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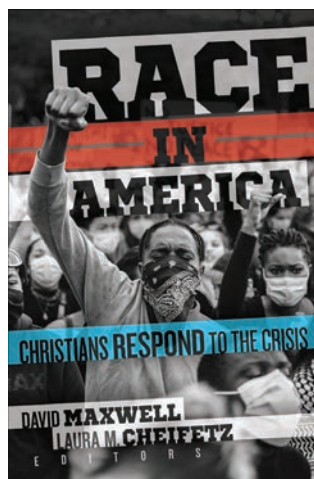
Walter Brueggemann

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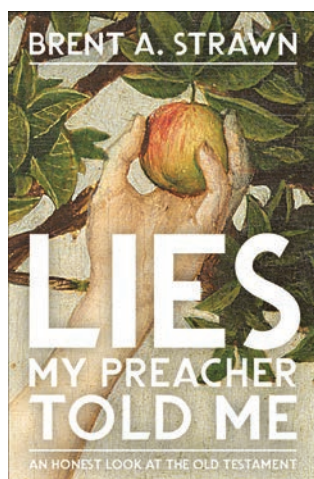
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Written by a diverse group of pastors, professors, and activists, this book traces the history of racism, the issues of racism today, and action plans for moving toward antiracist work and racial justice. Readers will also engage topics of police and police brutality, the ongoing work of Black Lives Matter, and racism in relation to immigration and digital media. Includes questions for reflection and discussion.

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Brent A. Strawn

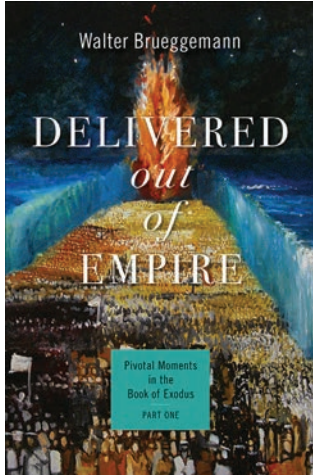
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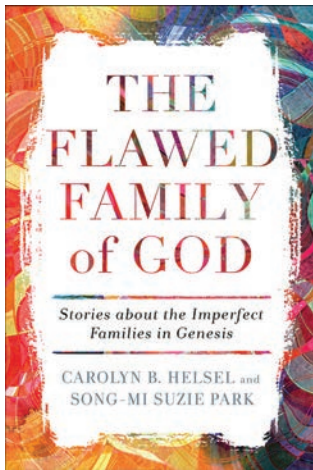
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The book of Exodus brims with dramatic stories familiar to most of us: the burning bush, Moses' ringing proclamation to Pharaoh to "Let my people go," the parting of the Red Sea. These signs of God's liberating agency have sustained oppressed people seeking deliverance over the ages. In *Delivered out of Empire*, Walter Brueggemann offers a guide to the first half of Exodus, drawing out "pivotal moments" in the text to help readers untangle it. Throughout, Brueggemann shows how Exodus consistently reveals a God in radical solidarity with the powerless.

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## The Flawed Family of God *Stories about the Imperfect Families in Genesis*

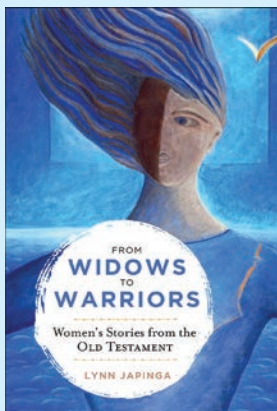
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Today's families face challenges not too different from the first families of the Bible. The drama experienced in Genesis happens within stories about families, and the issues they raise — married vs. single life, sibling rivalry, infertility, family relocation, blended families, and the like — and are startlingly relevant to families of today. This book examines the families of Genesis and invites readers to consider these connections as they reexamine modern family life as well.

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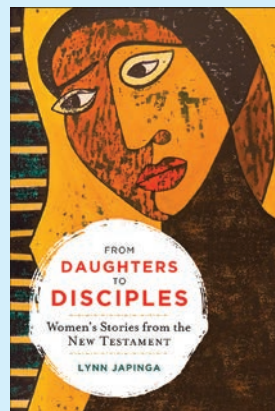


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*Women's Stories from the Old Testament*  
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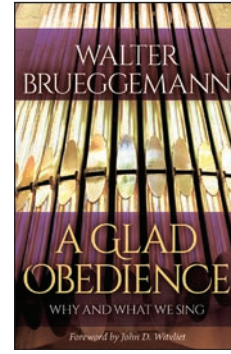
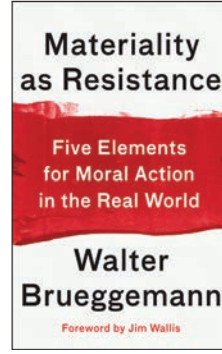
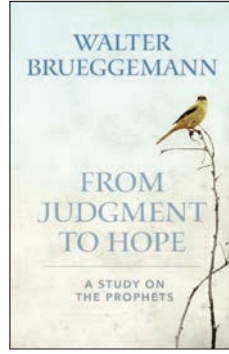
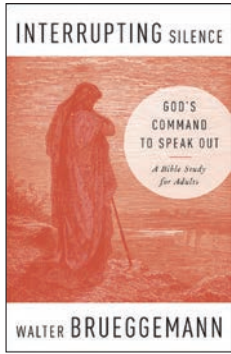
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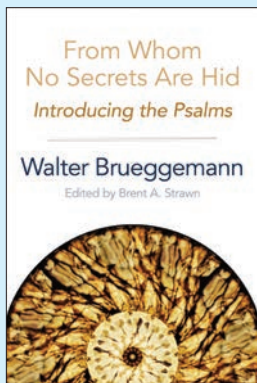
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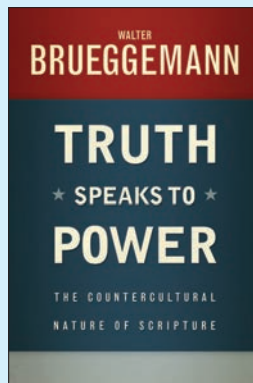


<b>Interrupting Silence</b> <i>God's Command to Speak Out</i>	<b>Sabbath as Resistance, New Edition with Study Guide</b> <i>Saying No to the Culture of Now</i>	<b>From Judgment to Hope</b> <i>A Study on the Prophets</i>	<b>Materiality as Resistance</b> <i>Five Elements for Moral Action in the Real World</i>	<b>A Glad Obedience</b> <i>Why and What We Sing</i>	<b>Chosen?</b> <i>Reading the Bible amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict</i>
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<i>Interrupting Silence</i> illustrates that the Bible is filled with stories where marginalized people break repressive silence and speak against it. Brueggemann motivates readers to consider situations in their lives where they need to interrupt silence, convincing us that God is active and wanting us to act for justice. The themes explored through eight chapters are a unique Lenten study experience. Questions for discussion included for each chapter.	In this new edition that includes a six-session study guide, Walter Brueggemann writes that the Sabbath is not simply about keeping rules but rather about becoming a whole person and restoring a whole society. Brueggemann calls out our 24/7 society of consumption, a society in which we live to achieve, accomplish, perform, and possess. Brueggemann shows readers how keeping the Sabbath allows us to break this restless cycle and focus on what is truly important: God, other people, all life.	In this collection of studies, popular biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann explores the Major Prophets, the Minor Prophets, and the prophets of the Persian Age. By highlighting the common themes of judgment and hope found in the prophets' messages, Brueggemann invites readers to consider what those messages mean for us today.	In <i>Materiality as Resistance</i> , Walter Brueggemann defines materiality as the use of the material aspects of the Christian faith, as opposed to materialism, which places possessions and physical comfort over spiritual values. In this concise volume, Brueggemann lays out how we as Christians may reengage our materiality for the common good. Likewise, how is the church obligated to use its time, money, abundance of food, the care and use of our bodies, observance of Sabbath, and stewardship of our world and those with whom we share it.	The Christian practice of hymn singing, says renowned biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann, is a countercultural act. It marks the Christian community as different from an unforgiving and often ungrateful culture. In this book, Brueggemann discusses both why we sing and what we sing. The first part of the book examines the Psalms and what they can teach us about the reasons that corporate song is a part of the Christian tradition. The second part looks at fifteen popular hymns and the reasons why they have caught our imagination.	In <i>Chosen?</i> , Walter Brueggemann explores the situation in modern-day Israel that raises questions for many Christians when reading biblical accounts of God's saving actions with the Israelites. In four chapters, Brueggemann addresses the main questions people have with regards to what the Bible has to say about this ongoing issue. A question-and-answer section with Walter Brueggemann, a glossary of terms, study guide, and guidelines for respectful dialogue are also included.
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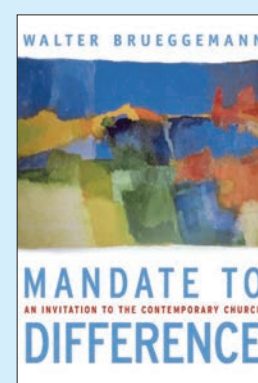
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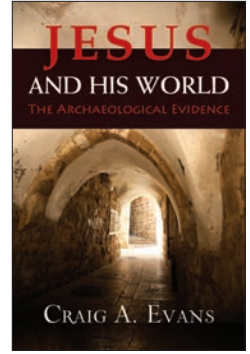
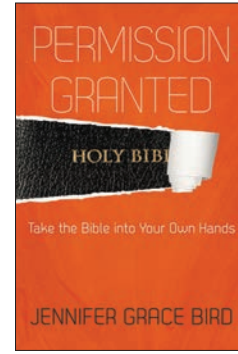
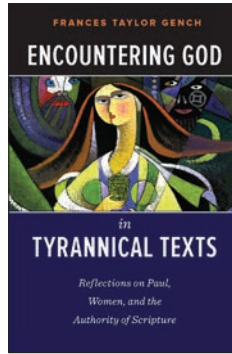
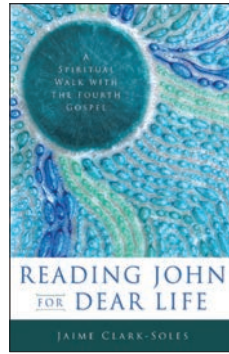
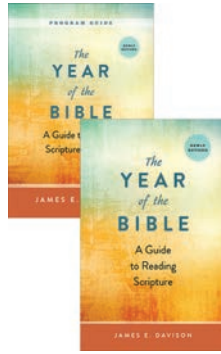
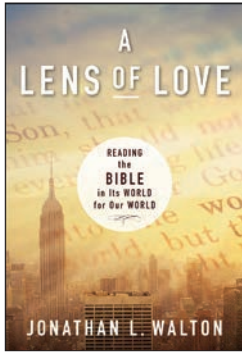
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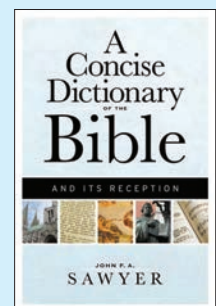
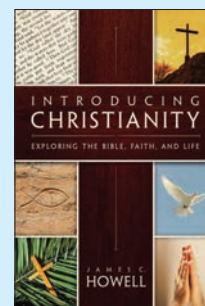
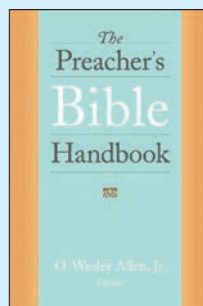
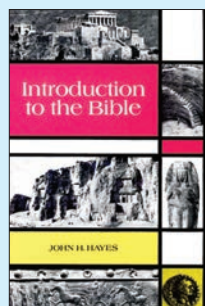
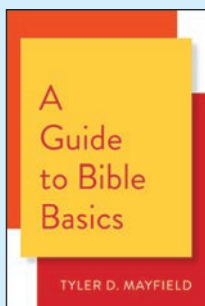
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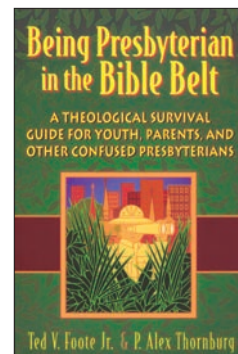
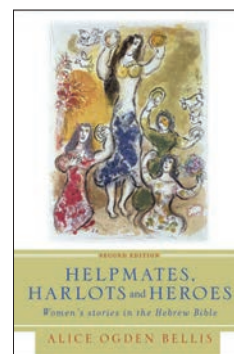
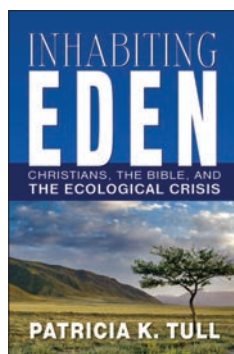
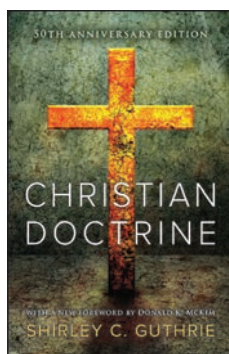
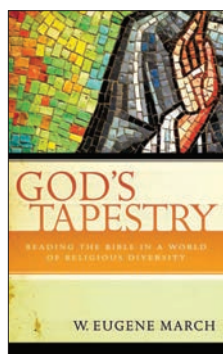
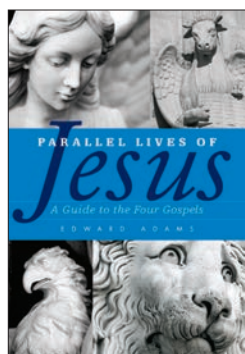
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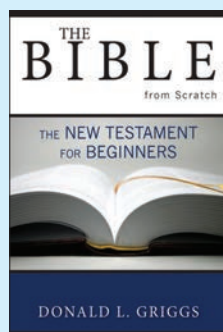
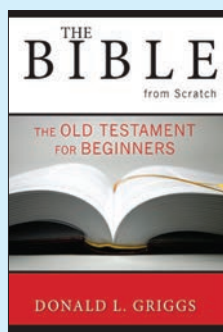
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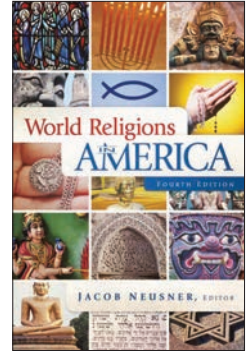
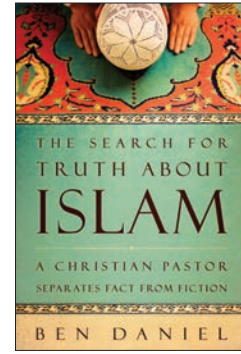
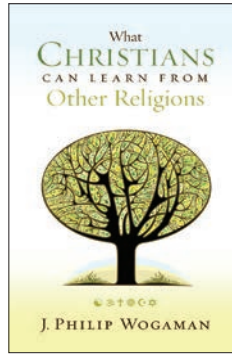
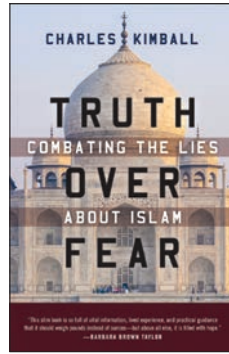
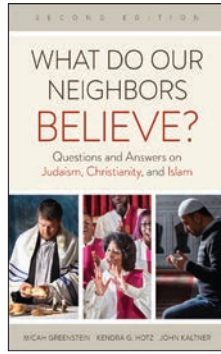
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In this highly readable introduction to the Gospels, Edward Adams demonstrates how the four canonical Gospels function separately—as unique accounts of Jesus' life—and as narrative renditions of a shared story: the Fourfold Gospel. Building on the premise that the Gospels are ancient biographies or "lives of Jesus," Adams examines parallel Gospel passages, highlighting the similarities and differences between them.	In this engaging book aimed at pastors, teachers, and laypeople in Christian churches, W. Eugene March helps the reader develop theological clarity about how to live in a religiously diverse society. Throughout, he answers questions such as What has been done to better understand other religions? What kinds of cross-cultural and interfaith exchanges have been helpful? March also goes deeper into specific biblical texts, uncovering meanings and correcting misinterpretations and misunderstandings.	<i>Christian Doctrine</i> has introduced thousands of laity, students, and theologians to the tenets of the Christian faith. This edition reflects changes in the church and society since the publication of the first edition and takes into account new works in Reformed theology, gender references in the Bible, racism, pluralism, ecological developments, and liberation theologies.	In this thoughtful study, Patricia K. Tull explores the Scriptures for guidance on today's ecological crisis. Tull looks to the Bible for what it can tell us about our relationships, not just to the earth itself, but also to plant and animal life, to each other, to descendants who will inherit the planet from us, and to our Creator. She offers candid discussions on many current ecological problems that humans contribute to, such as the overuse of energy resources, consumerism, food production systems, and toxic waste.	This best-selling book, now revised and updated, shares the work of many feminist biblical scholars who have examined women's stories for several years. These stories are powerful accounts of women in the Old Testament—stories that have profoundly affected how women understand themselves as well as men's perception of them. Here, Alice Bellis shares the research of feminist biblical scholarship during a quarter of a century, which renders a vast amount of refreshing, exciting, sometimes disturbing material.	Addressing such questions as Are You Saved or Are You Presbyterian? and Is the Bible the Literal Word of God or Just a Long, Boring Book? this is an easy-to-understand, slightly irreverent approach to theology and the kind of theological musings that many youth and others have today. <i>Bring Presbyterian in the Bible Belt</i> helps Presbyterian young people articulate their faith and respond to these questions from a mainline point of view.
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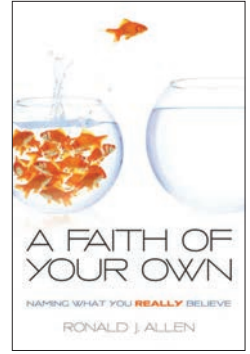
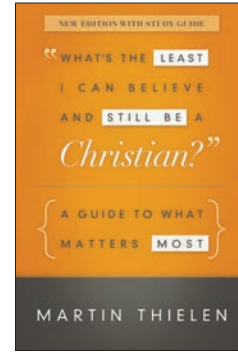
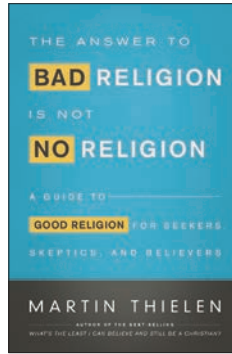
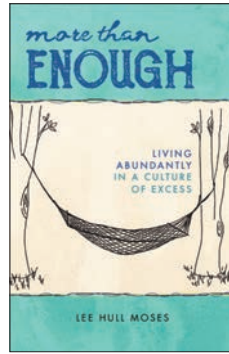
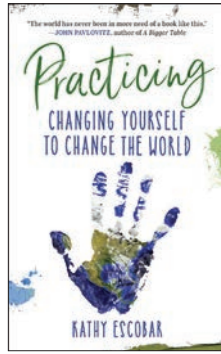
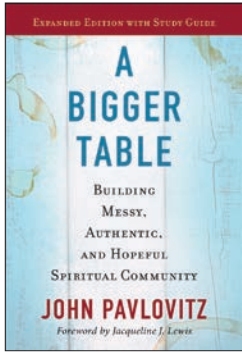
# WORLD RELIGIONS



Neighbors <i>Christians and Muslims Building Community</i>	What Do Our Neighbors Believe, Second Edition <i>Questions and Answers on Judaism, Christianity, and Islam</i>	Truth over Fear <i>Combating the Lies about Islam</i>	What Christians Can Learn from Other Religions	The Search for Truth about Islam <i>A Christian Pastor Separates Fact from Fiction</i>	World Religions in America, Fourth Edition <i>An Introduction</i>
Deanna Ferree Womack	Micah Greenstein, Kendra G. Hotz, and John Kaltner	Charles Kimball	J. Philip Wogaman	Ben Daniel	Jacob Neusner, editor
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<p>Christian communities in majority-Muslim countries have coexisted with their Muslim neighbors for centuries. More importantly, Muslims have been part of the American story from its beginning. And like their Christian neighbors, Muslims want to make the community in which they live a better place for all citizens. In <i>Neighbors</i>, Deanna Ferree Womack lays the groundwork for members of the two religions to understand, converse, and cooperate with each another.</p> <p>Ideal for individual or group study, the book includes a discussion guide for group study with links to video clips, a timeline of the first Muslim communities, and a glossary of Arabic terms related to Islam.</p>	<p><i>What Do Our Neighbors Believe? Second Edition</i> approaches the three great monotheistic religions – Judaism, Christianity, and Islam – by asking the same questions of each: When and where did each originate? What are the sacred writings? What kind of leaders does each have? What are their most essential beliefs? And more.</p> <p>New sections explore current ethical questions and issues, including the deliberate use of misinformation about Islam to bolster power and generate fear and the recent rise in anti-Semitic hate crimes. By introducing the common aspects of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, the authors make understanding their genuine differences and their many similarities much more possible.</p>	<p>Questions and fears about Islam have proliferated American life for decades, yet more recent history has seen a new development in the tangle of Christian-Muslim relations: the mainstreaming of Islamophobia as a path to political and societal power at the highest level.</p> <p><i>Truth over Fear</i> provides resources to address the manipulation of religious misunderstanding and intolerance. From renowned Christian scholar of Islam and longtime participant in Christian-Muslim engagement, Charles Kimball demystifies Islam, the world's second-largest religion, and provides practical guidance on how to share simple facts about Muslim beliefs and practices with family and others, how to take the first steps in dialogue with Muslim neighbors, and how to move beyond dialogue to shared ministry and community building.</p>	<p>In this book's ten easy-to-read chapters, Wogaman shows readers what Christians can learn from different religions, such as Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and even from atheism. From these religions, Christians can achieve insight into love, sin, ritual, the importance of myth to convey truth, the foundational roots of Christianity, the dark side of Christian history, and many other important ways to see and interpret the world and to understand God. The book concludes with a chapter on what other religions can learn from Christianity.</p> <p>Perfect for church study groups, each chapter ends with questions for discussion.</p>	<p>Are Muslims infiltrating American society? What does Islam really teach about women's roles? Does the Qur'an condone violence? Presbyterian pastor Ben Daniel tackles common stereotypes and misconceptions that tend to define Islam in the popular imagination. Daniel also looks at Christianity's own history of violence and explores what he calls "the American cult of fear," particularly as it relates to the rise of Islamophobia in the United States. Blending travel narrative, interviews, and well-crafted storytelling, Daniel helps debunk the myths and put a human face on Islam in America.</p>	<p>The fourth edition of <i>World Religions in America</i> continues its lauded tradition of providing students with reliable and nuanced information about America's religious diversity, while also reflecting new developments and ideas. Each chapter was updated to reflect important changes and events, and current statistics and information. New features include a timeline of key events and people for each tradition, sidebars on major movements or controversies, personal stories from members of various faiths, a theme-based organization of subjects, three new chapters exploring America's increasing religious diversity, and suggestions for further study.</p>
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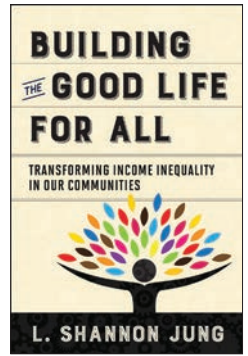
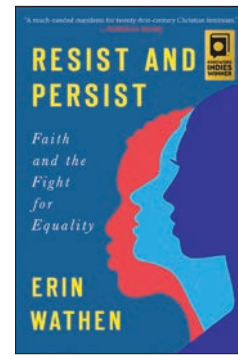
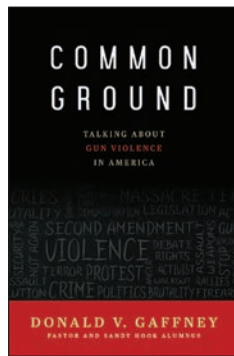
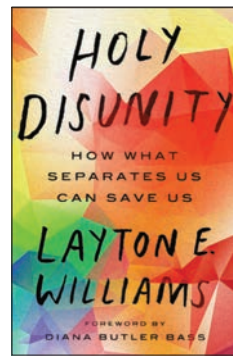
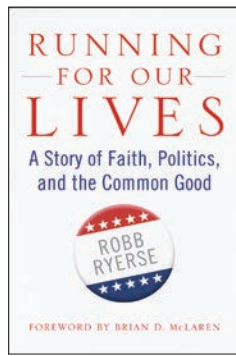
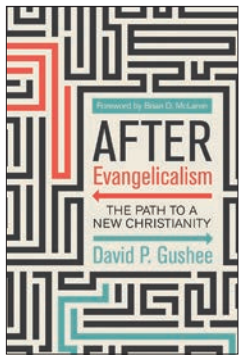


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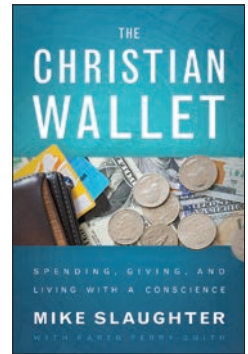
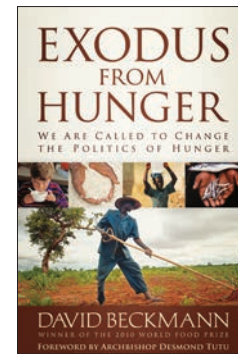
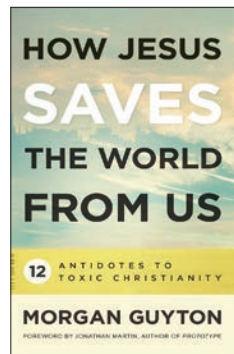
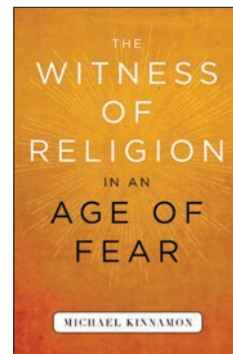
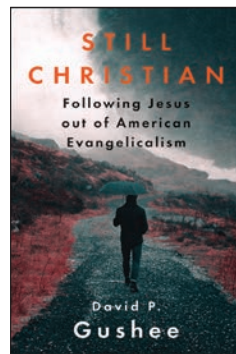
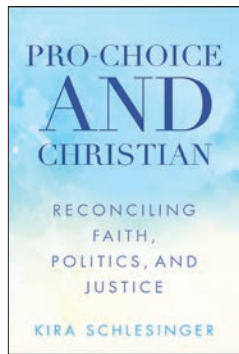


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<p><i>A Bigger Table</i> invites readers to envision a church that is big enough for everyone by holding up a mirror to the modern church and speaking clearly on issues at the heart of the Christian community: LGBT inclusion, gender equality, racial tensions, global concerns, and theological shifts. John Pavlovitz shares moving personal stories, his careful observations as a pastor, and his understanding of the ancient stories of Jesus to set the table for a new, positive, more loving conversation on these and other important matters of faith.</p> <p>This new edition includes a small-group study guide complete with ideas for exploring <i>A Bigger Table</i> in a congregation-wide sermon series and program along with a new foreword by Jacqui Lewis and new afterword by the author to explore the challenges of living out the bigger table when voices of hate and exclusion seem stronger and louder than ever.</p>	<p>From the masses of young people spurning organized religion to faithful followers of Jesus, there is a deep hunger across gender, age, socioeconomics, and denominational backgrounds for practical, tangible ways to live a life of love, mercy, and justice in our divided, fragmented world. But where do we start?</p> <p>In <i>Practicing</i>, Pastor Kathy Escobar inspires and challenges readers with practical encouragement to live their faith through real action using ten transformational practices, including listening more, including the marginalized, advocating for justice, and mourning with those who grieve. By putting our hearts, hands, and feet behind our good intentions, we can transform our groups, our communities, and our world. Extremely interactive, relational, and practical, <i>Practicing</i> can be read alone or processed together with a group, church, or class.</p>	<p>Ever look around your life and feel overwhelmed with gratitude for everything you have? Sure, nothing is perfect, but if you have a safe place to live, food on the table, and clothes to wear, the reality is that life is pretty good. That's not true for many people in the world, and you may wonder, "How do we live in a way that honors God and shows gratitude for the good life we are living in the midst of a world full of pain and brokenness?"</p> <p>With a blend of practical reflection and insight on topics from guilt to delight, <i>More than Enough</i> goes beyond a call to gratitude and generosity and invites the reader to a new way of life, one that is grounded in the hope and grace of God.</p>	<p>If you think the only logical response to bad Christianity is to leave Christianity completely, this book is for you. In an effort to help those who've been hurt by or turned off by negative religion, Martin Thielen explains that there is an alternative to abandoning religion: good religion. Thielen provides counterparts to the characteristics of bad religion, explaining that good religion is grace-filled, promotes love and forgiveness, and is inclusive and hope-filled.</p> <p>Perfect for individual, group, or congregational study, a separate <a href="#">Leader's Guide book</a> and a <a href="#">Worship and Outreach Kit</a> are also available to further the discussion and increase community involvement.</p>	<p>Pastor and author Martin Thielen has compiled a list of ten things people need to believe, and ten things they don't, in order to be a Christian. This lively and engaging book will be a help to seekers as well as a comfort to believers who may find themselves questioning some of the assumptions they grew up with. Thielen articulates centrist, mainline Christianity in a way that's fresh and easy to understand, and offers authentic Christian insights that speak to our deepest needs.</p> <p>This new edition includes a leader's guide and a new introduction from the author that reflects on the book's reception. The leader's guide features unique and easily implemented aids for carrying out a seven-week, congregation-wide initiative that will help local churches reach out to their communities.</p>	<p>A faith should be a living thing. What we believe necessarily evolves in response to insights into the Bible, to questions or doubts we face, to changes in life circumstances, or to things that happen in the larger world. Nevertheless, Christians often find it helpful to identify what they can most fully believe at a given moment. Such clarity empowers the present and leads us toward the future. Such moments can also be mile markers by which we measure our faith journey.</p> <p>In each chapter the reader will find the most common ways a certain topic is understood in the Bible, important ways the church has interpreted the topic since the Bible's inception, and contemporary perspectives on the topic. Each chapter ends with questions for reflection for individuals or small groups.</p>
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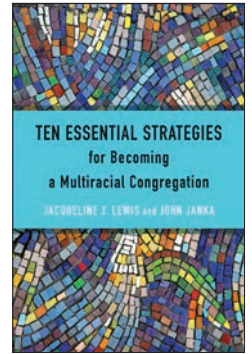
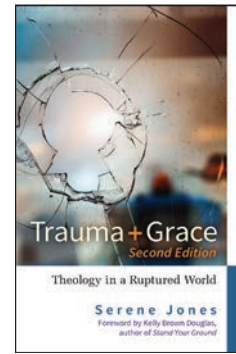
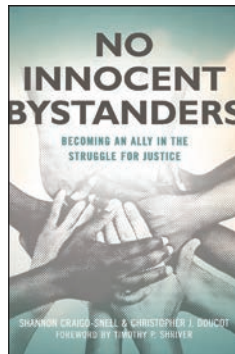
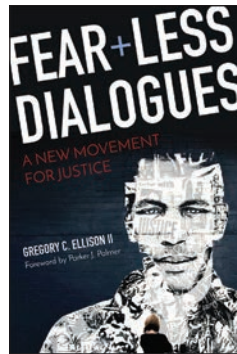
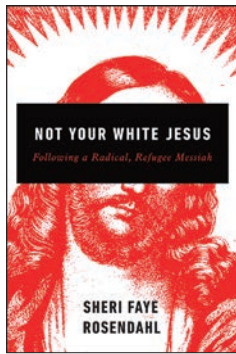
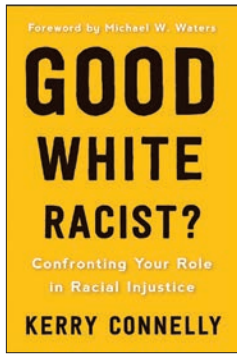
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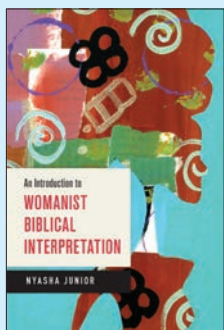
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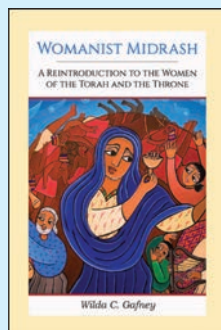
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In <i>Good White Racist?</i> , Kerry Connelly exposes the ways white people participate in, benefit from, and unknowingly perpetuate racism—despite their best “good person” intentions. The book unpacks the systems that maintain the status quo, keep white people comfortable and complicit, and perpetuate racism in the United States and elsewhere. Download the free <a href="#">group study guide</a> .	As we see oppression and hate run rampant in our nation, it’s as if Christianity has lost sight of the red letters altogether. Sheri Faye Rosendahl takes a look at important social issues in our society, the responses of American Christians, and the true ways behind the red letters. <i>Not Your White Jesus</i> addresses the need to reexamine the true ways of Jesus that we find clearly in the red letters, enabling readers to discover what it truly means to follow the ways of Jesus in contrast to following the ways of the American Christian elite.	Drawing on all the community’s collective voices—from “doctors to drug dealers”— <i>Fearless Dialogues</i> is a groundbreaking program that seeks real solutions to problems of chronic unemployment, violence, and hopelessness. In <i>Fearless Dialogues</i> , Ellison makes this same kind of program available to readers, walking them through the steps that must be taken to find common ground in our divided communities and then to implement genuine and lasting change.	This book is a start-up guide for spiritual or religious people who are interested in working for social justice but don’t know how or where to begin. Drawing on the lessons of history, the framework of Christian ideas, and the insights of contemporary activists, it offers practical guidance on how to meaningfully and mindfully advocate alongside all who struggle for a more just society. Includes discussion questions at the end of each chapter.	This book investigates how individual and collective violence affect one’s capacity to remember, to act, and to love; how violence can challenge theological understandings of grace; and even how the traumatic experience of Jesus’ death is remembered. Jones focuses on the long-term effects of collective violence on abuse survivors, war veterans, and marginalized populations and the discrete ways in which grace and redemption may be exhibited in each context.	Born of the authors’ work with The Middle Project, an institute that prepares ethical leaders for a more just society, this book provides lessons, questions for conversation, and spaces for journaling. Use the workbook with your planning team, board members, lay leaders, and staff. In welcoming communities of faith where everyone is accepted just as they are, we can lead the way toward racial reconciliation and dismantle the prejudices that segregate our houses of worship.
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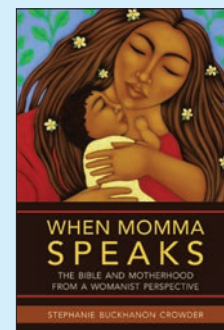
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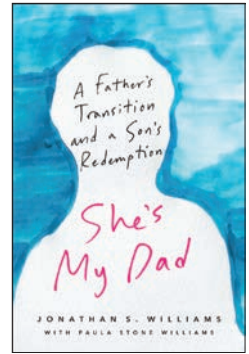
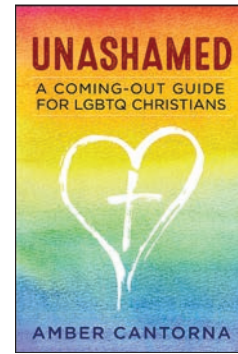
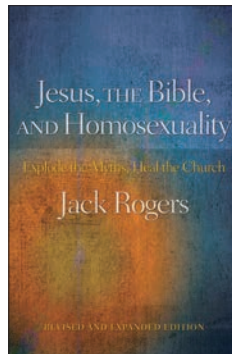
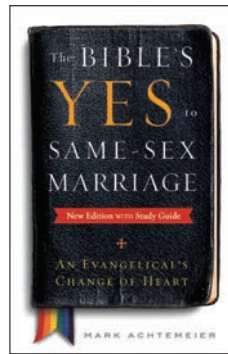
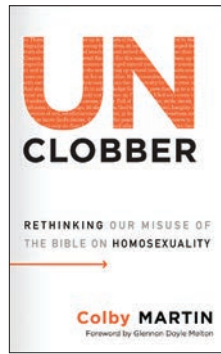
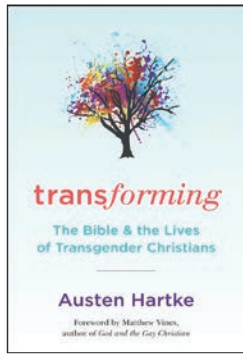


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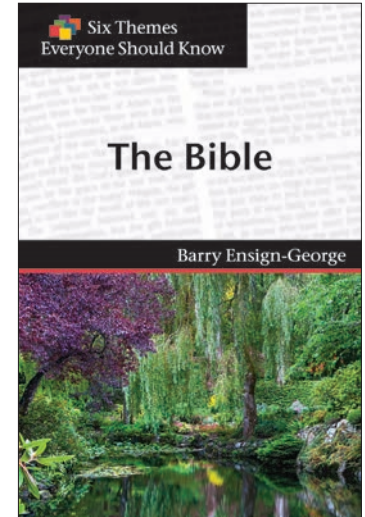
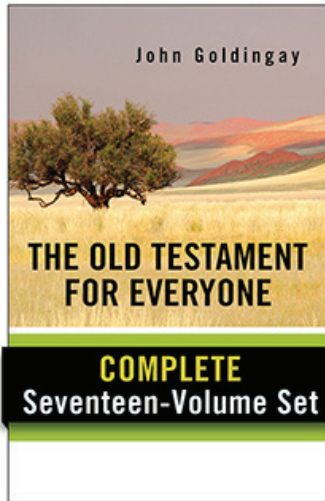
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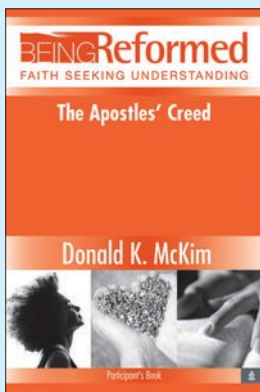
Transforming <i>The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians</i>	UnClobber <i>Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality</i>	The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage: New Edition with Study Guide <i>An Evangelical's Change of Heart</i>	Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality, Revised and Expanded Edition <i>Explode the Myths, Heal the Church</i>	Unashamed <i>A Coming-Out Guide for LGBTQ Christians</i>	She's My Dad <i>A Father's Transition and a Son's Redemption</i>
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<p><i>Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians</i> provides access into an underrepresented and misunderstood community and will change the way readers think about transgender people, faith, and the future of Christianity. By introducing transgender issues and language and providing stories of both biblical characters and real-life narratives from transgender Christians living today, Hartke helps readers visualize a more inclusive Christianity, equipping them with the confidence and tools to change both the church and the world.</p>	<p>Churches in America are experiencing an unprecedented fracturing due to their belief and attitude toward the LGBTQ community. Armed with only six passages in the Bible—often known as the “clobber passages”—the conservative Christian position has been one that stands against the full inclusion of our LGBTQ brothers and sisters.</p> <p><i>UnClobber</i> reexamines each of those frequently quoted passages of Scripture, alternating with author Colby Martin’s own story of being fired from an evangelical megachurch when they discovered his stance on sexuality.</p> <p><i>UnClobber</i> reexamines what the Bible says (and does not say) about homosexuality in such a way that breathes fresh life into outdated and inaccurate assumptions and interpretations</p>	<p>In <i>The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage</i>, Achtemeier shares what led to his change of heart: the problems with excluding groups of people and the insights into the Bible’s message that led him to recognize the fullness of God’s love and support for LGBT persons. Readers will discover how reading snippets of Scripture out of context has led to false and misleading interpretations of the Bible’s message for gay people. Achtemeier shows how a careful reading of the whole Scripture reveals God’s good news about love, marriage, and sexuality for gay and straight people alike.</p> <p>This new edition includes a study guide and a new introduction from the author that reflects on the U.S. Supreme Court ruling and changes within the church. Perfect for groups or self-reflection, the study guide directs readers over four sessions to explore both Achtemeier’s book and the Bible.</p>	<p>In this revised and expanded bestseller, Rogers argues for equal rights in both the church and society for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgendered people. He describes how he moved away from opposition to support, charts the church’s history of using biblical passages to oppress marginalized groups, argues for a Christ-centered reading of Scripture, debunks stereotypes about gays and lesbians, and explores texts used most frequently against homosexuals and gay ordination.</p> <p>The book also includes a guide for group study or personal reflection.</p>	<p>As the gay daughter of a thirty-plus-year executive of conservative Christian organization Focus on the Family, Amber lost everything when she came out as gay in 2012. However, her journey to embrace her authenticity brought her fulfillment and wisdom to share.</p> <p><i>Unashamed</i> serves as a guide for Christians considering coming out, tackling tough subject matters such as demolishing internalized homophobia, finding an affirming faith community, reestablishing your worth as a child of God, navigating difficult family conversations (especially in cases where family is involved in church leadership/ministry), and healing from the pain of rejection. <i>Unashamed</i> encourages LGBTQ Christians to embrace their unique identities and to celebrate the diversity placed inside them by God.</p>	<p>Jonathan S. Williams was three months into pastoring a new, evangelical church plant when his father confessed a secret: he was transgender. His father, Paul, a prominent evangelical pastor, soon became Paula, and Jonathan’s life and ministry went into a tailspin. Feeling betrayed by his mentor and confidante and scared that his church would lose funding and support if Paula’s secret was exposed, Jonathan sunk into depression and alcoholism.</p> <p><i>She's My Dad</i> explores Jonathan’s long and winding journey toward reconciliation, forgiveness, and acceptance of his father as well as his church’s journey to become one of the few fully LGBTQ-inclusive, evangelical churches in America.</p>
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