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#### **HODDER FAITH**

Hodder & Stoughton was founded in 1868 as a Christian publisher.
Today the imprint Hodder Faith is one of the UK's leading Christian publishers, with a list including the NIV Bible and a wide range of Christian books.



### **Hodder Faith Rights List**

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#### Childrens'



#### **Hodder Faith**

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# SOUL FUEL FOR YOUNG EXPLORERS by Bear Grylls

Inspiration for children and young people from adventurer Bear Grylls, brilliantly illustrated throughout.

TV star, former SAS soldier, Guinness World Record holder, author and the first ever Chief Ambassador to World Scouting, Bear Grylls is an inspiration for youngsters who want to make the most of life's adventures. In his recent bestseller Soul Fuel Bear revealed for the first time the inspiration that helps him to stand strong and find peace each day. Now Soul Fuel for Young Explorers takes his message and inspires children and young people to find courage and confidence in this source too.

Bear offers seventy reflections along with stories from his own life -- brilliantly illustrated by Patrick Laurent -- making it a vibrant and engaging devotional for young readers.

'Faith doesn't mean you have to be especially "religious". But, in a nutshell, my faith tells me that I am known, that I am secure and that I am loved - regardless of the storms I may find myself in from time to time, regardless of how often I fall and fail.'- Bear Grylls

#### About the Author:

Bear Grylls is the author of over 85 books that have sold more than 15 million copies worldwide, including the No. 1 bestselling Mud, Sweat, and Tears. A former Special Forces soldier and Everest mountaineer, Bear starred in Discovery's hit TV series Man vs. Wild for seven seasons, before hosting the National Geographic Channel series, Running Wild with Bear Grylls. This show has seen him take global stars such as Julia Roberts, Ben Stiller and even President Obama on adventures into the wild.

Bear has also hosted over six seasons of the BAFTA award-winning series, The Island with Bear Grylls, Hostile Planet for National Geographic, Eco Challenge for Amazon and "You Vs Wild" for Netflix.

Bear is a dedicated family man to his wife and three sons, and they live on a barge in London and a remote island off the UK.



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#### Titles in the series:

A Little Moment of Kindness A Little Moment of Me A Little Moment of Peace A Little Moment of Promises A Little Moment of Wonder

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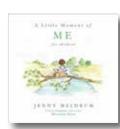
# LITTLE MOMENTS Jenny Meldrum

These beautifully illustrated books help young children enjoy the experience of slowing down, valuing stillness, and spending time in the company of family members and God. Each illustration is placed alongside an inspirational thought which allows room for reflection and encouragement together. The books cover very modern themes and represent all children, but are presented in a classic, wholesome way that are reassuring for young children and ideal for gift purchases by grandparents and for special occasions such as birthdays and Christenings.

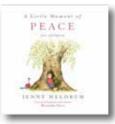
'Utterly delightful and joyous books... they already feel like classics' **Miranda Hart** 

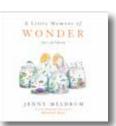
#### About the Author:

Jenny Meldrum lives in Sussex with her husband, three children and Isla, her greedy black Labrador. She paints from her studio (posh word for shed) in her garden, eternally distracted by wild rabbits, moorhens, deer and a particularly pesky heron. Despite her love of art since childhood, Jenny had no formal training and began her career as an actress, only returning to painting when her own children were at school. She has since privately exhibited seascapes and views of the South Downs.









#### Childrens'



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### THE 'I WONDER' BIBLE Nick Page & Finola Stack

The I Wonder Bible helps children place themselves in the stories of the Bible as they follow a 'wonderer' – a 21st-century child – through the retelling. At the end of each story, the wonderer leads the child into a deeper consideration of the passage – inspiring a practice that can then be nurtured as the child arows.

Some of the 'wonderings' are easily solved, others are designed to be unanswered and help the child to immerse themselves in the story rather than just looking for the 'right' answers.

The 'wonderings' sometimes take a closer look at the cultural and historical elements of Bible times (I wonder why the water was kept in big jars?). Others are to do with the practicalities (Where did the donkey go after Palm Sunday? What did the 5,000 people drink after they'd eaten all that salty fish and bread?) painting a picture in the imagination and aiding engagement in the world of the Bible.

Other 'wonderings' look at how a character might have been feeling or how they came to a certain decision, leading the child to think about human traits such as jealousy, fear, kindness, anger and sadness in a safe place. These wonderings also give the child space to observe how God interacts with people when we have these emotions.

With 45 retellings spanning the entire Bible, and with beautiful fresh illustrations, The I Wonder Bible helps children engage at a deeper level than traditional retellings, but still retains a popular gentleness and appeal.

#### About the Author:

NICK PAGE is the author of over 80 books. A lot of his work focuses on the Bible and on church history – particularly the early church. Books include A *Nearly Infallible History of Christianity, Revelation Road,* and the *Longest Week trilogy*. FINOLA STACK is an Illustrator & Designer with more than 20 years' experience. She has enjoyed a diverse range of projects with publishers and design companies across Britain and Europe and her designs have been adapted for books, stationery, greeting cards, children's toys and textiles, and sold nationwide to leading retailers including Harrods, John Lewis, Marks & Spencer and Mothercare.



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# SOUL FUEL Bear Grylls

Short daily reflections from one of the world's favourite adventurers. The Telegraph calls him 'globally . . . perhaps the most famous adventurer alive'.

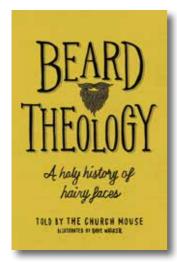
Bestselling author Bear Grylls has survived a free-fall parachute accident that left him with a broken back, possibly unable to walk again; falling down a mountain in the Rockies, severing a finger in the Vietnam jungle, a broken shoulder in Antarctica. He passed the gruelling training to join the SAS, crossed the North Atlantic in an open inflatable boat, and held the highest ever open-air formal dinner party, in a balloon at 25,000 feet. But the hardest thing he has ever had to face, he says, is the death of his father. It was then, age 25, that he found what he describes in an interview with the Telegraph as 'a really lovely quiet faith that has been a powerful thing in our lives'.

For the first time, in this open, brave and honest book, Bear reveals the inspiration that helps him to stand strong and find peace each day. These daily readings - exploring themes of friendships, failure, courage, risk, and much more - show us all how to face each day with purpose and power.

#### **About the Author:**

Bear Grylls is the author of over 85 books that have sold more than 15 million copies worldwide. He starred in Discovery's hit TV series Man vs. Wild before hosting the National Geographic Channel series, Running Wild with Bear Grylls. Bear has also hosted the BAFTA award-winning series, The Island with Bear Grylls, Hostile Planet for National Geographic, Eco Challenge for Amazon and "You Vs Wild" for Netflix.

### Gift Books



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### BEARD THEOLOGY: A holy history of hairy faces The Church Mouse Illustrated by Dave Walker

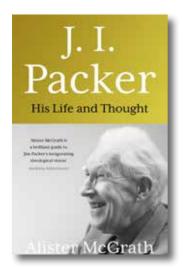
An ecclesiastical and theological history of beards, 3,000 BC to the present.

Beards have had cultural and religious significance for thousands of years. A fascinating story is to be told of the religious significance of beards from the ancient civilisations to today. This book will survey beard theology from ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome and Mesopotamia, to the Jews of Jesus's day and through to the early Church fathers who strongly promoted the beard, the Latin church which outlawed it leading up to and after the Great Schism of 1054. We will pursue the story of the protestant reformers and leaders of the evangelical revival of the 19th century all had plenty to say about the beard.

As well as providing a unique historical narrative, it also provides a subtle basis for reflection on current theological disputes and debates, gently inviting you to consider what parallels there are to the historical theological disputes which today seem trivial but caused heated passions in their day. It will entertain and inform in equal measure.

#### About the Author:

The Church Mouse is a well-known award winning Christian blogger and church commentator. After starting blogging in 2008, he developed the most read religious blog for some time from 2009-11 and was cited as the No.1 religious blog by the New Statesman in 2011 then retired from blogging. He now comments on social media to his 16,500 twitter followers and writes occasionally for other publications. He has written for The Guardian, Christianity Magazine blog and Christian Today.



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# J. I. PACKER: HIS LIFE AND THOUGHT by Alister McGrath

J. I. Packer – who died on 17th July 2020 – was one of the most influential evangelical theological and spiritual writers of the twentieth century, best known for his classic work of spirituality Knowing God. In the 1990s, Christianity Today readers named him one of the most influential theologians of the twentieth century, second only to C. S. Lewis. But who was Jim Packer, and what is the story of his own faith?

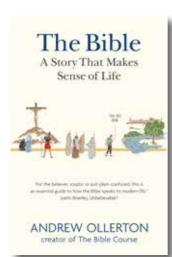
Bestselling author and friend of Jim's Alister McGrath tells his story, and in the process opens up how Packer's faith nourished and sustained him - exploring questions of theology and spirituality as they arise along the way. Alternating narrative with reflection, Alister sets out Packer's ideas and presents them engagingly, and in doing so helps to explain why Packer and his writing continue to be so helpful and useful to all on the journey of faith.

This beautiful tribute to a giant of the Christian faith is both a celebration of his life and the perfect introduction to his thought and writings for a new aeneration of readers.

#### About the Author:

Alister McGrath is the Andreas Idreos Professor of Science and Religion at Oxford University, and Fellow of Harris Manchester College, Oxford.

After initial academic work in the natural sciences, Alister turned to the study of theology and intellectual history, while occasionally becoming engaged in broader cultural debates about the rationality and relevance of the Christian faith. He is the author of many academic and theological works, as well as the international bestseller The Dawkins Delusion, the acclaimed C. S. Lewis - A Life and, most recently, A Theory of Everything (that Matters).



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# THE BIBLE: A STORY THAT MAKES SENSE OF LIFE

### by Andrew Ollerton

What is the Bible and how is it relevant to me? This book is the perfect read for anyone asking those questions in the twenty-first century.

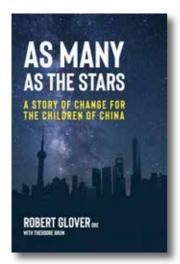
Bishop Lesslie Newbigin insisted on the importance of recovering the grand narrative of Scripture as both essential truth for the church and an effective way to engage culture. In our cultural moment, characterised by individualism, identity politics and social fragmentation it is vital to recover the Bible as the overarching human story that makes sense of life.

The Bible: A Story That Makes Sense of Life communicates the arc of the biblical narrative and connects its core themes with our human condition in a way that is intellectually rigorous, personally transformative and culturally engaged. Underpinned by a depth of scholarship, the book is non-technical in style, making it accessible for the widest possible market - including Christians and seekers interested in the Bible. The book will also provide a model for Bible communicators and church leaders wishing to engage more deeply with the relevance of the Bible in our cultural moment.

#### About the Author:

Dr Andrew Ollerton is a pastor, theologian and popular communicator. As writer and presenter of The Bible Course, he is best known as a Bible teacher who is able to take complex theological ideas and make them relevant and engaging. With one foot in the academic world and the other at the coalface of church and culture, Andrew brings insight and credibility to popular level communication of the Bible. He is an ordained Methodist minister, an Honorary Research Fellow at University of Leicester and Tyndale House, Cambridge, founding director of Souled Out Cymru and an Associate Staff Worker with UCCF. Andrew's primary employment is Bible Communication &

Engagement Consultant with Bible Society.



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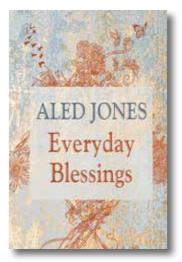
# AS MANY AS THE STARS by Robert Clover & Theodore Brun

The story of Robert Glover, the founder of Care for Children which has pioneered family placement for abandoned children in China and now in other South-Asian countries.

As Man As the Stars tells the story of how one man moved with his wife and six young children from the UK to China to follow God's call. Robert Glover was a social worker in the East of England who went on to radically transform Chinese government's policy on care welfare. In conversations with the Chinese government Robert fought to show that family-based fostering and adoption was a better alternative to the system of state-sponsored orphanages.

In 1998, Robert pioneered the first small pilot project in Shanghai. In the same year Care for Children was founded as a charity as the first joint venture social welfare project between the British and Chinese governments. The goal was to provide skills and knowledge to local staff that could eventually impact many thousands of orphans in China. Robert had a big vision but continued to trust God in his plans.

Now Robert's charity Care for Children has reached their goal of getting ONE MILLION children fostered or adopted, which is 85% of the children in the state-run institutions and they have since expanded into Thailand and Vietnam.



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# EVERYDAY BLESSINGS: INSPIRATIONAL WORDS OF COMFORT AND HOPE by Aled Jones

Daily life is so busy that it's hard to see the wood for the trees. Take a few minutes each day to ponder a nugget of wisdom chosen especially for you by singer and presented Aled Jones.

Aled's faith in God has sustained him all his life -- it is a God that speaks and exists through all things, times and places. Drawing on spritual wisdom across the ages, from ancient times to the modern day, as well as across diverse cultures, Aled has compiled a daily reader that will help ground and inspire you each day of the year.

The year is divided up into monthly themes, ranging from New Beginnings, to treasuring the little things in life and the power of a smile. Charming line drawing illustrations decorate the page and journalling space allows the reader to respond to what they are reading by either making notes or with a drawing of their own.

A book that's perfect as a gift for mum or dad, it is perfect to dip in and out of during the year and will be a favourite treasure trove of wisdom for all who love watching Aled on BBC TV or listen to his inspiring show on Classic FM.

Complied by the singer Aled Jones, this book is a compilation of blessings to read throughout the year. Each page is illustrated with a quote to bring you joy and peace everyday.

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### Miles To Go Before I Sleep

CLAIRE GILBERT

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# MILES TO GO BEFORE I SLEEP by Claire Gilbert

At the age of 54 Claire Gilbert was diagnosed with myeloma, an incurable cancer of the blood. The prognoses ranged from surviving only a few months to living for several decades, with no guarantee of which outcome was to be hers. It was a shocking diagnosis into uncertainty, or rather, into only one certainty: death. But Claire discovered that facing her own mortality was liberating.

She discovered this through writing letters. Claire asked her siblings and a small group of friends if they would let her write to them with total honesty about what she was going through, as she was going through it. These letters turned out to be a great solace, and gradually her group of 'dear readers' has grown; what she had to say wasn't just of value to herself, but to others, too.

The letters chart Claire's journey through diagnosis, chemotherapy and a brutal round of stem cell treatment, and end with the rest of the UK joining her in her immuno-compromised isolation in March 2020, when the coronavirus pandemic hit. Unflinchingly honest and wide-ranging, Claire writes about the restorative role of nature, politics, poetry, humour - and a restless exploration of the spiritual dimension of death and dying.

This is an honest, luminous account of what Claire has gone through and what keeps her going, a deeply spiritual meditation on life and suffering, and an exploration of how faith is no simple solace but provides a whole new plane of meaning during these liminal moments.

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### Called To Be Friends

Unlocking the Heart of John's Gospel

IAN GALLOWAY

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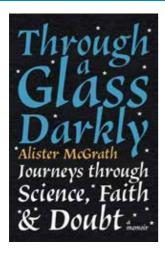
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# CALLED TO BE FRIENDS by Ian Galloway

Called to Be Friends unlocks the pattern of the gospel of John, revealing it to be written as a sort of literary 'temple' that invites the reader to meet the person of Jesus. The author's research shows how an elegant sequence of narrative panels, each with a section of the Old Testament written in underneath, creates a biblically rich space where understanding Jesus is the ultimate aim.



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# THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY: JOURNEYS THROUGH SCIENCE, FAITH AND DOUBT Alister McGrath

A memoir mapping the journey from atheism to faith, and how both connect with scientific discovery.

In what he anticipates will be his final book, respected scientist and theologian Professor Alister McGrath shares the story of a life spent in pursuit of truth: first through the discipline of science, then in tandem with the Christian faith he found as a young man.

While not a standard memoir, in this book Professor McGrath shares at length and for the first time how exactly he moved from atheism to faith while studying natural sciences at Oxford University, and how each discipline has informed the other throughout his life. This is a rich, inspiring read from one of today's greatest public theologians.

#### About the Author:

Alister McGrath is the Andreas Idreos Professor of Science and Religion at Oxford University, and Fellow of Harris Manchester College, Oxford. After initial academic work in the natural sciences, Alister turned to the study of theology and intellectual history, while occasionally becoming engaged in broader cultural debates about the rationality and relevance of the Christian faith. He is the author of many academic and theological works, as well as the bestselling The Dawkins Delusion and, most recently, his acclaimed C. S. Lewis - A Life.



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### THE HEART OF COMMUNICATION Rob Parsons

The ability to connect with an audience is an essential element of public speaking. While an effective presentation can have all the elements of good pace, pitch and body language, it can still leave an audience unaffected or unmoved. Rob Parson believes even the most proficient speakers can enhance their public speaking by focusing on the heart of communication: connection.

For the first time, Rob Parsons shares his insights from over fifty years of experience. He unpacks methods that will help any public speaker - from how to prepare well and utilise the power of story, to giving top tips on avoiding common distractions. Readers will come away with a better grasp on public speaking - not only how to speak to the head, but to the heart.

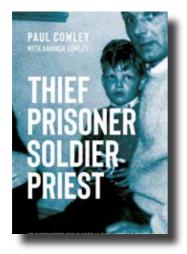
Having spoken to over a million people around the world, from multinational organisations to church congregations, Rob has fine-tuned approaches that can help anyone wanting to grow in this area.

#### About the Author:

Rob Parsons is a bestselling author and international speaker on family issues. He is the Executive Chairman of Care for the Family, a charity committed to strengthening family life and helping others who are hurting due to family breakdown.

Care for the Family, launched by Rob in 1988, is a registered charity and its work is motivated by Christian compassion. The resources and support it provides are available to everyone, of any faith or none.

Rob lives in Cardiff with his wife Dianne. They have two adult children and four grandchildren.



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# THIEF, PRISONER, SOLDIER, PRIEST Paul Cowley

### An inspiring and raw autobiography from the Reverend Paul Cowley MBE

Paul Cowley recounts his remarkable transformation after an encounter with God at the age of thirty-eight. Revealing the tempestuous years before his conversion - his spell in Risley Remand Centre at seventeen, his almost seventeen years in the British Army and his time as a Gym Manager for Mark Birley's Club in Mayfair with its prestigious clientele-Paul's story is a inspirational account of one man's complete transformation.

In the second half of his account, Paul tells the powerful transformative effect of his conversion and his subsequent ordination at St Pauls Cathedral in 2002. He also shares how he pioneered both Alpha Prisons and Alpha Forces, two international ministries which under his directive have flourished globally. And how in 2015 Paul was awarded an MBE for the charity which he founded: Caring for Ex-Offenders.

In this book, Paul gives reflective and often comic insight into his human nature: how he sees his mistakes and how he is able to learn from them. It will inspire others - particularly men and women who are incarcerated in jails worldwide - to have hope in something beyond themselves.

#### About the Author:

Paul is on the leadership team at Holy Trinity Brompton and founded Caring for Ex-Offenders, an organisation helping to support people on release from prison. Paul served in the army for 17 years before becoming an ordained minister in the Church of England. He has 20 years' experience of working with people inside and outside prison and with socially excluded and vulnerable adults. Paul is Bishops' Advisor to Prisons in London and in 2015 was awarded an MBE for services to ex-offenders.

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### Dear England

The Rather Amazing and Surprisingly Reasonable Story of how Christianity Can Change the World

#### STEPHEN COTTRELL

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### DEAR ENGLAND: THE RATHER AMAZING AND SURPRISINGLY REASONABLE STORY OF HOW CHRISTIANITY CAN CHANGE THE WORLD by Stephen Cottrell

A letter to the country, from the Archbishop of York, on why the Christian narrative still makes sense.

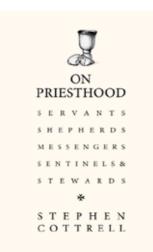
Inspired by a conversation with a barista who asked him why he became a priest, this is the Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell's extended answer to that question - as well as the letter he'd like to write to a divided country that no longer sees the relevance or value of the Christian narrative.

Archbishop Stephen is a much-admired voice within the church, but in this book he writes for a more general audience, and those who might call themselves spiritual seekers - as well as anyone who is concerned about the life and unity of the UK. A short, beautiful book, this is at once both contemplative and deeply practical, which will speak to both Christians and those on the edges of faith.

#### About the Author:

Stephen Cottrell is the Archbishop of York and was for almost ten years Bishop of Chelmsford; before that he was Bishop of Reading. He has worked in parishes in London and Chichester, as Canon Pastor of Peterborough Cathedral, as Missioner in the Wakefield diocese and as part of Springboard, the Archbishop of Canterbury's evangelism team.

He has written widely on evangelism, spirituality and discipleship. Among his most recent books are On Priesthood (2020), a series of Lent and Holy Week meditations, The Things He Carried (2008), a follow up of reflections for Easter Day, The Things He Said (2009), The Nail: Being part of the Passion (2011) and Christ in the Wilderness: Reflecting on the paintings of Stanley Spencer (2012). His bestselling I Thirst was the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2004.



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### ON PRIESTHOOD: SERVANTS, SHEP-HERDS, MESSENGERS, SENTINELS AND STEWARDS Stephen Cottrell

Messenger, sentinel, steward ... these three words have been used to describe the work of a priest in the Church of England since Cranmer wrote the original ordination rite in 1550. Two more, servant and shepherd, were added in 1980. Taken together, these five metaphors provide a rich and resonant set of ideas through which to explore the nature of Christian ministry.

In this short, lyrical book, Bishop Stephen Cottrell explores each one; based on actual addresses given to ordinands on the night before their ordination, it is refreshing, challenging and accessible.

Anyone considering ordination or already in ministry will want to read this book for the fascinating exploration of the five metaphors he considers.

#### About the Author:

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### God Is Not a White Man

And Other Revelations

CHINE MCDONALD

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# GOD IS NOT A WHITE MAN by Chine McDonald

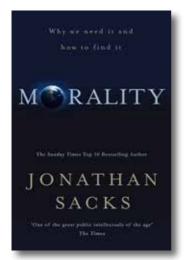
'At a time when I believe people of faith should be the loudest voices crying out for hope in the midst of the despair, the silence of my white brothers and sisters has at times been deafening. When we say black lives matter, we are met with a cry that all lives do. When we demand racial justice, we are told not to play into identity politics. When we request a seat at the table, we are told there's no room just yet. When we call out unfair treatment, we're told we're praying the race card. Is this the best we can do?'

Black women are silently exiting the church, no longer able to grin and bear its casual racism, colonialist narratives and lack of urgency on issues of racial justice. In this searing memoir, Chine McDonald looks at what it means to be a black woman in the white majority space that is the UK church. Part memoir, part social and theological commentary, God Is Not a White Man holds up a mirror to Christians who profess that everyone is equal in God's sight, while failing to confront white supremacy and the UK's colonial past.

#### About the Author:

Chine McDonald leads the media & PR team at Christian Aid. Prior to that, she worked at World Vision and before that was director of communications at the Evangelical Alliance.

She read Theology & Religious Studies at Cambridge University before training as a newspaper journalist. Chine has been named in lists including Christianity magazine's '33 under 33' and Keep the Faith's 'Most Influential Black Christian Women' and 'Most inspiring black Christian millennials'. She is a regular contributor to BBC Religion & Ethics programmes, including Thought for the Day on Radio 4's Today programme, the Daily Service, Pause for Thought and Prayer for the Day; she is also a regular presenter for BBC One's Sunday Morning Live. This is her second book.



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## MORALITY Jonathan Sacks

In today's world of cultural climate change, argues Jonathan Sacks, we have outsourced morality to the markets on the one hand, and to government on the other. If the market rewards it, it must be OK - unless the law says not to.

Yet while the markets have brought wealth to many and the state has done much to contain the worst excesses of inequality, neither is capable of bearing the moral weight of showing us how to live.

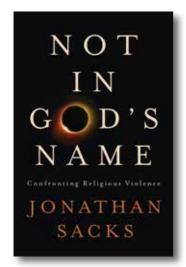
How can we build - or rebuild - a collective culture that is able to both respect difference and draw us together to work for the common good? Talking to key modern influences and thinkers, and drawing inspiration from the Bible and the historical experience of the Jewish people, Sacks argues that there are eight key factors in establishing, maintaining and passing on resilient moral values within a broad group, among them attitudes of lifelong learning and of thanksgiving, the importance of family life and community, and a culture of positive argument in place of destructive conflict.

Combining his passionate belief in a positive way forward with a careful weighing of the realities and challenges of the position in which we find ourselves, Jonathan Sacks sets out a clear picture of a world in which we can all find our place and build a future worth working for.

#### About the Author

Rabbi Lord Sacks is a member of the House of Lords and the former Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the UK & Commonwealth.

The Chief Rabbi is a highly respected writer and broadcaster. He is the author of over twenty books, including Not in God's Name and The Great Partnership.



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## NOT IN GOD'S NAME Jonathan Sacks

The former Chief Rabbi -- currently hosting his new series on BBC Radio 4 on morality -- explores the thorny issue of violence committed in the name of God, and how religion, rightly understood, can be part of the solution.

In this powerful and timely book, Jonathan Sacks explores the roots of violence and its relationship to religion, focusing on the historic tensions between the three Abrahamic faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Drawing on arguments from evolutionary psychology, game theory, history, philosophy, ethics and theology, Sacks shows how a tendency to violence can subvert even the most compassionate of religions. Through a close reading of key biblical texts at the heart of the Abrahamic faiths, Sacks then challenges those who claim that religion is intrinsically a cause of violence, and argues that theology must become part of the solution if it is not to remain at the heart of the problem.

This book is a rebuke to all those who kill in the name of the God of life, wage war in the name of the God of peace, hate in the name of the God of love, and practise cruelty in the name of the God of compassion.

For the sake of humanity and the free world, the time has come for people of all faiths and none to stand together and declare: Not In God's Name.

#### **About the Author**

Rabbi Lord Sacks, former Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the UK & Commonwealth. The Chief Rabbi is a highly respected writer and broadcaster. He is the author of over twenty books, including *The Great Partnership*.



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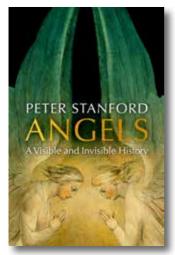
# WHERE PRAYER HAS BEEN VALID: THE 1600-YEAR HISTORY OF BRITISH CHRISTIANITY TOLD IN SIXTEEN BUILDINGS by Peter Stanford

A unique history of Christianity in the British Isles, told through its sacred buildings

The UK's parish churches, chapels, cathedrals, convents, abbeys and monasteries, spanning 1600 years, are a spectacularly rich but often overlooked heritage. Many are visited for their architectural and aesthetic qualities – they make up 45% of all Grade 1 listed buildings in the country – but rarely is the deeper historical story that they tell explored and joined up into a single narrative in our sceptical, secular times. This book tells that story – the story of Christian faith as it made its way into and through the British Isles – and how it has been expressed in our real, material ways of life.

#### About the Author:

Peter Stanford's previous investigations into the history, theology, enduring appeal and cultural significance of religious ideas include: What we Talk about when we Talk about Faith; Martin Luther: Catholic Dissident; Judas: The Troubling History of the Renegade Apostle; The Devil - A Biography; Heaven - A Traveller's Guide to the Undiscovered Country; and The She-Pope, an investigation of the Pope Joan legend.



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## ANGELS Peter Stanford

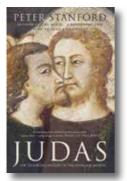
A thought-provoking and entertaining twenty-first century look at what was once referred to as 'angelology', which searches out the origins of angels in religious thought, history, psychology and wider culture, and asks why, in an age of disbelief, they remain more compelling and comforting for many than God.

In the secular, sceptical, scientific post-Christian world of the West, these statistics reveal that many of us still believe in angels. The same survey even reports that one in six atheists may rule out God but accept angels. But what are angels, and what is their basis, their history and their continuing role in the great faiths, and beyond their walls? Are they a symbol of God's concern, nothing more than a metaphor, part of the poetry of religion, created to illuminate a deeper truth about human existence and the universe? Or are they something more challenging - real, if not quite flesh and blood?

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He has written biographies and is a senior features writer at the *Daily* and *Sunday Telegraph* titles, and contributes to the *Independent*, the *Observer*, the *Daily Mail* and the *Catholic Weekly*, the *Tablet*, where he is a columnist. He has presented programmes on BBC 1, Channel 4 and Channel 5, as well as BBC Radios 2 and 4 and the BBC World Service.



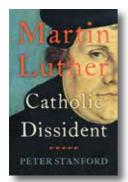
UK Pub: March 2015

#### **JUDAS**

#### Peter Stanford

In this fascinating historical and cultural biography Peter Stanford deconstructs that most vilified of Bible characters: Judas Iscariot. Beginning with the gospel accounts, Peter explores two thousand years of cultural and theological history to investigate how the very name Judas came to be synonymous with betrayal and, ultimately, human evil.

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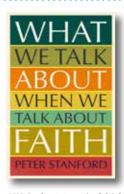


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#### MARTIN LUTHER

#### Peter Stanford

A new, popular biography from journalist Peter Stanford, looking at Martin Luther from within his Catholic context, examining his actual aims for Catholicism as well as his enduring legacy - and where he might fit within the church today.

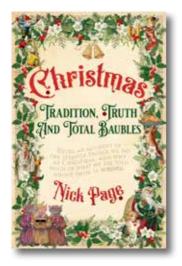


UK Pub: March 2018

## WHAT WE TALK ABOUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT FAITH

#### Peter Stanford

Peter Stanford has been interviewing people of faith during his thirty-five years. What fascinates him in such conversations is how creating a space to talk unguardedly about faith unlocks so much more: what shaped and continue to shape the public and private lives of high-profile names; how those values connect with the work they are best known for; and why they believe the search for faith makes them who they are.



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# CHRISTMAS: TRADITION, TRUTH AND TOTAL BAUBLES by Nick Page

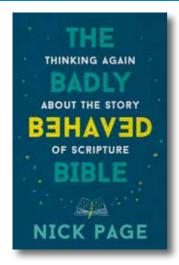
Why is Christmas the way it is? How did we get from the birth of Jesus to everyone pushing their credit card and their belts to their maximum extent?

Starting with the events surrounding Jesus' birth, this book takes us through centuries of commemoration, celebration and over-consumption. Along the way we'll find out why we eat turkey, how an obscure Turkish saint turned into a man flying a sleigh, and why that tree in your house should really contain an apple and a snake.

Combining in-depth historical research, cheerfully irreverent humour and cutting-edge guesswork, Nick Page explores what this festival really means, and how we can get back to something real and true beneath all that wrapping.

#### About the Author:

Prized for his skills as a writer, speaker, unlicensed historian, applied ranter and general information-monger, Nick Page has written over 70 books, including *The Tabloid Bible*, the 'Longest Week' trilogy and, most recently, his A *Nearly Infallible History* series. Nick lives in Oxfordshire with his wife Claire and their three daughters.



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**UK Editor:** Andy Lyon

Page Extent: 272pp

# THE BADLY BEHAVED BIBLE Nick Page

A fresh look at reading the Bible from wellrespected author Nick Page

We're told that the Bible is beautiful, uplifting and a joy to read - but, while we know this is how we're supposed to feel about it, in reality many of us find the very opposite. On opening the Bible, we are faced with a multitude of problems; from its form and historical content to its sheer size and often distasteful stories, we can be left feeling overwhelmed and disheartened. But the problem is not with the Bible - and it's not with us either.

The problem is we've been misinformed. And so, we end up believing things about the Bible that the Bible never claims for itself.

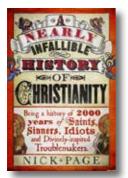
In his honest and accessible style, Nick Page urges us to re-discover a fresh look at the Bible — to learn how we can un-do unhelpful ways of reading the Bible and demystifying it's purpose and scope. Nick tackles what the Bible is and isn't, how we can critically read a sacred text and how we approach the difficulties in its content.

Alongside helpful analysis and practical advice, Nick helps us re-discover how to read the Bible for the modern reader.

#### About the Author

Prized for his skills as a writer, speaker, unlicensed historian, applied ranter and general information-monger, Nick Page has written over 70 books, including THE TABLOID BIBLE, THE LONGEST WEEK trilogy, THE DARK NIGHT OF THE SHED, and his most recent addition to the NEARLY INFALLIBLE series, A NEARLY INFALLIBLE HISTORY OF THE REFORMATION.

### Also by Nick Page



#### A NEARLY INFALLIBLE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

Everything you need to know about the history of the Christian church - and a fair few bits you didn't want to know thrown in for good measure. From Abelard to Zwingli, via a multitude of saints and sinners, Nick Page guides us through the creeds, the councils, the buildings and the background of the Christian church in an illuminating, and perhaps ever so slightly irreverent way.

Rights Sold: Hungarian (Koinonia CE Editura)

**UK Pub:** May 2013



# A NEARLY INFALLIBLE HISTORY OF THE REFORMATION

500 years on from the Reformation, Nick Page distils what we really need to know about Luther, Calvin and all those other serious religious types in his usual irreverent but informative style. In-depth research, historical analysis and cutting-edge guesswork combine to scintillating effect in this fast-moving examination of the strange and wonderful whirlwind that was church life in late medieval Europe.

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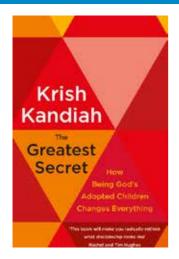


### THE WRONG MESSIAH

In this illuminating new biography, Nick Page strips away centuries of misrepresentation and myth to reveal the real personality portrayed in the gospels. Drawing on a wealth of historical and archaeological research, the result is a startling and vivid new portrait of Yeshua ben Yosef - Jesus of Nazareth.

The Wrong Messiah will change the way you view Jesus: the man who in so many ways seemed utterly wrong, but who history has proved triumphantly to be right.

**UK Pub:** February 2011



**UK Pub:** September 2019

**UK Editor:** Andy Lyon

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# THE GREATEST SECRET: HOW BEING GOD'S ADOPTED CHILDREN CHANGES EVERYTHING Krish Kandiah

Theologian Krish Kandiah had been a missionary, a youth worker and a pastor - but for all his Christian qualifications, he found himself lost in his relationship with God.

That was until he rediscovered his Christian faith through a simple secret: he was adopted by God.

Interweaving his personal story with theological insight, Krish shows us how the doctrine of adoption helps us to understand everything; it gives us purpose and power, perspective and peace.

This book is for anyone seeking new depth and intimacy with the God by discovering the greatest secret woven throughout the pages of the whole Bible.

#### **About the Author**

Krish Kandiah is a theologian, author and activist, and is the Founding Director of Home for Good. He and his wife, Miriam, are birth parents, adoptive parents and foster carers. Together they have authored thirteen books. They are passionate about helping vulnerable children to flourish.



#### UK Pub: July 2018

#### **FAITHEISM**

In Faitheism Krish Kandiah asks us to take a long hard look at ourselves - and a more understanding look at each other.

Written for both committed Christians and committed Atheists and everyone in between, this accessible and practical book can help all of us find a way to talk about the things that really matter to us in ways that encourage empathy, mutual understanding and respect and yet that don't shy away from tackling the hard topics.

# GOD IS STRANGER

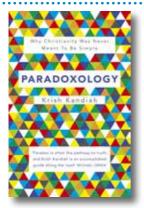
UK Pub: March 2018

#### **GOD IS STRANGER**

Taking a fresh look at Bible passages he thought he knew, Krish Kandiah was struck by the fact that when God turns up, he never seems to do what people expect - and started to wonder what this might mean for the ways we expect to encounter God today.

God Is Stranger challenges us to lay down our expectations of God and delight in the power that is proven by his very strangeness.

**Rights Sold:** US (InterVarsity Press)



UK Pub: March 2015

#### **PARADOXOLOGY**

Why Christianity was never meant to be simple - an essential exploration of the paradoxes that lie at the heart of the Christian faith.

Paradoxology makes a bold new claim: that the paradoxes that seem like they ought to undermine belief are actually the heart of our vibrant faith, and that it is only by continually wrestling with them - rather than trying to pin them down or push them away - that we can really move forward, individually and together.

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**UK Editor:** Katherine Venn

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### HOW TO PRAY: A Simple Guide for Normal People Pete Greig

The new book from Pete Greig, author of God On Mute and Dirty Glory, and one of the founders of global movement 24-7 Prayer - a straightforward, practical guide on how to pray.

Pete Greig has been teaching on prayer - and leading a non-stop prayer movement - for twenty years. Now, for the first time, he puts his life's work into a simple book written for everybody - an answer to the question everyone ultimately asks: how do I pray?

This down-to-earth introduction to prayer will guide you deeper in your relationship with God - making you more centred, more aware of God's voice, more likely to see breakthroughs and more able to make sense of your unanswered prayers, too. It's full of honest, hard-won wisdom interspersed with real-life stories - some humorous, others moving to equip and inspire your prayer life. Journeying through the Lord's Prayer, and accompanied by online videos and discussion starters, it unpacks nine important themes: stillness, adoration, petition, intercession, perseverance, contemplation, listening, confession and spiritual warfare.

From one of today's most gifted and visionary communicators, for those who've been praying for years as well as those who want to pray but don't know where to begin, *How to Pray* is the simple, inspiring guide you've been waiting for.

#### About the Author:

Pete Greig is a writer, church-planter and bewildered co-founder of the 24-7 movement. He heads up Emmaus Rd in Guildford with his wife Sammy, serves as Vice-President for the NGO Tearfund and was part of the senior leadership team at HTB in London for seven years. Pete's publications include Red Moon Rising, God on Mute, The Prayer Course and Dirty Glory.



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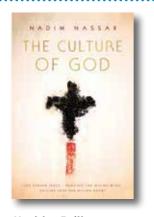
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## THE GIRL DE-CONSTRUCTION PROJECT Rachel Gardner

If Jesus is good news for women in every culture and every time, what does that good news look like for women today?

This book is an attempt to speak to and about women with kindness, truth and sass. It's for Christian women of all ages, confident or questioning gender norms, who want to experience their femininity as a powerful identity that they can define and re-define as they grow as disciples.

The Girl Deconstruction Project is part sledgehammer, part manifesto, and filled with personal stories, biblical insights and wisdom for living full, free and fierce.



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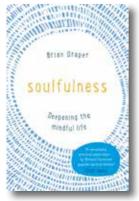
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### THE CULTURE OF GOD Nadim Nassar

A fresh look at how understanding Jesus in his Middle-Eastern context transforms our understanding of God.

Father Nadim Nassar is the Church of England's only Syrian priest and an outspoken advocate for western Christians to recognise the Middle-Eastern roots of their faith. The fresh and provocative reflections in *The Culture* of *God*, his first book, are informed by his experience of growing up in Syria and living through the conflicts in the region, especially the civil wars in Lebanon and Syria. Taking us on a journey through the mystery of the incarnation, to Jesus' role as storyteller - *Al-Hakawati* - his relationship with a disparate cast of people as narrated by the gospels, and finally his death and resurrection, Father Nadim unfolds for us the culture of God and what it can mean for a world that so desperately needs both freedom and a way to embrace diversity.

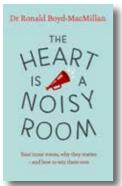


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### SOULFULNESS Brian Draper

The beauty of mindfulness is that it's incredibly simple both to 'get' and to practise. And the results - increasingly backed by neuro-scientific evidence - are priceless: calmness and reduced stress, more creativity, greater awareness, compassion. . . And yet there's a danger that mindfulness can be used in a purely consumerist and self-serving way to help people to become better adapted cogs in a still-toxic model of work and life.

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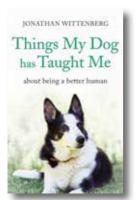


UK Pub: January 2018

# THE HEART IS A NOISY ROOM Ronald Boyd-Macmillan

A refreshingly clear Christian take on how to deal with our inner narratives - both negative and positive.

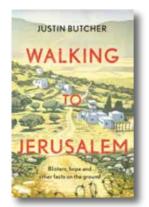
In this ruthlessly practical and inspiringly visionary book, Ronald Boyd-MacMillan teaches us how to identify our inner voices - whether negative or positive - and gives us five tools to engage with them, leading us into lives of deeper freedom, fullness and joy.



UK Pub: October 2017

# THINGS MY DOG HAS TAUGHT ME Jonathan Wittenberg

In this wonderful, warm account of one man and his dog, Jonathan brings all the big themes of friendship, faithfulness, kindness, cruelty, grief, prayer and spiritual companionship to the fore, and shows us how we can learn so much from a dog's approach to life.



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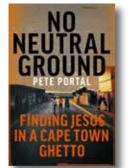
## WALKING TO JERUSALEM Justin Butcher

2017 marked three important anniversaries for the Palestinian people: 100 years since the Balfour Declaration; 50 years since the Six-day War; and ten years since the Blockade of Gaza. As an act of penance, solidarity and hope, actor and musician Justin Butcher walked from London to Jerusalem.

This book is the record of his journey: a combination of walking journal, travel writing and pilgrim stories. It's less of a travel guide to walking across Europe and more an exploration of the many strands radiating from the Holy Land and its narrative, weaving paths across place and history, through the lives of Justin's fellow-walkers - and, of course, his own life.

#### **About the Author**

Justin Butcher has worked all over the world as actor, writer, director and musician. He has worked extensively as creative consultant in the business, government and voluntary sectors, across the UK and Europe, Russia, the Middle East and Africa.



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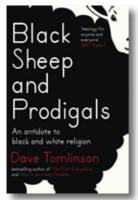
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### NO NEUTRAL GROUND Pete Portal

No Neutral Ground is a gripping account of Pete Portal's move from London to Manenberg, of addicts and gangsters meeting Jesus and being transformed, and how he went from living with a heroin addict to establishing a church community - and all the heartbreak and failure along the way. This is a story of mighty works of God, as well as relapse, hopelessness and despair; the miraculous and the mundane, heaven and hell, all balanced on a knife edge.

#### **About the Author**

Pete Portal is originally from London but has lived in Cape Town since 2009. He and his wife Sarah serve on the Core Leadership Team of Tree of Life, a church community in Manenberg that runs ministries for the vulnerable and marginalised.



UK Pub: April 2017

## BLACK SHEEP AND PRODIGALS Dave Tomlinson

A guide to faith for doubters, sceptics and baffled believers - from the bestselling author of How to be a bad Christian

Welcome to black sheep spirituality - where doubts and questions are an essential part of faith; where difference of opinion is a sign of a secure community; where divine revelation is embraced wherever it is found and where faith is something that is lived and practised rather than embalmed in beliefs or ritual.



**UK Pub:** June 2017

#### HOME Jo Swinney

Jo Swinney's exploration of the idea of home is a heartfelt blend of personal memoir and deep pondering on this important question that will help us all in the quest to find somewhere we belong.

Interweaving a frank and poignant retelling of her own story with theological and psychological insights, Jo's original and authentic exploration of home in all its many and varied forms is a heartfelt call to find our home in the things that are truly of most value.

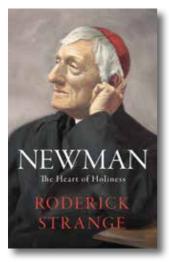


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### LOVE CHURCH Tim Matthews

Tim Matthews, a former financier in the City, set up a new church in Bournemouth, (St Swithun's) in 2014. Three years on it is proving incredibly successful, against a backdrop of declining church attendance. This is the story of how it happened, why people are turning up in their droves, and how church has the ability to hold our society together.

#### Non-Fiction



#### **Hodder Faith**

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**UK Editor:** Andy Lyon

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## NEWMAN: THE HEART OF HOLINESS Roderick Strange

A new assessment of John Henry Newman by one of the world's leading Newman scholars. Published to mark the occasion of Newman's canonisation by Pope Francis in October 2019.

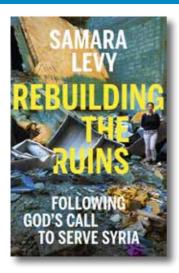
Newman: The Heart of Holiness looks at the model of holiness Newman offers us to us all, on the occasion of his canonisation, a moment the Church recognises officially that Newman offers a model of holiness that is relevant for the Universal Church.

In this book, Roderick Strange brings his own lifetime of learning and studying of Newman together with newer material that has come to light since the beatification to offer a portrait of Newman's interior life. That is, his intimacy with God and his understanding of Christ, which led him to rejoice in the gift of the Eucharist, and he explores how Newman's interior life had its outworking in his pastoral ministry serving others.

This understanding of Newman's spirituality and legacy, suggests the author, might offer us an apologia for our own times, one in which we realise the connection between the sacred and the secular, one in which our faith can sustain us through the inevitable troubles of life, and in which we can cultivate a perceptiveness peculiar to faith, a perceptiveness that helps us recognise the gifts of the Spirit we have received as people who 'watch for Christ'.

#### About the Author:

The Right Reverend Monsignor Roderick Strange was born in 1945 and ordained priest in 1969. From 1970 he was working on Cardinal Newman's understanding of Christ at Oriel College, Oxford, and completed his doctorate in 1974. It was published as Newman and the Gospel of Christ (Oxford, 1981). Since then he has written and lectured on Newman extensively and has worked as an adviser to the BBC, most notably during the papal visit to the UK in 2010 when Newman was beatified. Since 2015, he has held the post of Professor of Theology at St Mary's University, Twickenham.



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**UK Editor:** Andy Lyon

Page Extent: 240pp

#### REBUILDING THE RUINS: Following God's call to serve Syria Samara Levy

How a stay-at-home mum followed God's call to "start collecting" aid for Syria, and accidentally found herself running a charity helping over 350,000 people in the Middle East.

In 2014 God called Samara Levy three times over 8 months to "start collecting" aid to send to Syria. Samara was a stay at home mum with two young boys with no experience whatsoever. It started with a vision to fill one lorry of aid, but four years later she has just loaded her 101st container, has sent 11 ambulances to Syria, set up a charity and distributed aid to more than 350,000 people in the Middle East.

Since starting this work, Samara has also visited Syria, one of the most dangerous war zones of our generation, which has the highest number of kidnappings and killings of humanitarian workers in the world and in 2016, 2/3rds of the world's attacks on healthcare took place in Syria.

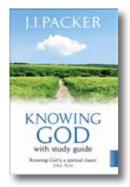
A mother's calling tells the story not only of how this work developed from nothing, but also of Samara's own internal journey: what she has learnt about stepping out in faith and listening to God, and of how he uses the ordinary to achieve the extraordinary.

Part testimony and part sharing, this book will inspire all who see the daily headlines about the situation in Syria and wonder what possible difference they can make. It is a story of hope, and of how in our weakness and inability God does the miraculous with whatever we can offer.

#### About the Author:

Samara Levy is Founder and CEO of Samara's Aid Appeal which provides medical and humanitarian aid in Syria and the Middle East. Samara lives with her husband and two children in the UK.

#### Core List



**UK Pub:** September 2013

#### **KNOWING GOD**

J.I. Packer

Knowing God is one of the most significant and popular Christian books of our time and has deepened the faith and understanding of millions of people around the world.

**Rights Sold:** Arabic (Eagles Publishing), China (Christian Communications), Czech Republic (Didasko), France (Editions Grace et Verite), Italy (Edizioni GBU), Japan (Word of Life Press), Korea (IVP), Romania (Editura Logos), Sweden (Reformedia), Taiwan (Campus Evangelical Fellowship Press), US (Intervarsity Press)

## I.I.PACKER KNOWING GOD through the year

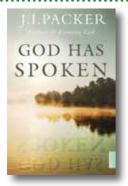
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#### KNOWING GOD THROUGH THE YEAR

J.I. Packer

Join J. I. Packer on a year of discovery. Using excerpts from his bestselling book Knowing God, each day you'll read a Scripture and a brief passage from Knowing God. There are ideas for prayer and reflection to help you respond to God as you journey into knowing him more. There is no greater adventure.

**Rights Sold:** France (Editions Grace et Verite) and Taiwan (Campus Evangelical Fellowship Press)



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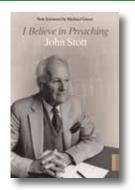
#### **GOD HAS SPOKEN**

J.I Packer

An attractive re-issue of the bestselling sequel to J.I. Packer's Knowing God.

Packer explains why the Bible is the key to a fulfilling life with God. He makes the case for why it is reliable and how the Bible tells us about God.

Rights Sold: Brazil (Editora Cultura Crista), US (Baker Books)



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#### I BELIEVE IN PREACHING

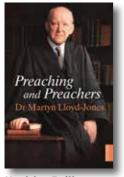
John Stott

Reissued as part of the Hodder Contemporary Classics collection, former Rector Emeritus of All Souls Langham Place John Stott's personal message on the importance of preaching is as relevant and challenging today.

Is preaching dead - or at least dying? In a digital age, where congregations have unprecedented access to resources, do we still need sermons?

John Stott's *I Believe in Preaching* has been essential reading for ministers, students and lay preachers for over three decades. Its message is as relevant today as ever.

**Rights Sold:** Brazil (Editora Vida), Hungary (Harmat Publishing), Korea (Christian Digest), Spain (World Literature Ministries), Taiwan (Campus Evangelical Fellowship Press), US (Faith Alive Christian Resources).



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**UK Editor:** Ian Metcalfe

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#### PREACHING AND PREACHERS

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

A treasured Christian classic, *Preaching and Preachers* has inspired and encouraged generations of readers in the vital area of Christian ministry. This edition, part of the Hodder Contemporary Classics series, is a valuable introduction to the well-loved works of Dr Martyn Lloyd-Jones.

**Rights Sold:** China (A Kernel of Wheat Christian Ministries), Germany (Wartburg Verlagsverein), Japan (Word of Life Press), Korea (The Blessed People), Romania (Gramma Publishing), Spain (Editorial Peregrino), Taiwan (A Kernel of Wheat Christian Ministries),

Portugal & Brazil unavailable

#### Core List



**UK Pub:** May 2017

#### THE GREAT MYSTERY

Alister McGrath

A follow-up to his critically acclaimed Inventing the Universe, in The Great Mystery Alister McGrath once again brings together science with religion to yield an enriched vision of reality, along with rigorous and thoroughly up-to-date scholarship and intellectual accessibility.

**Rights Sold:** Korea (The Blessed People), Romania (Neword Publishing), US (Tyndale House)

# ALISTER MCGRATH INVENTING THE UNIVERSE WHY WE CAN'T STOP TAKING ABOUT SCHOOL, NATHE AHO GOO

**UK Pub:** October 2015

#### INVENTING THE UNIVERSE

Alister McGrath, one of the world's leading authorities on science and religion, engages with the big questions that Dawkins and others have raised - including origins, the burden of proof, the meaning of life, the existence of God and our place in the universe. Informed by the best and latest scholarship, Inventing the Universe is a groundbreaking new primer for the complex yet fascinating relationship between science and faith.

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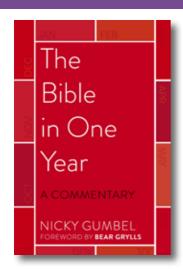


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#### IN THE BEGINNING

The fascinating account of the origins and intrigues of possibly the most influential book in the Western world: *The King James Bible*.

So how did this remarkable translation come to be written? To answer this question is to throw open the doors of a world which was being transformed by the new technology of printing. In reading about the greatest English text ever produced we must close our eyes to our own world in which books are plentiful and readily available and enter another, very different universe...



UK Pub: October 2019

**UK Editor:** Joanna Davey

## THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR: A COMMENTARY Nicky Gumbel

Start your day with the *Bible in One Year* and the accompanying commentary by Nicky Gumbel, pioneer of the Alpha Course.

Nicky Gumbel, pioneer of Alpha – a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith – and vicar of Holy Trinity Brompton in Kensington, London, aids readers following the Bible in one year programme to understand the Scriptures.

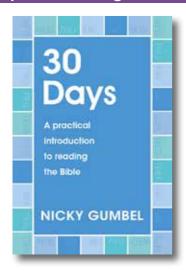
Drawing out a theme for each day from the designated Bible readings, Gumbel's exegetical writings on the Proverbs, Psalms and New and Old Testament excerpts are packed with insight, wisdom and application.

These accompanying reading notes will enhance the study of anyone reading the Bible in One Year each day.

#### About the Author

Nicky Gumbel is the pioneer of Alpha. Alpha is an international organisation that runs the Alpha Course which is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Nicky read law at Cambridge and theology at Oxford, practised as a barrister and is now vicar of HTB in London.

#### Alpha Publishing



#### **Hodder Faith**

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**UK Editor:** Joanna Davey

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## 30 DAYS: A PRACTICAL INTRODUCTION TO READING THE BIBLE Nicky Gumbel

Thirty daily readings from the Bible applied to everyday life, from Alpha pioneer Nicky Gumbel.

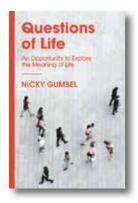
The Bible has been described both as a manual for life and a love letter from God himself. But how should we read it? Where do we start? How is the Bible relevant to everyday life?

Nicky Gumbel has selected thirty fascinating extracts from the Old and New Testaments to introduce reading the Bible and spending time with God. For each day, there is a passage from the Bible accompanied by an explanation of the passage, practical comments relating the Bible to your own life, and suggestions for what to pray in light of the passage. Ideal for those on an Alpha course and others who are interested in exploring the Bible, this book will teach you over thirty days how to get to know God through what he says in the Bible.

'God has given us the extraordinary privilege of knowing him. I hope that by the end of 30 Days you will want to make spending time with God a lifelong habit.' - Nicky Gumbel

#### About the author

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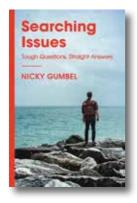
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## QUESTIONS OF LIFE Nicky Gumbel

A step-by-step guide to the basics of the Christian faith.

In this international bestseller, Alpha pioneer Nicky Gumbel addresses some of the foundational questions of life that challenge us all: why am I here? Is there more to life than this? How can I make the most of the rest of my life?

Answering step-by-step some of the key questions that lie at the heart of the Christian faith, his intelligent, well-researched and informed approach makes this a sympathetic, fascinating and immensely readable introduction to Jesus Christ.



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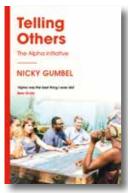
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## SEARCHING ISSUES Nicky Gumbel

As we begin to think more deeply about the meaning of life, it's not long before we come across tough questions that deserve careful consideration.

Drawing on several years of talking through these issues with people looking for answers, Nicky Gumbel offers clear, accessible and reasoned responses to the questions that surround faith and Christianity in the modern world. He goes beyond the logic of each question and applies it to a wider understanding of God's identity and our own identity, with practical suggestions for dealing with these issues in everyday life.

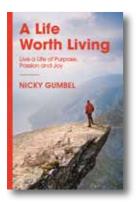
#### Alpha Publishing



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## **TELLING OTHERS Nicky Gumbel**

Telling Others imparts the vision, excitement and challenge of Alpha, with a practical guide to running a successful course. Perfect as a resource for churches, the book details the principles and structure of Alpha, tips on hosting small groups and giving talks, and guidance on pastoral care. A series of appendices provides suggestions for practicalities such as administration and running daytime and workplace courses, and advice on avoiding common mistakes and pitfalls. The chapters are interspersed with testimonies, written in their own words, from people whose lives have been changed by God through Alpha.

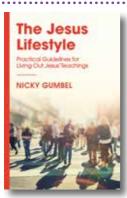


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## A LIFE WORTH LIVING Nicky Gumbel

Jesus Christ makes life profoundly worth living.

This is Paul's message in his letter to the Philippians, in which he encourages the church he planted in Philippi to go on pursuing their new identity in Christ. In an engaging and accessible way, Nicky Gumbel places this key letter of the New Testament in context, explaining its audience and its writer, before unpacking why and how Christians can live with a new purpose, confidence and joy. He uses plenty of choice anecdotes to help us understand how Paul's message applies to us today, and how living for Jesus is

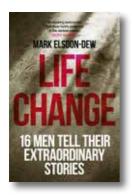


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## THE JESUS LIFESTYLE Nicky Gumbel

Nicky Gumbel explains what living as a Christian should look like in the day-to-day, as directed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount.

What does living as a Christian really look like? What changes do I need to make to the way I live my life? How does Jesus want me to live? Nicky Gumbel explains Jesus' teaching and presents practical ways to apply it so Christians can follow Jesus in every aspect of their lives.



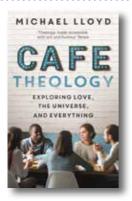
**UK Pub:** May 2018

#### LIFE CHANGE Mark Elsdon-Dew

Is it possible for a life to change?

In their own compelling words, sixteen men from all walks of life tell the stories of their lives and how they have been transformed, often in dramatic circumstances, by an encounter with God. Some have overcome years of crime and extreme violence, others have seen their addictions disappear. Every story is gripping and inspirational.

This is a book for anyone interested in whether God is there - and what he can do.

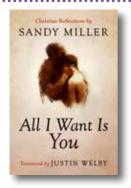


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#### CAFÉ THEOLOGY Michael Lloyd

Theology made accessible with wit and humour, from Dr Michael Lloyd, Principal of Wycliffe Hall in Oxford.

In Café Theology, Michael Lloyd invites us to travel on a journey from Creation to New Creation, visiting the Fall, the Incarnation, Resurrection and Ascension, and stopping off at the Trinity and the Church. Michael's inimitable gift for mixing insightful theology with unflinching honesty and a fantastic sense of humour offers an enriching view of life and the Life-Giver.

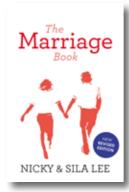


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## ALL I WANT IS YOU Sandy Millar

This collection of fascinating stories, anecdotes and illustrations is a storehouse of Christian wisdom from one of its most inspirational practitioners. In short, pithy paragraphs, Sandy Millar talks about the life of Jesus, God's call to intimacy, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the teachings of the Bible. Compiled and edited by Mark Elsdon-Dew from transcripts of his sermons and writings, Sandy Millar's teaching will heartily encourage anyone with a love for life and Jesus.

#### Alpha Publishing



#### **Hodder Faith**

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**UK Editor:** Andy Lyon

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#### THE MARRIAGE BOOK Nicky & Sila Lee

A reader-friendly book that uses the principles of the Christian faith to help married couples build a more loving and caring relationship.

Nicky and Sila Lee have been married for over 40 years, and this book distils all the wisdom and advice they have gleaned from their own experience, and the experience of others they have counselled. Based on the solid foundations of the Christian faith, Nicky and Sila demonstrate the value, importance and potential of any marriage.

The Marriage Book provides practical advice for any married or engaged couple who want to build a strong and lasting marriage, while also offering insights for single people who are interested in getting married in the future.



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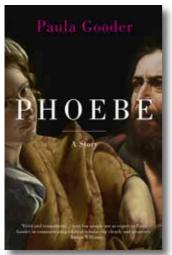
## THE PARENTING BOOK Nicky & Sila Lee

A practical guide full of wisdom and insights to help parents do the best they can for their children.

Drawing on their own experience of bringing up four children, and having talked to thousands of parents over the years on their parenting courses, Nicky and Sila Lee bring fresh insights and time-tested values to the task of parenting. The book covers the following areas:

- Understanding how families work
- Meeting our children's needs
- Building character through setting boundaries
- Helping our children make good choices
- Passing on our believes and values

Full of valuable advice and practical tips, The Parenting Book is a tool to come back to again and again.



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#### **Rights Sold:**

Danish (ProRex Forlag)
Dutch (Uitgeverij Van Wijnen)
Korea (Ecclesia Books)
US (InterVarsity Press)

#### PHOEBE Paula Gooder

The gripping first work of fiction from renowned New Testament scholar Paula Gooder, which brings alive first-century Christianity and the apostle Paul as never before.

Sometime around 56 AD, the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome. His letter was arguably his theological masterpiece, and has continued to shape Christian faith ever since. He entrusted this letter to Phoebe, the deacon of the church at Cenchreae; in writing to the church that almost surely met in her home, Paul refers to her both as a deacon and as a helper or patron of many. But who was this remarkable woman?

In this, her first work of fiction, Biblical scholar and popular author and speaker Paula Gooder tells Phoebe's story - who she was, the life she lived and her first-century faith - and in doing so opens up Paul's theology, giving a sense of the cultural and historical pressures that shaped Paul's thinking, and the faith of the early church.

Written in the gripping style of Gerd Theissen's *The Shadow of the Galilean*, and similarly rigorously researched, this is a book for everyone and anyone who wants to engage more deeply and imaginatively with Paul's theology - from one of the UK's foremost New Testament scholars.

#### About the Author

Dr Paula Gooder is a writer and lecturer in Biblical Studies. Her research areas focus on the writings of the apostle Paul, with a particular focus on 2 Corinthians and on Paul's understanding of the body. Her passion is to ignite people's enthusiasm for reading the Bible today, by presenting the best of biblical scholarship in an accessible and interesting way. Paula is Director for Mission Learning and Development in the Birmingham Diocese for the Church of England.