

**CHRISTIAN NONFICTION  
TEXAS TALKING BOOK PROGRAM**

**ANSWER TO BAD RELIGION IS NOT NO RELIGION: A  
GUIDE TO GOOD RELIGION FOR SEEKERS, SKEPTICS, AND  
BELIEVERS**

Thielen, Martin

Methodist minister uses personal stories to illustrate the dangers of religion that is judgmental, anti-intellectual, and legalistic. Offers a positive vision of Christianity for those who might otherwise abandon it. 2014.

DB 78936

**BIBLICAL LITERACY: THE ESSENTIAL BIBLE STORIES  
EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW**

Beal, Timothy K.

Religion professor presents excerpts from the Jewish and Christian scriptures that have shaped social and political lives for centuries. Discusses the cultural and historical background of verses to place them in context. Asserts that knowing the Bible is essential for understanding literature, art, music, conversation, and popular culture. 2009.

DB 70670

**CAST OF CHARACTERS, LOST & FOUND: ENCOUNTERS  
WITH THE LIVING GOD**

Lucado, Max

Common people. Maybe you heard their names in a childhood Sunday school class. They're not often the champions or the go-to sermon illustrations. But they pepper the pages of the Bible, reminding us that we're not alone. Companion to Cast of Characters: Common People in the Hands of an Uncommon God (DBC 00390).

DBC 00391

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**EVERYTHING YOU NEED: 8 ESSENTIAL STEPS TO A LIFE OF  
CONFIDENCE IN THE PROMISES OF GOD**

Jeremiah, David, 1941-

Author of A. D. the Bible Continues (DB 82551) analyzes the Bible passage of 2 Peter 1:5-10, and the tools listed—virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love—as God’s gift to live better as Christians. Uses case studies to highlight arguments. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

DB 99240

**FAITH: A JOURNEY FOR ALL**

Carter, Jimmy, 1924-

Thirty-ninth president reflects on the way his Christian faith has shaped his life and sustained him through both happy and disappointing times. Discusses the meanings of faith, acquiring it, marrying it to religious expression, demonstrating it, and facing challenges to it. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

DB 93256    LB 10592

**FIERCE, FREE, AND FULL OF FIRE: THE GUIDE TO BEING  
GLORIOUS YOU**

Hatmaker, Jen

Author and television personality shares a guide to living a Christian faith-centered life while prioritizing what you want to build and achieve. Addresses challenges through the categories of “Who I Am,” “What I Need:; “What I Want”; “What I Believe”; and “How I Connect.” Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

DB 99836

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**GENEROUS JUSTICE: HOW GOD'S GRACE MAKES US JUST**

Keller, Timothy, 1950-

Evangelical pastor and author of *The Reason for God* (BR 17756; DB 66151; LB 08708) uses scripture to discuss the concept of social justice. Posits that the Old and New Testaments encourage deeds of compassion toward people in need. Commercial audiobook. 2010.

DB 72018

**GREAT CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE**

Morgan, G. Campbell (George Campbell)

Well known expositor of the Bible, teacher, and evangelist, analyzes 49 favorite chapters. Some of these include Genesis 1 and 22, Psalm 23, Isaiah 53, Corinthians 13 and Hebrews 11.

DB 06621

**HEAVEN IS FOR REAL: A LITTLE BOY'S ASTOUNDING  
STORY OF HIS TRIP TO HEAVEN AND BACK**

Burpo, Todd

Burpo, a pastor in Nebraska, relates the 2003 experiences reported by his three-year-old son Colton, who believes that during an emergency appendectomy he died, went to heaven, and returned to life. Colton describes seeing Jesus, angels, and deceased relatives. 2010.

DB 72633

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**HIDING PLACE**

Ten Boom, Corrie

This is an inspiring account of one woman's answer to God's challenge. Corrie Ten Boom was a fifty-year-old spinster watchmaker when World War II began, and Holland was occupied. Describes the author's experiences in a German concentration camp. Ten Boom tells how she never lost faith in God and how she ministered to fellow prisoners and comforted them. 1973.  
BR 02785    DB 43746    LB 01593

**IF MY HEART COULD TALK: A STORY OF FAMILY, FAITH, AND MIRACLES**

Osteen, Dodie

Wife and mother of ministers reflects on her life. Discusses dealing with polio as a child, raising her own children—including son Joel, author of *Your Best Life Now* (DB 59330)—fighting cancer, the founding and running of Lakewood Church by her husband, and his eventual death. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.  
DB 84499

**IT HAPPENED IN CHURCH: STORIES OF HUMOR FROM THE PULPIT TO THE PEWS**

Webster, Patti S.

African American advertising executive relates anecdotes about church life along with funny moments found in the Bible. Also recounts family incidents, children's interpretations of religious teachings, and amusing incidents reported by famous preachers Billy Graham and Robert Schuller. 2008.  
DB 68825

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**KISSES FROM KATIE: A STORY OF RELENTLESS LOVE AND REDEMPTION**

Davis, Katie, 1988-

Author recounts the mission she took to Uganda in 2006, while a senior in high school. Explains how the experience motivated her to leave a comfortable American life and follow her Christian calling to help impoverished orphans, adopt fourteen children, and establish a ministry. Christopher Award. Bestseller. 2011. DB 75591

**LED TO BELIEVE BY BILLY GRAHAM: INSPIRING WORDS FROM BILLY GRAHAM AND OTHERS ON LIVING BY FAITH**

Graham, Billy

Preacher Billy Graham and his followers recall being born again and explain ways the experience changed their lives. Includes "Never Quit on a Boy" by a youth counselor and "The Day My Faith Meant Most to Me" by a blind Korean orphan. Epilogue by Anne Graham Lotz. 2007.

BR 19142    DB 72207

**LIFETIME OF WISDOM: EMBRACING THE WAY GOD HEALS YOU**

Tada, Joni Eareckson

The founder of a Christian disability advocacy organization, herself quadriplegic, uses biblical scripture to explain the contradictions between misfortune and God's goodness. Describes her response to her own teenage accident and her state of mind forty years later. Advocates living in the "now" and discusses reasons for suffering. 2009.

BR 18150    DB 68513

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**LORD IS MY SHEPHERD: HEALING WISDOM OF THE  
TWENTY-THIRD PSALM**

Rabbi Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* (DB 48900), reflects on the solace in the words of the Twenty-Third Psalm and their meaning after the terrorist events of September 11, 2001. Kushner's nonsectarian discussion examines each stanza of the psalm as it relates to life and loss. 2003.

BR 15261    DB 57619

**MARTIN LUTHER: THE MAN WHO REDISCOVERED GOD AND  
CHANGED THE WORLD**

Metaxas, Eric

Author of *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy* (DB 72399) examines the life and work of the monk Martin Luther.

Particularly discusses the effect of his writings on the Reformation in Western Christendom. Some strong language. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2017.

DB 89353

**ONE THOUSAND GIFTS: A DARE TO LIVE FULLY, RIGHT  
WHERE YOU ARE**

Voskamp, Ann, 1973-

Canadian writer and farmer's wife uses scripture to illustrate methods for learning to be grateful for the life one has.

Describes training herself to see God's grace in everyday life after enduring family tragedies and years of grief. Defines the Christian term eucharistea—a lifestyle of thanksgiving.

Bestseller. 2010.

DB 74783

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**ONE YEAR BOOK OF HYMNS**

A devotional collection featuring the lyrics to 365 hymns. Each devotional focuses on attributes of God and/or the Christian life reflected in the hymn.

DBC 05122

**READING JESUS: A WRITER'S ENCOUNTER WITH THE GOSPELS**

Gordon, Mary, 1949-

Novelist reads the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John as literary texts to decipher Jesus and his message. She highlights passages to reveal Jesus' teachings, comparing different translations and adding her own commentary. 2009.

DB 70470

**RUNNING WITH THE GIANTS: WHAT OLD TESTAMENT HEROES WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP**

Maxwell, John C., 1947-

Author of *Wisdom from Women in the Bible* (DB 81262) presents lessons suitable for the twenty-first century from ten characters of the biblical Old Testament. Includes the stories of Noah, Moses, Rebekah, Abraham, David, and a servant girl to illustrate noble words and actions. Includes discussion guides. 2002.

DB 55101

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**SEVEN WOMEN: AND THE SECRET OF THEIR GREATNESS**

Metaxas, Eric

Author of Seven Men (DB 76907) profiles seven women--Joan of Arc, Susanna Wesley, Hannah More, Saint Maria of Paris, Corrie ten Boom, Rosa Parks, and Mother Teresa--and explores the influence of their faith on their life decisions. 2015.

DB 85847

**SIMPLE GUIDE TO MARK**

McCarren, Paul J., 1943-

Jesuit priest presents an accessible translation of the Gospel of Mark along with brief commentaries. Discusses religious practices, repentance, healing, and trust. Describes Jesus's ministry, arrest, crucifixion, and resurrection. 2013. Companion to Simple Guide to Matthew (DB 76735); Simple Guide to Luke (DB 78341); Simple Guide to John (DB 78075).

DB 78016

**SONGS OF JESUS: A YEAR OF DAILY DEVOTIONS IN THE PSALMS**

Keller, Timothy, 1950-

Husband and wife coauthors of The Meaning of Marriage (DB 82036) provide daily readings and reflection tools based on the Bible's Book of Psalms. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

DB 83058



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**SOURCE OF MY STRENGTH**

Stanley, Charles F.

Stanley offers a message to those who are burdened by emotional baggage. He believes that by giving painful memories and hurtful experiences over to Christ, a person can be free to move on with life. He offers words of comfort and healing to those who are lonely, fearful, frustrated, or burned out; feeling persecuted, guilty, or inferior; or suffering from abuse. Jesus Christ.

DB 39969

**SPIRITUALITY OF GENTLENESS: GROWING TOWARD  
CHRISTIAN WHOLENESS**

Lechman, Judith C.

In a world of terrorism, television violence, and alienation, the author calls us back to a central Christian virtue—the gift of strong gentleness, a gift that is not always appreciated or understood. In this warm and compassionate guide, Lechman takes us on a step by step movement from awareness to love, using the biblical metaphor of the vine to illustrate how we can grow gentleness. 1987.

DBC 02994

**THEOLOGY QUESTIONS EVERYONE ASKS: CHRISTIAN  
FAITH IN PLAIN LANGUAGE**

Burge, Gary M. and David Lauber, ed.

Twelve essays by theology professors on questions typically asked by students. Discusses the nature of Christianity, the Bible, Jesus, salvation, ethical living, and more. Examines doctrine to attempt to answer the questions raised. 2014.

DB 79117

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**TREASURY OF MIRACLES FOR FRIENDS: TRUE STORIES OF  
GOD'S PRESENCE TODAY**

Kingsbury, Karen

The author of *A Treasury of Miracles for Teens* (DB 60851) presents a collection of stories identifying the characteristics of friendship and the role of God in those relationships. Commercial audiobook. 2004.

DB 86973

**UNSHAKABLE HOPE: BUILDING OUR LIVES ON THE  
PROMISES OF GOD**

Lucado, Max

Author of *Anxious for Nothing* (DB 89684) examines twelve promises made by God in the Bible to assist readers in equipping them to overcome difficulties in their lives. Topics include being stamped with God's image, the power of prayer, and the promise of God's return. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

DB 92739

**WHAT PAUL MEANT**

Wills, Garry, 1934-

Following his book *What Jesus Meant* (RC 62385), Pulitzer Prize-winner Wills turns to the Apostle Paul as the most reliable witness to the historical Jesus and his mission. Views the New Testament Books of Acts as historically flawed and reassesses the seven Epistles attributed to Paul. 2006.

DB 63893

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**WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE?**

Yancey, Philip

Religion author illustrates the impact of forgiveness and mercy through a series of personal anecdotes, historical events, and biblical stories. In "Babette's Feast," a destitute woman is taken in by two sisters and years later invites an entire community to a feast in thanksgiving. 1997.

BR 14677    DB 56055

**WHY DID JESUS, MOSES, THE BUDDHA, AND MOHAMMED  
CROSS THE ROAD?: CHRISTIAN IDENTITY IN A MULTI-  
FAITH WORLD**

McLaren, Brian D.

McLaren, a theologian, proposes a new way of being Christian built on "benevolence and solidarity rather than rivalry and hostility." He argues that this faith alternative is strong but doesn't strong-arm anyone, going beyond tolerance to vigorous hospitality toward, interest in, and collaboration with others.

2014.

DB 77690

**WISDOM OF HIS COMPASSION: MEDITATIONS ON THE  
WORDS AND ACTIONS OF JESUS**

Girzone, Joseph F.

The author of Joshua (DB 30863) reflects on the character and mind of Jesus through a series of meditations based on episodes in the Gospel. Each focuses on an aspect of Jesus's life and its significance to modern Christians. Commercial audiobook. 2009

DB 69396