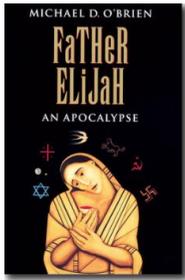


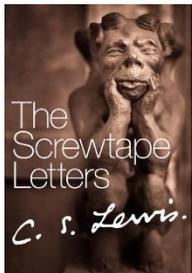
Summer Reading to Help Restore the Soul

Fiction



Father Elijah by Michael O'Brien.

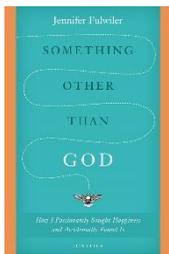
Apocalyptic novel about the Catholic Church at the end of time, the state of the modern world, and the strengths and weaknesses of the contemporary religious scene. Father Elijah Schafer, a Carmelite priest, on a secret mission for the Vatican, becomes embroiled in a series of crises and subterfuges affecting the ultimate destiny of the Church.



The Screwtape Letters, by CS Lewis

Written from the viewpoint of a demon who is teaching his nephew to be a tempter of humans, Lewis uses his wisdom and wit to discuss different principles of faith and religion.

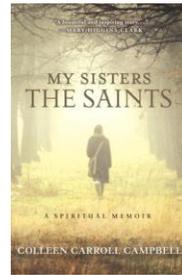
Memoirs



Something Other Than God, by

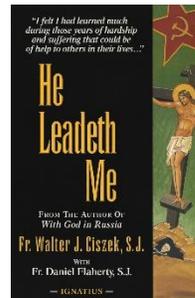
Jennifer Fulwiler

A heartfelt, intelligent and witty account of Jennifer's journey from her atheist upbringing to the Catholic Church. Spiritual food for our own journeys which although may be different from Jennifer's are leading to the same truths.



My Sisters the Saints, by Colleen

Carroll Campbell A fascinating story of how a modern woman drew inspiration and strength from her spiritual "sisters." Perfect for anyone looking for a companion to help guide through life's sometimes difficult and confusing journey.



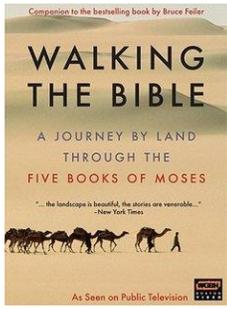
He Leadeth Me, by Father Walter

Ciszek, The spiritual experiences of Fr. Walter in the Russian army prison camps during World War II; and the faith which enabled him to survive the horrendous ordeal that wrenched his body and spirit to near collapse.



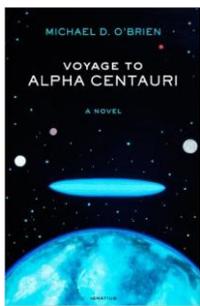
Solzhenitsyn: A Soul in Exile by

Joseph Pearce. The life of a towering literary, spiritual, and political figure, from his pro-Communist youth to his imprisonment in the Gulags, his exile in America to his return to Russia. This is the story of a man who struggled with the most weighty questions of humanity. When a person has suffered the most terrible physical and emotional torture, what becomes of his spirit?



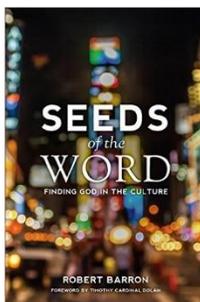
Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses, by Bruce Feiler The author, who is Jewish, describes his visit to the lands mentioned in the Pentateuch. What starts out as a purely historical interest in the Biblical lands, ends up being a spiritual journey.

Sci-Fi



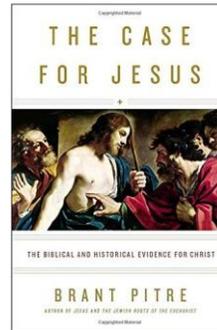
Voyage to Alpha Centauri, by Michael D. O'Brien An impressive work of speculative science fiction, chronicling a 19-year expedition to the nearest neighboring solar system. The protagonist, an aging Nobel laureate physicist and lapsed Catholic, finds that the long journey provides him with ample opportunity to reflect on his own past, and to ask soul-searching questions about both where humanity has come from and where we are going.

Spiritual Guidance

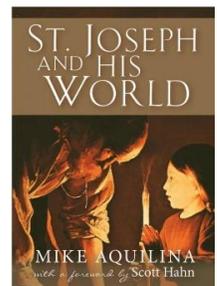


Seeds of the Word: Finding God in the Culture, by Bishop Robert Barron.

This is a series of essays with many contemporary figures and topics reviewed. How about, Kierkegaard, Woody Allen and the Secret to Lasting Joy for an interesting topic? And many more.



The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ, by Brant Pitre. Over the past hundred years, scholars have attacked the historical truth of the Gospels, arguing they were originally anonymous and are filled with contradictions. Brant Pitre gives compelling and well-researched arguments to the contrary. For this reader who struggles with faith being enough, this factual, logical and well-reasoned defense of truth was a God sent gift.



You'll learn about Nazareth — and how it was created almost ex nihilo shortly before Joseph's birth. You'll learn about religious practice and education in that place and time. You'll travel to Egypt and encounter the fascinating settlements of Jews in that land. You'll also find out how a carpenter worked in those days: what tools he used, what items he crafted, where he got his training, and how he got to and from his job sites." This book provides an imaginative entry into one of the most important lives in all of history — a life too often obscured by later legends.