

O Holy Night Kenneth Cope

From internationally known speakers, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, comes this new 365-day devotional. This book is based on the scriptures in 1 Corinthians 13 ...love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it keeps no record of wrongs... and Ephesians 3:17-19 ...that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love... You will discover the love that knows no bounds and fuels your faith daily. Kenneth and Gloria Copeland teach you that the more you learn to walk in God's love then the more brightly the light of God will shine in your life. By having the light of God in your life, you will know just how to handle every situation.

No Other Options. Desperate people stop Jesus in His tracks...think of the woman hemorrhaging for 12 long years, despondent that all remedies up to that point had proven worthless. The only option left for her was to grab the robe of the miracle man as He walked by. Jesus affirmed her courage, healed her, called her daughter, and blessed her in peace. Jesus admires your gut-honest desperation more than your religious self-sufficiency. It attracts Him like nothing else. What is your greatest place of desperation right now? Cruel circumstances, fractured relationships, bruised emotions and aching loneliness-God meets us in the desperate places of our lives, fights and delights to restore us, and sends us out into a world full of desperate people. "Honesty is what you will find as you advance through the treasures that await you in this unforgettable book. The words are not the hollow ramblings of an academic, but rather the wisdom of a man who writes from the depths of his quest to find meaning and hope in the darkest and loneliest circumstances you have ever endured. My life has been profoundly and deeply shaken by my friendship with Mike O'Quin. I invite you to read his meditations on human desperation. Prepare your heart. I dare say, you will never be the same."- Paul Richardson, author of *A Certain Risk: Living Your Faith at the Edge* (Zondervan, 2010) "One of the biggest dangers for the Western Christian is to wrap our lives in so much bubble wrap, that we no longer remain vulnerable, raw, broken and, most of all, dependent upon Jesus. Mike carefully removes the bubble wrap we have put around our own souls as he reminds us that it's only in our desperation that we can fully meet the perfect love that saves us. *Growing Desperate* reminds us that, in the same way Jesus noticed the desperate hemorrhaging woman, He notices our own, everyday brokenness as well, if only we would be desperate enough to reach up. After reading this book, you will be."- Jessica Honegger, founder and CEO of Noonday Collection "Growing Desperate offers a most inspiring and compelling insight into Jesus' promise of the Kingdom for the poor in spirit. It's well-written and cocked full of fascinating stories of Mike's experiences from his life and the lives of people he's served both in the U.S. and Indonesia. His winsome, transparent style of writing invites the reader to be more than OK with our own neediness. Most refreshing is Mike's call for us not just look inward but to also look outward to others who are needy. Mike lives what he's addressing in his book, thus it carries much authority." - Ron Parrish, author of *From Duty to Delight: Finding Greater Joy in Daily Prayer* "There are generally two types of writers who fill the pages of books in stores. The first are famous people who need some help to make their story readable. You'll buy the book 'cause you know who they are but struggle to finish reading their passable

drivel. The second are people you've never heard of who have ridiculous writing talent. Imagery leaps off the page so vivid and real you forget you're reading. You're living the story. You can't wait to read more, wished it wouldn't end and ache to read it again. Mike O'Quin is that second type of writer. Even better, he's lived desperation from Austin to Indonesia. You'll feel his stories tugging at your soul. More importantly, you'll hear the voice of God calling you to a life that's richer, riskier and singing a new song."- Peter Nevland, author of Exposing the Psalms and I'm Going to be a Zebra The heart of why I wrote this book:
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We present this small treatise to pious persons, entreating them to peruse it. Long ago the Holy Ghost said: "It is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins." (II Macabees 12:46) Our Lord shed tears in seeing the tomb of Lazarus, and the Church, well acquainted with the feelings of her Divine Founder, is incessantly recommending charity for the Souls suffering in Purgatory. One of her eminent doctors, St. Thomas of Aquinas, has said that: "Of all prayers, the most meritorious, the most acceptable to God are prayers for the dead, because they imply all the works of charity, both corporal and spiritual." But there are many people unconscious of the fact that charity for the "Poor Souls" is profitable to the living as well as to the dead. It is the teaching of the most learned theologians, viz: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Sylvius, Robert Bellarmine, Bonacina, and Suarez. "It is true," says St. Alphonsus, "they are unable to pray or merit anything for themselves, yet, when they pray for others, they are heard by God." Let us refer to Bellarmine: "The Souls in Purgatory," says he, "can pray for those, who address to them their petitions, and obtain from God help, forgiveness, assistance against temptations, and, all favors, both temporal and spiritual, which they may need." Many Saints have experienced this wonderful assistance. St. Catherine of Bologna assured her Sisters that: "She obtained many favors by the prayers of the holy Souls in Purgatory, which she had asked in vain, through the intercession of the Saints." St. Theresa affirms that: "She always obtained the favors which she asked from God, through the intercession of the Poor Souls." We read also in the book of St. Bridget's Revelations that: "Being one day conducted by an Angel into Purgatory, she heard a soul say: "Oh Lord, vouchsafe to reward those who assist us! Return hundredfold blessings to those who help us and introduce us into the light of Heaven." St. Leonard of Port Maurice emphatically affirms that: "The blessed Souls, delivered by our prayers, will come down from Heaven to assist us in our temporal and spiritual affairs." The Venerable Cure d' Ars, replying to a priest said: "If one knew what we may obtain from God by the intercession of the Poor Souls, they would not be so much abandoned. Let us pray a great deal for them, they will pray for us." Blessed Margaret Mary Alacoque had a special devotion for the Souls in Purgatory and has often accepted the charge of suffering for them. "Would that you knew," she said, "how my soul was replenished with joy, when speaking to those Souls, and seeing them immersed in glory as in a deep ocean. As I requested them to pray for you, they replied: "An ungrateful soul is not to be found in Heaven!" No, we cannot be deceived! If we have an ardent charity, a sincere piety, a true devotedness for the Poor Souls, we will be favored with their protection. Let us try it! When we are in trouble, when we long for a favor, let us perform some pious or charitable work for the relief of the "Poor Souls." They will be grateful, they will plead for us, and present our requests to the Eternal Father, Who loves them. May God bless this

humble work! May He deign to enkindle generous hearts with zeal for the "Poor Souls." "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." (Matt., V., 7.)

A compassionate, shame-free guide for your darkest days "A one-of-a-kind book . . . to read for yourself or give to a struggling friend or loved one without the fear that depression and suicidal thoughts will be minimized, medicalized or over-spiritualized."—Kay Warren, cofounder of Saddleback Church What happens when loving Jesus doesn't cure you of depression, anxiety, or suicidal thoughts? You might be crushed by shame over your mental illness, only to be told by well-meaning Christians to "choose joy" and "pray more." So you beg God to take away the pain, but nothing eases the ache inside. As darkness lingers and color drains from your world, you're left wondering if God has abandoned you. You just want a way out. But there's hope. In *I Love Jesus, But I Want to Die*, Sarah J. Robinson offers a healthy, practical, and shame-free guide for Christians struggling with mental illness. With unflinching honesty, Sarah shares her story of battling depression and fighting to stay alive despite toxic theology that made her afraid to seek help outside the church. Pairing her own story with scriptural insights, mental health research, and simple practices, Sarah helps you reconnect with the God who is present in our deepest anguish and discover that you are worth everything it takes to get better. Beautifully written and full of hard-won wisdom, *I Love Jesus, But I Want to Die* offers a path toward a rich, hope-filled life in Christ, even when healing doesn't look like what you expect.

How does the Jesus of the New Testament compare to the Jesus we think we know so well? Bestselling author Philip Yancey conducts an enlightening biblical and historical investigation. This honest book will help you discover a different Jesus from the flannelgraph Sunday school figure, the sweetly smiling Victorian Savior, and all the cultural clichés that have tamed Jesus and kept him in comfortable religious boxes. Philip Yancey cuts through existing views and preconceptions of Jesus--citing opinions from church history, modern history, and popular culture; discussing how different people and cultures view Jesus; dissecting popular quotes about Jesus; and much more--and he offers a more accurate perspective by pointing us back to the Bible. From the manger in Bethlehem to the cross in Jerusalem, Yancey presents a complex character who generates questions as well as answers, a disturbing and exhilarating Jesus who wants to radically transform your life and stretch your faith. *The Jesus I Never Knew* engages your heart, your mind, your emotions, and your senses, preparing you for a new, life-changing encounter with the real Jesus described in the Gospels. Also available: *The Jesus I Never Knew* video curriculum, participant's guide, and study guide.

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For some time, it has lingered restive, waiting to waken as if from a dormant state, an irresistible and fundamental basis of inquiry from which certain questions had formed as to whether there were true spiritual blessings bestowed on the whole of the Reformation movement, and which extended to all its leaders and the revolting rabble, and also, whether it was the right or even the best action to take, and also, whether the virtuous means and the unwitting results, were all that pleasing to God? These questions seem to beg for reasonable and truthful answers. And along with these questions there is an unequivocal assumption that the Reformation and the Protestant Revolt occurred primarily for the benefit of the Catholic Church. This book lays out the reasons in what-if perspectives and proves that Protestantism is truly a false religion, while stipulating that some of its members, like most Catholics are all truly Christian children of the God of Israel. The book also details the reasons why all non-Christian religions are doomed from the beginning as was the Reformation and the Protestant Revolt.

Terrie and Doug Oxtal gave their lives to a dream. After over 35 years of marriage the result of their devotion to four children and each other, life was perfect until the day they left the hospital with only their youngest son Andrew's jacket. The unspeakable grief that took over their lives is captured in letters written to Andrew where the love spills on to every page. The journey is there, the love is there, the sense of loss is there between the lines of shock and pain, with a true understanding of compassion. The Oxtal family knows Andrew has gone home, and they live with him in their hearts, until they meet again. For those who have suffered the loss of a child, this mother's letters will take you to a place so familiar they won't make you feel alone. For those who have not lost a child, this book will take you to a place where love is all that matters.

For the Strength of Youth The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Phew... being Santa is tough work! One Christmas Eve, after finishing his toy delivering Santa decides that it's time for him to take a much needed, year long break. Unbeknownst to him however, Jimmy (a normally VERY good boy) finds out about this trip... and the fact that Santa won't be around to see how he acts! Will Jimmy spend the year on his best behavior like normal - or will he be terrible just because he can? Written by Alex Stephenson, a therapist and father of two - The Year Santa Went on Vacation is a Christmas story with a message that can be enjoyed all year long. The light-hearted poem will entertain you and your little ones as you see how Jimmy and Santa choose to spend their year VERY differently than normal - while also helping to teach that there is more than one reason to be a nice person.

During the course of the English Reformation the Church of England revised the liturgy of the church. Matins, Lauds, and Prime were compressed into the office of Morning Prayer while Vespers and Compline were compressed into Evening Prayer, while Terce, Sext, and

None were eliminated. Liturgical revision has restored some offices; in addition, numerous breviaries have been created. However, many of these breviaries serve only to restore the offices in their ancient complexity, rather than in the theological spirit of Archbishop Cranmer while many modern prayer books have diverged from classical Prayer Book Anglicanism. This work is a response to these issues, the continued complexity of Anglican breviaries in the modern context and their theological discontinuity with the original task of liturgical revision. It is to these ends, simplicity and theological conformity to the original Prayer Book tradition, that this simplified Anglican breviary has been compiled.

New York magazine was born in 1968 after a run as an insert of the New York Herald Tribune and quickly made a place for itself as the trusted resource for readers across the country. With award-winning writing and photography covering everything from politics and food to theater and fashion, the magazine's consistent mission has been to reflect back to its audience the energy and excitement of the city itself, while celebrating New York as both a place and an idea.

Craft projects that you can make at home.

Set in Africa with footholds in archaic Ethiopia and once resplendent Ethiopia, this compelling story describes WHY Christianity is exploding in Africa and below the equator. The book details staggering predictions for religion in Africa and the entire world. Not only are the spiritually aware finding Him, but He is rallying the skeptical and lost with visions and dreams and a dedicated missionary force that attest to the reality of modern-day revelation and a loving God who wants His children home. Seen through the eyes of a reluctant lady missionary, this is a humorous story of Sondra who initially rejects a calling to serve in Africa with her husband, incorrectly describing the continent as "backwards, with endless desert, hyenas lying dead in mud holes and Zulus that are still angry" and declares she is not going. Akin to Jonah who landed in the whale's belly or the struggling archetypal hero, the recalcitrant missionary ultimately discovers the amazing and enterprising ways that the Lord spreads his Restored Gospel and what part she plays in it.

From the author of *The Secret Garden* comes this novel about a strong-willed woman who defies English society in the early 1700s to remake herself as a lady of quality.

There are instructions set forth in the Word of God to teach men how to live a prosperous life. True prosperity is the ability to apply the power of God to meet any need spiritual, mental, and physical. In this book, Kenneth Copeland shares the revelation of spiritual laws that govern prosperity. *The Laws of Prosperity* is written to teach you how to apply these laws in your own life so that you can begin to enjoy the great, abundant life that only God can provide.

OUR DEAR YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN, we have great confidence in you. You are beloved sons and daughters of God and He is mindful of you. You have come to earth at a time of great opportunities and also of great challenges. The standards in this booklet will help you with the important choices you are making now and will yet make in the future. We promise that as you keep the covenants you have made and these standards, you will be blessed with

the companionship of the Holy Ghost, your faith and testimony will grow stronger, and you will enjoy increasing happiness.

This enormous and exhaustive reference book has entries on every major and minor director of science fiction films from the inception of cinema (circa 1895) through 1998. For each director there is a complete filmography including television work, a career summary, a critical assessment, and behind-the-scenes production information. Seventy-nine directors are covered in especially lengthy entries and a short history of the science fiction film genre is also included.

Eleven souls, suicide victims resulting from various issues including: bullying, unwanted teen pregnancy, drug addiction, and sexual abuse awaken from a cocoon-like state, to find themselves on a mysterious realm named Destaris. An Oshlu (spirit guide), named Maree, has been appointed to assist the fallen souls, who are universally intertwined through life experience. The teens must complete their self-interrupted spiritual journey in order to free themselves from the limbo-like realm and move on to the next. Oblivious to their soul's true desire, they are put through a series of tests that will ultimately deliver them, one by one, through a porthole to their final destination, Heaven or Hell. The group, quite content being free of their earth burdens, soon realize that they cannot escape their biggest nightmare: the inability to escape themselves. They race against time to complete their testing for spiritual growth, for the longer they remain on Destaris, the more they must cope with the return of their former earth burdens. On Destaris, these past hardships re-emerge with a cruel psychedelic twist, as the realm holds unknown bizarre powers beyond those of a simple Earth. Many resist cooperating, for fear of being claimed by the Devil, and become deeper entrenched within their limbo state. This frustrates Maree, as she needs to free every trapped soul in Destaris before she is freed herself. She loses patience when several become uncooperative, tempting her to force the teens out through any porthole she can.

Jake is a mountain man in 1838 Colorado who finds he is dying from Cancer. He isn't given much time to live, and doc says it is going to be painful. He sends him off with some medicine to help cope with the pain. Instead of going home to die, Jake decides to set out on a last adventure to find the perfect secluded valley for his final resting place. His best friend, Joe Barnes, won't let him go alone, and he brings along a deaf mute girl named Beth. Along the way they save some children from hostile Indians, guide a wagon train to safety, spend time with old friends, and settle an old score with a past friend.

Indistinct voices, strange visitations and unusual dreams have begun to plague Nineteen-year-old Khari days before her return from London to her Oregon home. As the occurrences have spawned haunting emotions she thought she had escaped, she realizes she can't ignore them any longer and begins to surrender to their pull. Feeling weary and a bit crazy, Khari struggles to cope with what is happening to her. She is forced to open up about herself, only to find out secrets were kept from her by those she trusts the most. She then begins a problematic journey toward self-discovery and uncovers more than she ever imagined possible. But, continuing toward understanding requires Khari to face a dangerous figure, risk of death and a fight for love. Kharishma explores the importance of family ties, both past and present, the consequences of love and hate, and the power of

believing in ones self. It is a story of deception, humility, discovery and the strength of bonds to the seen and unseen. It is a story that will not be easily forgotten and will leave you wishing for more.

Donna's story is an elegant illustration of how to recognize that, despite how it may seem, the world around you is not coming apart; it is just the turbulence that is necessary to project you into the next level of life. Do not be afraid of what this life brings you. Use it, and know that in the realm of uncertainty, your destiny is found. Donna walks this path. She has experienced it first hand, and her message is a powerful communication inspired by practice. Upon finishing this book, you will know more than you imagined possible about the power of life, faith, love and compassion. – From the Foreword by Dr. David Morehouse, Founder of Remote Viewing Technologies, and author of "Psychic Warrior"

Stormie Omartian's bestselling The Power of a Praying® series (more than 28 million copies sold) is rereleased with fresh new covers and new material to reach a still-growing market of readers eager to discover the power of prayer for their lives. It may seem easier to pray for your spouse, your children, your friends, and your extended family, but God wants to hear your requests for your life too. He loves it when you come to Him for the things you need and ask Him to help you become the woman you have always longed to be. The Power of a Praying® Woman is just for you. You'll find personal illustrations, carefully selected Scriptures, and heartfelt prayers to help you trust God with deep longings, not just pressing needs cover every area of life with prayer maintain a right heart before God Each chapter concludes with a prayer you can follow or use as a model for your own prayers. Women of all ages will find hope and purpose for their lives with The Power of a Praying® Woman.

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Grief put her down. Can love pick her up? Newlyweds Renny and Adam Carter have been married for six wonderful months. One evening their peaceful ride down a misty two-lane road in Whisper, North Carolina is tragically interrupted. They're hit by a truck carrying tree logs. Renny's husband is instantly killed. She escapes with a broken life, a broken heart, and a fractured mind. Merek Spencer's mother was kidnapped fifteen years ago. The event shocked the small and idyllic town of Whisper. But soon the spectacular crime lost its luster, and things returned to normal for everyone except Merek and his father, James, who blames himself for the crime. For this reason, Merek has had to play role reversal with his father. And despite Merek's model good looks, he is a loner by choice, working late hours as an architect. At age 36, he has had plenty of opportunities to open himself up to love, but for some reason he cannot. All of that changes when he meets Renny Carter on the worst night of her life. He pulls her out of a wrecked car and his long dormant feelings awaken from their deep sleep. Reluctantly and ashamedly, Renny also feels the connection. Merek and Renny part ways never expecting to see one another again. Fate has another plan. How soon should love arise after a devastating loss? Can such a love be legitimate? What about the guilt? Can such a love be of God?

21 surgeries by age 13. Years in the hospital. Verbal and physical bullying from schoolmates. Multiple miscarriages as a young wife. The death of a child. A debilitating progressive disease. Riveting pain. Abandonment. Unwanted divorce... Vaneetha begged God for grace that would deliver her. But God offered something better: his sustaining grace. When Aislinn Amon's father disappears, her mother drags her from New York to Indiana where she is to attend a new boarding school - Source High. At Source High, Aislinn finds herself in a whole other world than what she knew. Everyone has something supernatural about them, including her. Soon, she finds that she's not the normal, rebel, messed up teenage girl she thought she was. Her friends try to help her along the way when trouble comes knocking on her door. People die, she finds herself falling in love with, something she swore she'd never do, and secrets start to form. Can Aislinn cope with everything that's happening? Can she handle the life she's been forced to deal with? Or will she crack under the heavy pressures laid upon her seventeen-year-old shoulders?

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