

A.D. THE BIBLE CONTINUES: THE BOOK OF ACTS: THE CRUCIFIXION WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING

Jeremiah, David, 1941-

Author of Agents of the Apocalypse (DB 81771) explores the stories presented in the Bible's Acts of the Apostles. Profiles important players, examines the chronology of events and discusses the impact of those events on the nascent church. Basis for 2015 television mini-series.

DB 82551

ACCIDENTAL SAINTS: FINDING GOD IN ALL THE WRONG PEOPLE

Bolz-Weber, Nadia

Evangelical Lutheran pastor describes her interactions with congregants and others, explaining how she finds evidence of God's presence in the world in people whom others may regard as neither spiritual nor religious. Stories follow the course of the liturgical year. Strong language. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2015.

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

Thielen, Martin

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

DB 78936

ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING: FINDING CALM IN A CHAOTIC WORLD

Lucado, Max

Minister and author of *You'll Get Through This* (DB 77761) presents faith-based methods for dealing with anxiety. Sections discuss celebrating God's goodness, asking God for help, leaving your concerns with Him, and meditating on good things. Bestseller. 2017.

DB 89684

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

BROKEN WAY: A DARING PATH TO THE ABUNDANT LIFE

Voskamp, Ann, 1973-

Reflecting on her own experiences and dealing with those of her teenaged daughter, the author of *One Thousand Gifts* (DB 74783) and *The Greatest Gift* (DB 77903) examines ways of finding freedom and faith when you are feeling broken. Ties these personal stories into scriptural teachings. 2016.

DB 87263

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY SOUL: 101 STORIES TO OPEN THE HEART AND REKINDLE THE SPIRIT

Stories designed to deepen faith and nourish the soul, about people who have chosen hope over despair, offered a helping hand to someone in need, or put their faith in God against all odds. Includes tales of love, divine intervention, acts of kindness, the power of belief, and overcoming obstacles. Bestseller.

DB 50391

COLOR OF CHRIST: THE SON OF GOD AND THE SAGA OF RACE IN AMERICA

Blum, Edward J.

Historians Blum and Harvey examine the various physical images of Jesus in America from the Puritans to the twenty-first century. They discuss the European white Catholic portrayal versus that of Native and African Americans and explore cultural and political influences on depictions of Christ. Some strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2012.

DB 76479

DESTINY: STEP INTO YOUR PURPOSE

Jakes, T.D.

Minister who authored *Instinct* (DB 79599) discusses ways to analyze one's life to determine what one's destiny may be. Uses examples from his ministerial work, including extramarital temptation, laziness at work, and family time management to illustrate his points. Commercial audiobook. 2015

DB 82330 LB 08749

GENEROUS JUSTICE: HOW GOD'S GRACE MAKES US JUST

Keller, Timothy, 1950-

Evangelical pastor at New York City's Redeemer Presbyterian Church 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

GOD'S SECRETARIES: THE MAKING OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE

Nicolson, Adam, 1957-

A chronicle of the efforts of some fifty anonymous scholars commissioned by James I of England in 1604 to create a new translation of the Bible for exclusive use throughout the country. Nicholson examines their work within the context of the cultural, religious, political, and historical influences of seventeenth-century England. Bestseller. 2003.

DB 56486

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

HALLELUJAH ANYWAY: REDISCOVERING MERCY

Lamott, Anne

Author of *Bird by Bird* (DB 40554) and *Small Victories* (DB 80027) explores the concept of mercy. Examines finding the faith to extend mercy both to others and oneself, making connections with other people, and deepening one's understanding of inner selves to recognize and overcome barriers to mercy. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2017.

DB 87574 LB 09127

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

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 watch-maker 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'S GOOD TO BE QUEEN: BECOMING AS BOLD, GRACIOUS, AND WISE AS THE QUEEN OF SHEBA

Higgs, Liz Curtis

Author of *Bad Girls of the Bible* (DB 67302) presents virtues for women to strive for to embody the lessons taught by the story of the Queen of Sheba. Topics include boldness, openness, seeking wise counsel, humbleness, honesty, encouragement of others, praising God, and more. 2015.

DB 85291

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.

DB 72207

LET GOD FIGHT YOUR BATTLES: BEING PEACEFUL IN THE STORM

Meyer, Joyce, 1943-

Author of *God Is Not Mad at You* (DB 78167) and *Living Courageously* (DB 81079) offers suggestions on ways to overcome obstacles by using wisdom from the Bible and provides practical advice derived from those passages. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

DB 82145

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

Kushner, Harold S.

Rabbi Kushner, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* (RC 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

The 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

NINETY MINUTES IN HEAVEN: A TRUE STORY OF DEATH AND LIFE

Piper, Don

Texas Baptist minister recounts his 1989 near-fatal car accident when he was declared dead at the scene. Describes experiencing heaven and reuniting with deceased loved ones and regaining consciousness after being prayed over by a fellow preacher. Discusses his painful rehabilitation and initial desire to return to paradise. 2004.

DB 63761

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

SEVEN MEN: AND THE SECRET OF THEIR GREATNESS

Metaxas, Eric

Examines seven men who surrendered to a higher purpose that helped them through struggles and challenges: George Washington, William Wilberforce, Eric Liddell, Jackie Robinson, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, John Paul II, and Chuck Colson. Commercial audiobook. 2013.

DB 76907

SIMPLE GUIDE TO MATTHEW

McCarren, Paul J., 1943-

A Jesuit priest presents an accessible translation of the Gospel of Matthew along with brief commentaries. Discusses life in early Christianity and details the ancestry, birth, and death of Jesus. Examines Jesus's teachings and travels. 2013.

DB 76735

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

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

TREASURY OF CHRISTMAS MIRACLES: TRUE STORIES OF GOD'S PRESENCE TODAY

Kingsbury, Karen

Collection of true stories celebrating the mysteries of Christmas and God's love from the author of *A Treasury of Miracles for Teens* (DB 81914). Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2001.

DB 89992

WHAT JESUS MEANT

Wills, Garry, 1934-

Wills, author of *Papal Sin* (RC 50273), examines the gospels with the motto "What Would Jesus Do?" in mind. Asserts that simply asking what Jesus did or said is not enough--one must understand what Jesus meant by his deeds and words. 2006.

DB 62385

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 FROM WOMEN IN THE BIBLE: GIANTS OF THE FAITH SPEAK INTO OUR LIVES

Maxwell, John C., 1947-

Author of *Running with the Giants* (DB 55101) examines the lives of Ruth, Sarah, Mary, and other women luminaries from the Bible, using examples from their stories to highlight teachings and illustrate the ways God interacts with people. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

DB 81262

WONDERFUL SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

Stanley, Charles F.

Stanley, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, believes humanity is hopeless without help from a higher power--the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Using anecdotes and teachings from the Bible, Stanley shows how believers can develop a relationship with Jesus Christ and go from living an “adequate” life to living a “spirit-filled” life.

DB 41006