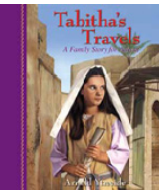


Children's



The Story of the Nativity by Tracy Harrast; illustrated by Estelle Corke

This unique book allows children ages 3–6 to count down to the birth of Jesus in a fun and memorable way. After reading the 24-page book about the events of the first Christmas, kids will have a blast decorating the nativity play scene. Reusable foil and heavy board stickers are stored in the front flap and can be used to assemble the scene of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus in the stable. Sure to inspire creative play! (Kregel)



Tabitha's Travels: A Family Story for Advent by Arnold Ytreeide

Following in the footsteps of the immensely popular Jotham's Journey and Bartholomew's Passage, this captivating story will take families through Advent to Christmas as they share in Tabitha's adventures. Curious, competent, and courageous Tabitha is the daughter of a shepherd who is taking his family on caravan to his birthplace. Along the way, she meets and becomes friends with Jotham and Bartholomew, watches as Romans take her father prisoner, spends time with Zechariah and Elizabeth, helps Mary and Joseph just before Christ's birth, and ends her travels at the stable in Bethlehem. With day-by-day readings, reflections for family devotions, and advice for making Christmas a meaningful season of worship, Tabitha's Travels continues the beloved tradition of celebrating Advent with your family. (Kregel)

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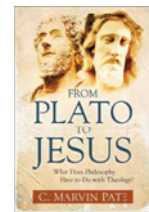
Resources



Spurgeon on Leadership, Second edition: Key Insights for Christian Leaders from the Prince of Preachers by

Larry J. Michael

This is the highly anticipated revised and expanded edition of **Spurgeon on Leadership**. Students of leadership and pastors will continue to find a treasure trove of information from the man who pastored the first megachurch, began a college to train pastors, founded an orphanage, instituted countless charitable organizations, and could communicate with prime ministers and common people alike. No doubt among churches today this type of leader is in high demand, and Spurgeon's leadership style and innovations provide a challenging model. (Kregel)



From Plato to Jesus: What Does Philosophy Have to Do with Theology? by C. Marvin Pate

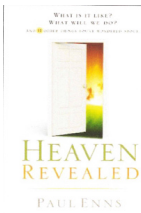
From Plato to Aristotle to Heidegger, philosophy has often played a key role in the development of the formulations of Christian theology, this despite the protests of those purists who claim to the contrary that Christian dogma is exclusively divine revelation "unimpeded" by mortal reason. Christians should be engaged in and articulating their theology with the help of politics, sociology, history and, yes, philosophy. The message of the incarnation is that God entered into real time and space for the purpose of revealing Himself to humanity in terms that it could understand. **From Plato to Jesus** explores the philosophical currents that have and are shaping systematic theology. This book is written as a supplemental or primary textbook for a systematic or historical theology class, and thus, for ease of use, is arranged by the standard theological categories. (Kregel)

Resources Continued



Astronomy and the Bible by Donald B. DeYoung

Astronomy and the Bible is a 155-page paperback which answers 100 intriguing questions about astronomy and science. The questions range across subjects such as the earth and the moon, the solar system, the stars, galaxies and the universe, and general science. The book includes a new, helpful series of seasonal star charts for the Northern Hemisphere, along with a general and a scripture index. Dr. DeYoung is known internationally for his work in creation science. ***Astronomy and the Bible's*** question-and-answer format makes it a practical tool for the classroom and home school. (BMH)



Heaven Revealed by Paul P. Enns

There are so many questions in life... but few are as universal as: "What is the afterlife like?" For those who have put their hope and trust in Jesus Christ here on earth – Heaven awaits. Addressing questions as basic as What will we do there? and What is it like?, theologian Dr. Paul Enns dives deep into the

Scriptures while reflecting on the very personal nature of what is to come. ***Heaven Revealed*** is concurrently a helpful, east-to-read guidebook for Christians as well as an encouragement for those of us who are left here on earth after our loved ones who are Christians pass away. Follow along as Dr. Enns succinctly leads you through what the Bible has to say about Heaven. (MP March 2011)

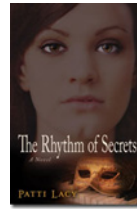
Christian Living



Domesticated Jesus by Harry L. Kraus Jr.

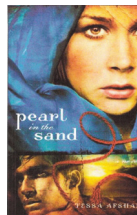
All of us try to domesticate Jesus, in little things like doubt, anxiety, or fear about the future. We let him into our lives, but only so far, until our control is threatened. Then we send him back to his room, back to his box. Harry Kraus takes a hard-hitting, soul-searching look at this atrocity that we commit every day. He challenges each of us to find Jesus as the grand treasure that he is and see him in real life more and more every day. (P & R)

Fiction



The Rhythm of Secrets by [Patti Lacy](#)

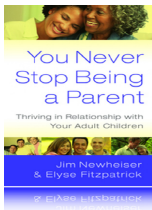
Sheila Franklin has lived three separate lives. Now a conservative pastor's wife in Chicago, she is skilled at hiding secrets--a talent birthed during childhood romps through the music-filled streets of New Orleans. But when the son she bore at the age of eighteen comes back looking for answers and desperate for help, her greatest secret--and greatest regret--is revealed. Eager to right past wrongs, Sheila's heart floods with memories of lyrical jazz music and a worn-out Bible. But when her husband learns of her shady history, Sheila is suddenly faced with an impossible decision: embrace the dream--and son--she abandoned against her will or give in to the demands of her safe but stifled life. As she struggles to reclaim both her son and her identity, Sheila soon realizes that God's grace spans both seas and secrets and that He is all she really needs. With dynamic writing that makes the reader feel the heartache of a teenage mother, struggle with the disillusionment of an abandoned boy, and revel in the idea of grace despite flaws, rising star Patti Lacy takes her fans on a journey they won't want to end--and won't soon forget. (Kregel January 2011)



Pearl in the Sand by Tessa Afshar

Can a Canaanite harlot who has made her livelihood by looking desirable to men make a fitting wife for one of the leaders of Israel? Shockingly, the Bible's answer is yes. ***Pearl in the Sand*** tells Rahab's untold story. Rahab lives in a wall; her house is built into the defensive walls of the City of Jericho. Other walls surround her as well – walls of fear, rejection, unworthiness. A woman with a wrecked past; a man of success, of faith... of pride; a marriage only God would conceive! Through the heartaches of a stormy relationship, Rahab and Salmone learn the true source of one another's worth and find healing in God. (MP, September 2010)

Marriage and Family Continued



You Never Stop Being a Parent: Thriving in Relationship with Your Adult Children by Jim Newheiser and Elyse Fitzpatrick

You may have always expected your job as a parent to be done once your children reached adulthood ... but you're quickly finding out that you never stop being a parent. Jim Newheiser and Elyse Fitzpatrick ground you in the guidance of God's Word, reminding you that your relationship with your adult children can only be as deep and meaningful as your relationship with Him. (P & R)



Marital Intelligence by Gil Stieglitz

Marital Intelligence, subtitled "A foolproof guide for saving and supercharging marriage," is based on thousands of hours of marital counseling and observation by the author. Stieglitz is a counselor, speaker, mentor, professor, and leadership consultant based in Roseville, Calif. Stieglitz says there are only five problems in marriage: (1) Ignoring needs; (2) Immature behaviors, (3) Clashing temperaments, (4) Competing relationships, and (5) Past baggage. With each issue, he carefully and consistently lays out biblical teaching on the subject, and then includes helpful anecdotes, solutions, and self-tests to help the reader. (BMH)



The Faithful Parent: A Biblical Guide to Raising a Family by Martha Peace and Stuart W. Scott, Foreword by Tedd Tripp

Parents and children need help from the One who is perfect, who understands our need, and who can really help us—God himself. Because of that, the most important relationship in your family is your relationship with him. That's the relationship ***The Faithful Parent*** emphasizes. Martha Peace, best-selling author of *The Excellent Wife*, and Stuart Scott, author of its counterpart, *The Exemplary Husband*, join forces to challenge you to become a faithful parent—one who perseveres and leaves the results to God. (P & R)

Christian Living



A Faith To Live By: Understanding Christian Doctrine by Donald Macleod

- Helps Christians to a better understanding of what they believe;
- Knowledge of the Gospel assists in giving personal witness;
- Explains how to answer common objections to Christian doctrine.

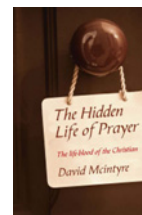
This is a comprehensive examination of Christian doctrine, practically explained – The Inspiration of Scripture, the Trinity, sin, the Incarnation, the Atonement, Justification, Christian Liberty, Baptism, the Church, the Lord's Supper, the Second Coming, the Resurrection, Hell and Heaven. It equips the reader to present their faith intelligently to others. (Christian Focus)



RICH: The Reality of Encountering Jesus by Peter Dickson with David Gibson

- Evangelistic book based on Luke's Gospel
- Very accessible and free from religious jargon
- Passages from Luke included in each chapter;
- Illustrations for the 21st century.

What does it mean to belong to God and to be a part of his family? This evangelistic book brings the Gospel of Luke into the experience of a 21st century audience. Using contemporary illustrations such as the recent financial crisis, the authors take the reader on a journey and explain what it means to live in relationship with the living God. (Christian Focus)

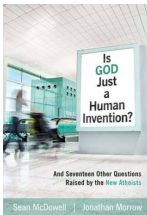


Hidden Life of Prayer: The Life-blood of the Christian by David McIntyre

- Practical suggestions for revitalized personal prayer;
- Examples of famous Christians from the past;
- Stresses importance of the "secret place" of prayer on a regular basis. Private or secret prayer is the life-blood of the Christian. The great men and women of God

down through the ages have testified to the effectiveness of this in their lives. Some like Martin Luther have said that they could not survive a busy day without spending 2-3 hours alone with God. Drawing on the experiences of people like Luther, Spurgeon, Muller, Whitefield and Wesley, the author presses the case for a greater commitment to prayer. His advice may not only transform your life, it could be a catalyst towards a change in the world around you. (Christian Focus)

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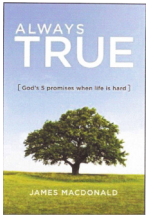
Is God Just a Human Invention? by Sean McDowell and Jonathan Morrow

Atheism is making a comeback. From bookstores to bus campaigns, the question of God is up for public debate—and well-known atheists like Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens are leading the charge. While these authors, who have been dubbed “The New Atheists,” argue against religion in general, they aim most of their criticisms and complaints at the world’s largest religion—Christianity. Why are people reading books that bash God and ridicule faith? And how can Christians respond? Writing from a distinctively Christian perspective, McDowell and Morrow lay out the facts so that the emerging generation can make up their own mind after considering all the evidence. (Kregel, September 2010)



God's Healing for Life's Losses by Robert Kellemen

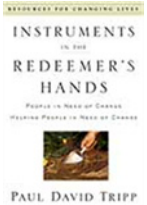
Subtitled “How to Find Hope When You’re Hurting,” the book provides real, raw, honest and hopeful conversation about suffering, loss and grief from a Christian perspective. The author is a seminary graduate as well as a trained counselor and educator, and the text of this 114-page gift-sized hardback reflects a solid underpinning of biblical truth and Trinitarian theology to its practical advice and keen insights. (BMH)



Always True by James MacDonald

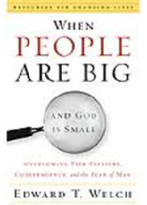
2 Peter 1:3 refers to certain portions of God’s word as *exceedingly great and precious promises*. Great promises are ones that don’t fall apart during difficult times; they reveal hope in the midst of the storm. God’s promises become exceedingly great and precious to us when nothing else will do. By way of digging into the theology of God’s Promises, pastor James uncovers 5 major categories of promise in the Bible and the 5 areas about which God repeatedly makes promises. From what to do with fear and doubt to God’s goodness, help and victory – the Bible has much to say about God’s presence in our difficulty. (MP January 2011)

Christian Living



Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands: People in Need of Change Helping People in Need of Change by Paul David Tripp

We might be relieved if God placed our sanctification only in the hands of trained professionals, but that is not his plan. Instead, through the ministry of every part of the body, the whole church will mature in Christ. Paul David Tripp helps us discover where change is needed in our own lives and the lives of others. Following the example of Jesus, Tripp reveals how to get to know people, and how to lovingly speak truth to them. Comprehensive treatment of how God uses people as tools of change in the lives of others, people who themselves are in need of change. (P & R)



When People Are Big and God Is Small: Overcoming Peer Pressure, Codependency, and the Fear of Man by Edward T. Welch

Overly concerned about what people think of you? Welch uncovers the spiritual dimension of people-pleasing and points the way through a true knowledge of God, ourselves, and others.

(P & R)

Marriage and Family



Things I Wish I'd Known Before We Got Married by Gary Chapman

Gary Chapman writes, “Most people spend far more time in preparation for their vocation than they do in preparation for marriage.” No wonder the divorce rate hovers around fifty percent. Gary believes that divorce is the lack of preparation for marriage and the failure to learn the skills of working together as intimate teammates. So, he put together this practical little book, packed with wisdom and tips that will help many develop the loving, supportive and mutually beneficial marriage men and women long for. The material lends itself to heart-felt discussions by dating or engaged couples. Each short chapter includes insightful “Talking it Over” questions and suggestions. By understanding and balancing the five key aspects of life, dating couples can experience a healthy dating relationship. A revealing learning exercise for dating couples is included at the end. (MP, September 2010)