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Loving God When You Don't Love the
Church Chris Jackson 2007-09-01 Many Christians who experience hurt in the church don't just leave their own churches; they leave the church altogether. Whether they have been wounded by pastors or people in the pews, these believers have had enough and are jumping ship in massive numbers. Pastor and churchgoer Chris Jackson is honest about his own failings as well as those of the church at large. He identifies with many of the hurts churchgoing Christians have experienced. In Loving God When You Don't Love the Church, he hopes to provide healing to wounded and disillusioned believers and restore the wonder of a genuine relationship with Jesus and his bride, the church. Jackson's humility, compassion, and practical advice for healing and restoration will touch those who have left the church and those who love them.

Secondhand Jesus Glenn Packiam 2009 Poses an argument that today's Christians inappropriately count on religious experts to define or set the standards for living one's faith, arguing that settling for another's description renders one vulnerable to doubts in the face of difficult challenges, in a guide that offers counsel on how to get to know God for oneself. Original. 10,000 first printing.

Post-Traumatic Church Syndrome Reba Riley 2016-03-15 "A woman about to turn 30 and dealing with health challenges finds that she wants to reconnect with faith, just not with the religion she was raised in. She decides to visit 30 different faith traditions before she turns 30, and finds that her journey encompasses more than just visiting different houses of worship"—

Can You Be Gay and Christian? Michael L. Brown 2014 Offers practical guidance for Christians who have gay friends, family members, or who struggle with their own
sexuality.

**The Emancipation of Robert Sadler**

Robert Sadler 2012-01-01 Powerful True Story of a Twentieth-Century Plantation Slave Over fifty years after the Emancipation Proclamation, Robert Sadler was sold into slavery at the age of five--by his own father. This is the no-holds-barred tale of those dark days, his quest for freedom, and the determination to serve others born out of his experience. It is a story of good triumphing over evil, of God's grace, and of an extraordinary life of ministry. An updated edition of a classic title.

**Almost Christian** Kenda Creasy Dean 2010-07-16 Based on the National Study of Youth and Religion--the same invaluable data as its predecessor, Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers--Kenda Creasy Dean's compelling new book, Almost Christian, investigates why American teenagers are at once so positive about Christianity and at the same time so apathetic about genuine religious practice. In Soul Searching, Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton found that American teenagers have embraced a "Moralistic Therapeutic Deism"--a hodgepodge of banal, self-serving, feel-good beliefs that bears little resemblance to traditional Christianity. But far from faulting teens, Dean places the blame for this theological watering down squarely on the churches themselves. Instead of proclaiming a God who calls believers to lives of love, service and sacrifice, churches offer instead a bargain religion, easy to use, easy to forget, offering little and demanding less. But what is to be done? In order to produce ardent young Christians, Dean argues, churches must rediscover their sense of mission and model an understanding of being Christian as not
something you do for yourself, but something that calls you to share God's love, in word and deed, with others. Dean found that the most committed young Christians shared four important traits: they could tell a personal and powerful story about God; they belonged to a significant faith community; they exhibited a sense of vocation; and they possessed a profound sense of hope. Based on these findings, Dean proposes an approach to Christian education that places the idea of mission at its core and offers a wealth of concrete suggestions for inspiring teens to live more authentically engaged Christian lives. Persuasively and accessibly written, Almost Christian is a wake up call no one concerned about the future of Christianity in America can afford to ignore.

**What Good Is Jesus?** Marv Nelson 2016-01-29 When children are sold into slavery-what good is Jesus? When wretched disease takes a loved one's life-what good is Jesus? When marriages crumble and jobs disappoint-what good is Jesus? Many know of Jesus, but few actually know Him. The real entity of Jesus has been tainted by how His followers have portrayed His image in their lives. The institution of religion has overtaken the beauty of relationship, and many Christians are walking away with a bitter taste. Faced with declining opportunities, a war-torn globe, and seemingly-insurmountable crises, many millennials are asking the sincere question: what good is Jesus? Pastor Marv Nelson doesn't avoid tough questions; instead, he tackles issues head-on with love and wisdom. Examining sexuality, politics, racial tensions, suffering, and more, Nelson addresses these problems through a relational rather than religious approach and shows us just what good Jesus really is.

**The Seven Rules of Wall Street: Crash-***
Tested Investment Strategies That Beat the Market

Sam Stovall 2009-03-08

“Sell in May, and then go away.” It's an old saying, but this Wall Street adage is as relevant today as when it was first uttered. It worked once again during the market decline that began in 2008. In The Seven Rules of Wall Street, Sam Stovall, master investment strategist and expert on stock market history, presents seven familiar sayings that not only convey enduring truths but also serve as superb investment strategies. In this engaging guide, Stovall subjects his chosen sayings to the facts of history and to his own personal experience.

When it comes to building a portfolio, for instance, should you “let your winners ride, but cut your losers short”? Absolutely. “On average,” Stovall writes, “the 'winners' beat the market by a near two-to-one margin. The winners also beat the losers most years: seven out of every 10 years.”

Other Wall Street one-liners that emerge as timeless truisms include: As goes January, so goes the year Don't get mad--get even Don't fight the Fed There's always a bull market someplace To support his conclusions, Stovall complements his sharp insight with the results of detailed back-testing, as well as tables and charts drawing on decades of stock market data. A fun and lively read, The Seven Rules of Wall Street provides an abundance of wisdom in remarkably few words--proving that investing books can be as entertaining as they are educating.

Honestly

Johnnie Moore 2011-09-01

Johnnie Moore, vice president and campus pastor of Liberty University, inspires readers with an enthusiastic challenge to live out fully what they say they believe as Christians. In his uniquely confessional tone, Johnnie takes readers on a journey of belief from the hilltop home of the Dalai Lama to a mass
grave of more than 250,000 people in Rwanda. He dares to address the doubts and challenges that have turned many well-intentioned Christians into hypocrites. Like a good pastor, Moore helps heal the wounds he opens, and he leaves his reader with one curious question, "What could happen if the world's Christians actually began to live what they say they believe?"


**The Michigan Technic** 1922

**The Congressional Globe** United States. Congress 1834

**Kids' Travel Guide to the Armor of God** Group Children's Ministry Resources 2004

The Kids' Travel Guide series takes children from kindergarten through 5th grade on life-impacting explorations that engage them with activities, stories, prayer, and much more. Each of the seven themed Kids' Travel Guides includes 13 imaginative, interactive Bible lessons. Lead your Sunday school or midweek program on a travel adventure packed with fun activities, creative options, and take-home pages that kids tuck into their very own travel journals. The world is a scary place, but God is greater than it all! Kids' Travel Guide to the Armor of God is the newest edition of the Kids' Travel Guide series taking your kids on a 13-week Scripture-based exploration of the armor of God. Lead them to have a faith so bold they'll be able to stand firm in the midst of terrifying or unclear situations. Children will explore how to be strong in the decisions they make and in relationships with others. It's an
government offices in a number of European countries. The centrality of this to the debate about Europe needs no special emphasis. Early essays collected here deal with matters surprisingly relevant to present controversies. One from 1940 wryly explores 'The Argument for Federal Union'. There are essays one the operation of government machinery abroad which throw more light on the subject than current public discussions on the EEC. Sisson stresses throughout those aspects of British practice which have importance beyond the immediate battles of the day.

**Exploring the Story** Adam Barr
2011-04-19 Many people today encounter strange events, names, customs and/or people when they pick up their Bible to read. The world of the Bible can seem very distant to modern readers, even if they are reading a contemporary translation. To help readers gain a better understanding of the world of the Bible, Zondervan has developed a one-volume, handy-size reference resource that will take readers from Genesis to Revelation and provide helpful insights along the way through the use of full-color photos, maps, charts, timelines, character descriptions, special articles on important biblical topics and background information about the nations, and places and customs that they will encounter in their reading of the Bible. What sets this reference resource apart from others is that it is designed to serve as a companion to The Story, a Bible that allows the events, poems, and teachings to the Bible to read like a novel. This reference resource is arranged according to the chapters as found in The Story with each section containing vital information for understanding the biblical text. The Story Reference Companion is a must-have reference volume for teachers and
participants engaged in Bible study, especially those reading through The Story. The household of sir Thos. More, libellus a M. More inceptus [really written by A. Manning]. By the author of Mary Powell
Anne Manning 1860

**God Can't Sleep** Palmer Chinchen 2011 In this follow-up to his debut, True Religion, Palmer Chinchen helps believers develop a God-centered response to suffering. --from publisher description.

**Seeing through the Fog** Ed Dobson 2012-10-01 An exploration of identity and faith, Seeing Through the Fog invites readers to a vibrant life, an expectant life, a life of joy in each new morning. Pastor Ed Dobson has spent his life preaching sermons, but this book is not a sermon. He has spent more than ten years with a debilitating illness, but this book is not about grief. He has found joy in the midst of sorrow, but this book is not about looking on the bright side. Seeing Through the Fog is about living well when you realize you can’t live forever. It is about having gratitude for each sunrise, birthday, and moment of knowing God more. It is about holding hope when circumstances hold pain. With stories, wisdom and unique content distinct from the popular film series about Ed, Seeing Through the Fog will encourage readers in their own difficulties and give them hope for their future.

**Touching Wonder** John Blase 2012-11-12 This bold retelling of Luke 1–2, based on Eugene Peterson’s Message translation, reads like a novel and invites readers to experience the Nativity with fresh wonder. To Eugene Peterson’s The Message Bible translation, John Blase adds his own storytelling voice, exploring the familiar events from multiple first-person viewpoints. What emerges is the intimate story of unlikely people—a frightened
teenaged girl, a worried carpenter, a collection of senior citizens, a disillusioned young shepherd—meeting up with the divine as they bumble and stumble toward the realization that the little one just born is the One. This retold story of Word made flesh invites readers to react appropriately—with eyes opened wide in wonder, jaws dropped in amazement, and hearts rejoicing. The beautiful design and Amanda Jolman’s lively line drawings make this book a fitting gift as well as a Christmas tradition that families will treasure for years to come.

*Traveling Mercies* Anne Lamott 2000-09-05

Anne Lamott claims the two best prayers she knows are: "Help me, help me, help me" and "Thank you, thank you, thank you." She has a friend whose morning prayer each day is "Whatever," and whose evening prayer is "Oh, well." Anne thinks of Jesus as "Casper the friendly savior" and describes God as "one crafty mother." Despite--or because of--her irreverence, faith is a natural subject for Anne Lamott. Since *Operating Instructions* and *Bird by Bird*, her fans have been waiting for her to write the book that explained how she came to the big-hearted, grateful, generous faith that she so often alluded to in her two earlier nonfiction books. The people in Anne Lamott's real life are like beloved characters in a favorite series for her readers--her friend Pammy, her son, Sam, and the many funny and wise folks who attend her church are all familiar. And *Traveling Mercies* is a welcome return to those lives, as well as an introduction to new companions Lamott treats with the same candor, insight, and tenderness. Lamott's faith isn't about easy answers, which is part of what endears her to believers as well as nonbelievers. Against all odds, she came to believe in God and
then, even more miraculously, in herself. As she puts it, "My coming to faith did not start with a leap but rather a series of staggers." At once tough, personal, affectionate, wise, and very funny, Traveling Mercies tells in exuberant detail how Anne Lamott learned to shine the light of faith on the darkest part of ordinary life, exposing surprising pockets of meaning and hope.

**The Congressional globe** 1834

**The Art Amateur** 1900

**Following (Pastoring for Life: Theological Wisdom for Ministering Well)** Jason Byassee 2021-08-10 "[An] insightful exploration of Christian discipleship in the digital age." -- Publishers Weekly This book offers theological perspectives on the challenges of discipleship in a digital age, showing how new technologies and the rise of social media affect the way we interact with each other, ourselves, and the world. Written by a Gen X digital immigrant and a Millennial digital native, the book explores a faithful response to today's technology as we celebrate our embodied roles as followers of Christ in a disembodied time.


**Real Good Church** Molly Phinney Baskette 2014-06-16 "This is a practical manual of everything our church did," says author Molly Phinney Baskette, "to reverse our death spiral and become the healthy, stable, spirited and robust community it is today evident in the large percentage of children and young adults in our church,"
and a sixfold increase in pledged giving in the last decade." Baskette, pastor of First Church Somerville UCC in the Boston area, strongly believes her church's strategies will work for any church, in any setting, regardless of denomination, demographics, and political landscape. Here, in her new book, Real Good Church: How Our Church Came Back from the Dead, and Yours Can, Too, she shares everything her church did, addressing topics such as: outreach and growth strategies, finances and giving, creative worship, including personal testimony and corporate prayer, church conflict and change, anxiety and humor, and much more.

**God Built** Steve Farrar 2010-01-01 Our world is in desperate need of bold, passionate men of integrity. Yet such men aren't born; they're built, shaped, and formed by God. Best-selling author Steve Farrar will guide you through the story of Joseph, a humble shepherd who overcame tremendous odds to become an influential leader. It's here you will discover the process that creates true men of God, where He works providentially, strangely, and slowly. Uncover the biblical pattern for growth, gain insights into common frustrations and difficulties, and become equipped for the journey ahead.

**“The” Genuine Works of Flavius Josephus, the Jewish Historian** Flavius Josephus 1822


**Hunga Dunga** Phil Polizatto 2008-11 A "story about that brief but unforgettable time in our history when flower children were sure peace and love would guide the planet." -- Back cover
Ask a crowd of Christians whether they believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior, and all hands will go up. Ask the same crowd whether they live like Jesus, and most of those same hands will come down. Why is this? Why is it so hard to bridge the gap between belief and real life? Respected author, professor, and psychologist Gary W. Moon thinks it has to do with our hyper-intellectual but non-experiential method of living the Christian life. In this winsome book Moon provides a thirty-day apprenticeship with Jesus, whereby readers will actively practice being with Jesus day in and day out. Each day's reading uses compelling stories and scripture to illustrate a point and closes with a suggested apprenticeship activity.
The Sacred Art of Joking

James Cary
2019-01-17

Every few weeks a politician, pundit or soap star causes a media storm by making a gaffe or tweeting a joke that some people do not find funny. Comedy is very hard to get right and yet we think it’s important to have a sense of humour and not take yourself too seriously. On the other hand, a sense of humour failure can lead to losing your friends, your twitter account, your job, your career and, in some cases, your life. James Cary knows about this. He is a sitcom writer who’s written jokes about bomb disposal in Afghanistan (Bluestone 42), defended comments about Islam by Ben Elton on Newsnight, been on a panel with radical Muslim cleric Anjem Choudary, sits on the General Synod of the Church of England and somehow managed to co-write episodes of Miranda. An odd mix, but one that makes him very readable. This entertaining, breezy book, explains how comedy works (with jokes and quotes) and gives much-needed insights into the controversy surrounding humour.

Christianish

Mark Steele
2013-02-15

It may feel like authentic faith. It may even look like the real deal. Yet it's often easy to settle for the souvenir t-shirt—the appearance of a transformed heart—instead of taking the actual trip through true life-change. We find ourselves settling for a personal faith that's been polluted by culture, and diluted by other people's take on spirituality. Christianish tells the story of one man's journey to move from the in-between to a life that's centered on Christ. To move forward, author Mark Steele goes back to the beginning, to examine Christ's life and words. Through stories and insights that are sometimes profound, often hilarious, and always honest, Mark delivers a compelling look at what our faith is all about.
The World and the Word  Eugene H. Merrill  2011-07-05  The World and the Word is a fresh introduction to the Old Testament driven largely by the fact that so much Christian preaching and teaching today increasingly ignores what is eighty percent of the Bible. Authors Eugene Merrill, Mark Rooker, and Michael Grisanti work through the world and text of the Old Testament always making three major points: • The Old Testament is a rich source of theology and doctrine that is presupposed by the New Testament. Without it, Christian theology would be seriously deficient. • Mastery of the Old Testament is crucial to understanding of the New Testament. • The Old Testament offers, by teaching and example, practical principles of belief and behavior for contemporary times. Who God was and what He did then can be replicated in the lives of men and women today. Separating the verifiable biblical and extra-biblical data from the various interpretations of that same information, the book further shows how the Old Testament forms the platform and matrix from which sprang the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus and the church. The World and the Word will help students see an entry point into the very heart and design of God who loves them and wishes to make them the special object of His grace.

Sistergirl Devotions  Carol M. Mackey  2010-05-01  Using Scripture, conventional wisdom and stories from the African-American community, a recognized African-American author speaks to the unique needs of African-American women who place a high value on working life. Original.