem! Bonded-leather with over 70 breathtaking images and gift box 50% discount.

An exhilarating conversion story of a devout Baptist who relates how he overcame his hostility to the Catholic Church by a combination of serious Bible study and vast research of the writings of the early Church Fathers. In addition to a moving account of their conversion that caused Ray and his wife to "cross the Tiber" to Rome, he offers an in-depth treatment of Baptism and the Eucharist in Scripture and the ancient Church.

Thoroughly documented with hundreds of footnotes, this contains perhaps the most complete compilation of biblical and patristic quotations and commentary available on Baptism and the Eucharist, as well as a detailed analysis of Sola Scriptura and Tradition.

A photo collection of images taken along the beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast area. From sunsets and rainbows to pelicans and egrets in their natural environment. Christianity and Confucianism: Culture, Faith and

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Politics, sets comparative textual analysis against the backcloth of 2000 years of cultural, political, and religious interaction between China and the West. As the world responds to China's rise and China positions herself for global engagement, this major new study reawakens and revises an ancient conversation. As a generous introduction to biblical Christianity and the Confucian Classics, *Christianity and Confucianism* tells a remarkable story of mutual formation and cultural indebtedness. East and West are shown to have shaped the mind, heart, culture, philosophy and politics of the other - and far more, perhaps, than either knows or would want to admit. Christopher Hancock has provided a rich and stimulating resource for scholars and students, diplomats and social scientists, devotees of culture and those who pursue wisdom and peace today. "This book-the first ethnography of water conservation on the Great Plains-provides an account of High Plains aquifer decline through an exploration of the different ways in which heartland residents inhabit and understand the imminent depletion of groundwater. This literary ethnography offers a vividly sketched look into the lives and stories of this community, based on interviews with members of the community such as fellow farmers and state regulators, woven together with historical data, journalistic documentation, and Bessire's personal reflections of his family's lived experiences. (Five generations of the author's family have lived in the region as farmers and ranchers.)"--

Children in today's world are inundated with information about who to be, what to do and how to live. But what if there was a

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way to teach children how to manage priorities, focus on goals and be a positive influence on the world around them? The Leader in Me is that programme. It's based on a hugely successful initiative carried out at the A.B. Combs Elementary School in North Carolina. To hear the parents of A. B Combs talk about the school is to be amazed. In 1999, the school debuted a programme that taught The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People to a pilot group of students. The parents reported an incredible change in their children, who blossomed under the programme. By the end of the following year the average end-of-grade scores had leapt from 84 to 94. This book will launch the message onto a much larger platform. Stephen R. Covey takes the 7 Habits, that have already changed the lives of millions of people, and shows how children can use them as they develop. Those habits -- be proactive, begin with the end in mind, put first things first, think win-win, seek to understand and then to be understood, synergize, and sharpen the saw -- are critical skills to learn at a young age and bring incredible results, proving that it's never too early to teach someone how to live well.

The Leland Report 15 Years in Leelanau County

This book is the second in a series of annual publications, just for people who love cross-stitch. Here are charming designs, careful chartings, detailed and clear instructions and wonderful drawings, which combine to capture the purity and innocence of "country". Also included is a superb collection of witty sayings, personal reminiscences, and little gems of folklore wisdom -- all perfect to ponder, as you stitch your favorite design.

Provide parents with Strong Character coaching guidelines to help their child improve their life skills

Martha's Vineyard Mysteries now a movie series on Hallmark Channel starring Jesse Metcalfe! Ex-cop J.W. Jackson searches for answers after a mysterious and deadly boat

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explosion on Martha's Vineyard. During his career as a Boston cop, Jeff "J.W." Jackson saw enough of the evil that men do to last a lifetime. So he retired to the serenity of Martha's Vineyard to spend his days fishing for blues. But when a local's boat mysteriously explodes off the coast, killing an amiable young drifter, Jackson finds himself reluctantly drawn back into the investigative trade.

This essential authorized biography of Eugene Peterson offers unique insights into the experiences and spiritual convictions of the iconic American pastor and beloved translator of *The Message*. "In the time of a generation-wide breakdown in trust with leaders in every sphere of society, Eugene's quiet life of deep integrity and gospel purpose is a bright light against a dark backdrop."—John Mark Comer, author of *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* "This hunger for something radical—something so true that it burned in his bones—was a constant in Eugene's life. His longing for God ignited a ferocity in his soul." Encounter the multifaceted life of one of the most influential and creative pastors of the past half century with unforgettable stories of Eugene's lifelong devotion to his craft and love of language, the influences and experiences that shaped his unquenchable faith, the inspiration for his decision to translate *The Message*, and his success and struggles as a pastor, husband, and father. Author Winn Collier was given exclusive access to Eugene and his materials for the production of this landmark work. Drawing from his friendship and expansive view of Peterson's life, Collier offers an intimate, beautiful, and earthy look into a remarkable life. For Eugene, the gifts of life were inexhaustible: the glint of fading light over the lake; a kiss from his wife, Jan; a good joke; a bowl of butter pecan ice cream. As you enter into his story, you'll find yourself doing the same—noticing how the most ordinary things shimmer with a new and unexpected beauty.

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Clear the table, get out your colored pencils and experience the joy of coloring again. Invite others to join you - the perforated pages make this a shareable pastime. Chock full of kaleidoscopic patterns, wallpaper style designs and delightful and whimsical inked drawings that beg to be filled with your colors. The book is bound in heavy-duty stock with stamped accents of gold foil on the front cover. 128 perforated one-side printed sturdy pages. Designs includes gift tags, bookmarks, and cards to color. Includes a presentation page for gift-giving

a homeless boy's rescue of a scrawny Christmas tree sparks a glimmer of hope that has far-reaching effects. A revitalizing new perspective on Earthcare from Pulitzer Prize finalist William deBuys. In 2016 and 2018 acclaimed author and conservationist William deBuys joined extended medical expeditions into Upper Dolpo, a remote, ethnically Tibetan region of northwestern Nepal, to provide basic medical services to the residents of the region. Having written about climate change and species extinction, deBuys went on those journeys seeking solace. He needed to find a constructive way of living with the discouraging implications of what he had learned about the diminishing chances of reversing the damage humans have done to Earth; he sought a way of holding onto hope in the face of devastating loss. As deBuys describes these journeys through one of Earth's remotest regions, his writing celebrates the land's staggering natural beauty, and treats his readers to deep dives into two scientific discoveries—the theories of natural selection and plate tectonics—that forever changed human understanding of our planet. Written in a vivid and nuanced style evocative of John McPhee or



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Peter Matthiessen, *The Trail to Kanjiroba* offers a surprising and revitalizing new way to think about Earthcare, one that may enable us to continue the difficult work that lies ahead.

Co-published with  “While assessment may feel to constituents like an activity of accountability simply for accreditors, it is most appropriate to approach assessment as an activity of accountability for students. Assessment results that improve institutional effectiveness, heighten student learning, and better align resources serve to make institutions stronger for the benefit of their students, and those results also serve the institution or program well during the holistic evaluation required through accreditation.” – from the foreword by Heather Perfetti, President of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education  
Colleges and universities struggle to understand precisely what is being asked for by accreditors, and this book answers that question by sharing examples of success reported by schools specifically recommended by accreditors. This compendium gathers examples of assessment practice in twenty-four higher education institutions: twenty-three in the U.S. and one in Australia. All institutions represented in this book were suggested by their accreditor as having an effective assessment approach in one or more of the following assessment focused areas: assessment in the disciplines, co-curricular, course/program/institutional assessment, equity and inclusion, general education, online learning,

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program review, scholarship of teaching and learning, student learning, or technology. These examples recommended by accrediting agencies makes this a unique contribution to the assessment literature. The book is organized in four parts. Part One is focused on student learning and assessment and includes ten chapters. The primary focus for Part Two is student learning assessment from a disciplinary perspective and includes four chapters. Part Three has a faculty engagement and assessment focus, and Part Four includes four chapters on institutional effectiveness and assessment, with a focus on strategic planning. This book is a publication of the Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education (AALHE), an organization of practitioners interested in using effective assessment practice to document and improve student learning.

15 Years of the best photography from the creators of LelandReport.com, a photo-a-day diary from Leelanau County, Michigan

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Secret Keeper* comes a “moody, suspenseful page-turner” (People, Best Book Pick) filled with mystery and spellbinding secrets. Living on her family’s idyllic lakeside estate in Cornwall, England, Alice Edevane is a bright, inquisitive, and precociously talented sixteen-year-old who loves to write stories. One midsummer’s eve, after a beautiful party drawing hundreds of guests to the estate has ended, the Edevanes discover that their youngest child, eleven-month-old Theo, has vanished without a trace. He is never found, and the family is torn

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apart, the house abandoned. Decades later, Alice is living in London, having enjoyed a long successful career as a novelist. Miles away, Sadie Sparrow, a young detective in the London police force, is staying at her grandfather's house in Cornwall. While out walking one day, she stumbles upon the old Edevane estate—now crumbling and covered with vines. Her curiosity is sparked, setting off a series of events that will bring her and Alice together and reveal shocking truths about a past long gone...yet more present than ever. A lush, atmospheric tale of intertwined destinies from a masterful storyteller, *The Lake House* is an enthralling, thoroughly satisfying read.

From the best-selling author with more than 1 million devotionals sold comes this 365-day devotional with journaling space for every day of the year. With its deluxe slipcase, it is ready for any gift-giving occasion. Like opening a window each day and letting in a fresh breeze, this *Devotional Journal* takes a refreshing look at the daily blessings God so graciously gives. In the everyday and the ordinary, Anita Corrine Donihue invites you to discover that our heavenly Father extends His grace into every aspect of life. Find moments of renewing joy and peace on each page, and use the lined space for your response.

The author asks readers: What prayer do you want answered? If you could sit down with God over a cup of coffee, how would you respond if He asked you, "What do you want me to do for you?" What would you ask? The author believes these questions could usher in the greatest breakthrough of the reader's life. He believes

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that God desires to answer prayer. Yes, everyone's. THE SEVEN PRAYERS GOD ALWAYS ANSWERS offers biblical insights into the power of prayer. It is designed to help readers pray and see the results that they pray for. This book gives insight into the prayers that God always answers. It will help readers to understand God's heart so that they can pray in accordance with His will. There are many topics of prayer that this book discusses including; praise, thanksgiving, confession, intercession, and petition. Jason Frenn says, "My desire is that this book completely transforms your life!"

As many places around the world confront issues of globalization, migration and postcoloniality, travel writing has become a serious genre of study, reflecting some of the greatest concerns of our time. Encompassing forms as diverse as field journals, investigative reports, guidebooks, memoirs, comic sketches and lyrical reveries; travel writing is now a crucial focus for discussion across many subjects within the humanities and social sciences. An ideal starting point for beginners, but also offering new perspectives for those familiar with the field, *The Routledge Companion to Travel Writing* examines: Key debates within the field, including postcolonial studies, gender, sexuality and visual culture Historical and cultural contexts, tracing the evolution of travel writing across time and over cultures Different styles, modes and themes of travel writing, from pilgrimage to tourism Imagined geographies, and the relationship between travel writing and the social, ideological and occasionally fictional constructs through which we view the different regions of the world. Covering all of the major topics and debates, this is an essential overview of the field, which will also encourage new and exciting directions for study.

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"The world is faster and busier than it's ever been, with more noise and distraction unsettling our already restless souls. We are a people out of rhythm. For Christians who are frustrated with churches that only add to the hustle and bustle, there must be an answer in our interior spiritual life. We long for deeper, more meaningful faith. Author and pastor Rich Villodas's *The Deeply Formed Life* offers an expansive, interconnected vision of spiritual formation comprised of five key pathways"--

Having received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior you are saved! You are a born-again Christian and your name is written in the book of life. Your question is: "What is the next step to take? Having become a Christian is a good step, but it is just the beginning. You ought to become a good strong Christian.

*Renovation of the Heart* is an influential contribution from the late Dallas Willard that continues to break ground twenty years after its first release. Helping us to understand how character is formed and where Jesus does his most significant work on our spiritual and emotional health, this book changed a generations mind about what it means to follow Jesus not a matter of sin management but a matter of

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drawing near and letting ourselves be shaped into the eternal people of God. With reflections on the books impact over its life from family, friends, and admirers of Dallas, and supplemental resources for the first time in print, Renovation of the Heart will continue its ministry of liberation-by-formation for years to come. Includes a foreword by John Mark Comer and an afterword by Natasha Sistrunk Robinson.

The Journal and Essays of John Woolman by Amelia Mott Gummere, first published in 1922, is a rare manuscript, the original residing in one of the great libraries of the world. This book is a reproduction of that original, which has been scanned and cleaned by state-of-the-art publishing tools for better readability and enhanced appreciation. Restoration Editors' mission is to bring long out of print manuscripts back to life. Some smudges, annotations or unclear text may still exist, due to permanent damage to the original work. We believe the literary significance of the text justifies offering this reproduction, allowing a new generation to appreciate it.

The perfect gift for the creatives and coloring-book lovers in your life! Includes bonus activities and kid-friendly coloring pages for the whole family! This Christmas season, celebrate the birth of our Savior through beautiful design and devotion. Grab your colored pencils, cozy up with your favorite blanket and a cup of tea, and settle in for a night of peace and wonder with All Is Bright. For lovers of the Secret Garden and Enchanted Forest coloring books, All Is Bright is the perfect way to transform the Advent and Christmas seasons for your whole family, re-centering the holidays on the miracle of Jesus' birth. Combining 31 days of rich content by the beloved and inspirational Nancy Guthrie with intricate designs that will reconnect you with the heart of Christ, this coloring book devotional journey reminds us all of what the season really calls us to: worship.

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