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CATEGORY	TITLE	AUTHOR	SUMMARY
African american	Journey Towards Freedom: Story of Sojourner Truth	Bernard, Jacqueline	Born a slave in 1797, Sojourner Truth eventually gained her freedom and became known for her wit, her songs, and her great common sense. She electrified audiences as she championed civil rights, women's rights, prison reform, and better working conditions. In the New York Times Book Review, Richard Ellman wrote: "Quietly factual when it suits her story, but lyrical when the demand arises, Jacqueline Bernard has succeeded on nearly every account. A good popular history."
African american	Nurse: A Story of One Woman's Effort to Succeed	Ivory-Bertram RN, M.	The story of Margaritte Gertrude Ivory-Bertram, a lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. She was one of the few black women to serve as an Army nurse during the Second World War.
African american	The Measure of Our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours	Edelman, Marian Wright	To help parents chart a course for their children based on traditional values--self-reliance, family, hard work, justice, the pursuit of knowledge and of brotherhood--Edelman, founder and president of the Childrens Defense Fund, effectively recounts her experience and vision in essays variously addressed to her own children, to all children and to parents. Edelman, who grew up in the segregated South and was the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi bar, recalls the community of her childhood where one child's accomplishments gave joy to all, where neighbors took care of each other and where parents instilled a sense of responsibility in their offspring. In the introduction the author's son Jonah examines the value and pressure of being raised by an African American mother and a Jewish father.
Biblical	Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths	Feiler, Bruce	Anyone seeking to understand the roots of tension in the Middle East need look no further than the final half of this book, where Feiler interprets the meaning of Abraham as seen through the prism of each religion. Surprisingly, the book is as entertaining as it is thoughtful: Feiler is a masterful writer with a warm, humorous voice, a dazzling way with metaphors, and an underlying intelligence that comes through in every passage.
Biblical	Bad Girls of the Bible: Exploring Women of Questionable Virtue	Essex, Barbara	This book brings to life the Bible's "bad girls"--notorious women who we love to hate. This is a 12-week study designed for both men and women.
Biblical	Don't Know Much About the Bible	Davis, Kenneth	Everything you need to know about the Good Book but never learned.
Biblical	Hidden Women of the Gospels	Coffey, Kathy	Of the 1,426 people given names in the Old Testament, only 111 are female. The proportion is twice as great in the New Testament. Hidden Women Of The Gospels brings to life those very real women who were among Jesus' disciples. They take on color and flesh, and are "named". Raissa baked the bread and cooked the fishes, Rebecca is the mother of the man born blind, Deborah is the serving girl who confronts Peter, Hannah is the woman at the foot of the cross, Salome is the mother of James and John, Susanna is a shepherdess, Sara is Peter's mother-in-law, Leah is Jairus' wife, Claudia is the wife of Pilot, and Anna is an adulteress.

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Biblical	Preaching in Two Voices: Sermons on the Women in Jesus' Life	Wattley, William	Sixteen thought-provoking sermons highlight eight women who had a role in Jesus' life. Each woman's story is discussed from two perspectives. Johnson Cook sees her own struggle to follow God's call in these biblical women, and Watley shows how their faith journeys provide inspiration and encouragement for all Christians seeking to follow Jesus.
Biblical	The Red Tent*	Diamant, Anita	Her name is Dinah. In the Bible, her life is only hinted at in a brief and violent detour within the more familiar chapters of the Book of Genesis that are about her father, Jacob, and his dozen sons. Told in Dinah's voice, this novel reveals the traditions and turmoils of ancient womanhood—the world of the red tent. It begins with the story of her mothers—Leah, Rachel, Zilpah, and Bilhah—the four wives of Jacob. They love Dinah and give her gifts that sustain her through a hard-working youth, a calling to midwifery, and a new home in a foreign land. Dinah's story reaches out from a remarkable period of early history and creates an intimate connection with the past. Deeply affecting, <i>The Red Tent</i> combines rich storytelling with a valuable achievement in modern fiction: a new view of biblical women's society.
Biblical	Walking the Bible: A Journey Through the Five Books of Moses	Feiler, Bruce	Both a heart-racing adventure and an uplifting quest, <i>Walking the Bible</i> describes one man's epic odyssey -- by foot, jeep, rowboat, and camel -- through the greatest stories ever told. From crossing the Red Sea to climbing Mt. Sinai to touching the burning bush, Bruce Feiler's inspiring journey will forever change your view to some of history's most storied events.
Biblical	Will the Real God Please Stand Up: Healing our Dysfunctional Images of God	Thomas, Carolyn	This is a biblical approach to unmasking the authentic God who has been widely misrepresented, the God who loves us regardless of our response.
Methodism	If Saddlebags Could Talk		At last, here is a book that presents the quirky and all-too-human side of Methodist history. You'll meet a wide array of ministerial giants -- from Francis Asbury, the tireless itinerant bishop roundly acknowledged to be the father of American Methodism...to "Crazy" Dow, an evangelist with as many idiosyncracies as a "Northern Exposure" character. This is not dry historical reading by any stretch. A must-read for any student of Methodism or mainstream religion in general, this is a colorful window into one of the most influential religious organizations in the world.
Methodism	Seven Sisters in Search of Love	Moser, Frederick	A story of John Wesley's sisters.
Mission	Bauern-Sensei: The Story of Susan Bauerenfeind Pioneer Missionary to Japan	Messerschmidt, Lowell	A book about missionaries and their work. A well-written, well researched and easy to read book. Highly recommended, not only for the story of a missionary's life, but because it opens up an interesting view of Japan

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Mission	Bosnia: Hope in Ashes	Manuel, David	Bosnia Hercegovina has become the contemporary symbol of ethnic hatreds run amuck with brutality, devastation, and genocide. David Manuel traveled to Bosnia six times in eight years. This latest time researching for the answer to horrific questions: Why did all the horror take place? Where is the sanity, the faith?; Where are the peacemakers? Journeying through war-torn cities and war-ravaged countrysides, Manuel met Serb, Muslim, and Croat survivors -- and listened to their stories. As a result, Manuel discovered that all is not hopeless. And that hope lies in the very things that bind all humans to one another -- faith, decency, and a desire for a better world in which to raise their children.
Mission	Don't Let the Goats Eat the Loquat Trees: Adventures of an American Surgeon in Nepal	Hale, Thomas	Dr. Hale writes about being a missionary surgeon in the same delightful way James Herriot writes about being a Yorkshire veterinarian. Dr. Hale's incredible experience in tiny, mountainous Nepal are surpassed only by his talent for telling about them. Imagine, for example, the culture shock of moving to a Hindu country under such rigid religious control that it is not only illegal to proselytize, but illegal to change religions as well.
Mission	Something Beautiful for God: Mother Teresa of Calcutta	Meggeridge, Malcolm	No woman alive today has inspired so many with her simplicity of faith and compassion so all-encompassing. As she daily embraces the "least of the least" in her arms, Mother Theresa challenges the whole world to greater acts of service and understanding in the name of love.
Mission - Liberia	Outlaw for God: The Esther Bacon Story	Dibble MD, J. Birney	The story of a truly great missionary, Esther Bacon. Esther Bacon, R.N., went to Zorzor, Liberia in 1941 and before her untimely death, had delivered over 20,000 babies. In her work as a midwife in the Liberian jungle she changed the infant mortality rate from three out of four to one in five.
Mission - Haiti	In the Parish of the Poor: Writing from Haiti		This book gives the reader a look at the problems in Haiti, those
Mission - Native Americans	Indian School: Teaching the White Man's Way	Cooper, Michael	In 1879 eighty-four Sioux boys and girls became the inaugural group of students to be enrolled at the Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania. Carlisle was the first institution opened by the federal government for the education of Native American children. The brainchild of former Indian fighter Captain Richard Pratt, Carlisle, like other schools that followed, was established to teach Indian children the "white man's way." For some, like Olympian Jim Thorpe, Indian School led to success and prosperity, but for many others it was an education in alienation and isolation. Michael L. Cooper examines the Indian Schools and tells the personal stories, often in their own words, of several young students, including Zitkala-Sa, who wrote, "Like a slender tree, I had been uprooted from my mother, nature, and God."
Mission - political	Let My People Live	Spykman, Gordon	A story of faith and struggle in Central America.
Mission - political	On the Far Side of the Mountain	Hale, Thomas	Adventures of an american family in Nepal.
Mission - political	Seven Years in Tibet*	Harrer, Heinrich	An autobiographical account of a young Austrian adventurer and the escape from an internment camp that changed his life forever. In 1943, Heinrich Harrer, a noted mountain climber and skier, slipped out of captivity in India and made his way through the Himalayan passes to the Forbidden City of Lhasa in Tibet. From destitute vagabond, he rose to the position of tutor and confidant to the fourteen-year-old Dalai Lama. Until their parting in 1950, when the Chinese Communists overran the country, his close relationship with the revered holy man profoundly altered his way of living, even his way of thinking

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Mission - political	The Fight in the Fields	Chavez, Caesar	When the Chavez family lost its farm in Arizona in 1938 during the Depression, they moved to California and became migrant workers. Cesar was outraged by the exploitation, racism, and brutality that migrant farmworkers were forced to endure. His strong religious convictions, a dedication to nonviolent change, and a skill at organizing led to the establishment of the United Farmworkers (UFW) union. "La Causa," as it was called by supporters, became an important movement for self-determination in the lives of California's Mexican American and Filipino farmworkers. The successful nationwide grape and lettuce boycotts and public support exposed the injustices of California agribusiness and resulted in the first collective bargaining agreements and union hiring halls for migrant workers. Authored by two journalists who covered Chavez and the farmworkers, this companion volume to a PBS documentary traces Chavez's life and the events and people that helped shape it.
Novel	Pope Joan*	Woolfolk Cross, Donna	For a thousand years men have denied her existence--Pope Joan, the woman who disguised herself as a man and rose to rule Christianity for two years. Now this compelling novel animates the legend with a portrait of an unforgettable woman who struggles against restrictions her soul cannot accept.
Novel	The DaVinci Code*	Brown, Dan	A best seller. While in Paris on business, Harvard symbologist
Novel - political	Franklin & Winston*	Meacham, Jon	Meacham, managing editor of Newsweek (editor, Voices in Our Blood), delivers an eloquent, well-researched account of one of the 20th century's most vital friendships: that between FDR and Winston Churchill.
Novel - Women's Health issues	After Anne	Henke, Roxanne	In this debut inspirational novel about the faith and friendship of two smalltown North Dakota women, fresh writing gives a familiar plot new life. Olivia Marsden is a columnist for the Brewster Banner, but secretly longs to write a novel (which the prologue hints that this book becomes). She's not good at relationships, but when perky Anne Abbot moves to town, the two form a tight-knit friendship. However, their joy about Anne's first pregnancy soon becomes fear when Anne is diagnosed with breast cancer.
Novel-Based on biblical	East of Eden*	Steinbeck	Novel by John Steinbeck, published in 1952. It is a symbolic recreation of the biblical story of Cain and Abel woven into a history of California's Salinas Valley. With East of Eden Steinbeck hoped to reclaim his standing as a major novelist, but his broad depictions of good and evil come at the expense of subtlety in characterization and plot and it was not a critical success. Spanning the period between the American Civil War and the end of World War I, the novel highlights the conflicts of two generations of brothers; the first being the kind, gentle Adam Trask and his wild brother, Charles.
Political - Chinese	Thousand Pieces of Gold	McCunn, Ruthann	This masterful biographical novel—which has sold more than 100,000 copies—tells the true life story of Lalu Nathoy, a young Chinese girl sold into slavery in 1871 by her poverty-stricken family and auctioned off in the American West. McCunn tells the gripping tale of how Lalu struggled out of servitude to achieve a life of freedom and dignity as a pioneer woman.
Social issues	Why Should I Get Involved in Social Issues?	Madriz, Esther	Reasons for getting involved in social issues.
Social Issues - Abuse	A Child Called "IT"	Pelzer, David	This book chronicles the unforgettable account of one of the most severe child abuse cases in California history. It is the story of Dave Pelzer, who was brutally beaten and starved by his emotionally unstable, alcoholic mother: a mother who played

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Social issues - abuse	The Lost Boy	Pelzer, David	Imagine a young boy who has never had a loving home. His only possessions are the old, torn clothes he carries in a paper bag. The only world he knows is one of isolation and fear. Although others had rescued this boy from his abusive alcoholic mother, his real hurt is just beginning -- he has no place to call home. This is Dave Pelzer's long-awaited sequel to A Child Called "It". In The Lost Boy, he answers questions and reveals new adventures through the compelling story of his life as an adolescent. Now considered an F-Child (Foster Child), Dave is moved in and out of five different homes. He suffers shame and experiences resentment from those who feel that all foster kids are trouble and unworthy of being loved just because they are not part of a "real" family. Tears, laughter, devastation and hope create the journey of this little lost boy who searches desperately for just one thing -- the love of a family.
Social Issues - AIDS	A Time to Love: When AIDS Takes a Son, a Friend	Hostetler, Helen	A mother's candid story of anguish experienced as she struggled to
Social Issues - AIDS	Living With Aids: One Christians Struggle	Boyd, Terry	This is a warm touching story of a Christian dying from AIDS and how his faith prevails. He transformed others lives as he struggled to live and die with AIDS. Recommended to anyone trying to come to terms with AIDS in their life or for those interested in working with and helping those with AIDS through an AIDS ministry.
Social Issues - AIDS	The House that Love Built	Hale, Dr. Lorraine	A story of Hale House, a charity acclaimed for their work with drug-addicted mothers and the care of AIDS and HIV-infected children. (Lorraine Hale's association with the Hale House came to an end in 2001 as a result of an investigation by the NY State Attorney General's office into charges of fraud and embezzlement. Hale House's work continues on despite her departure.)
Social issues - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	The Broken Cord	Dorris, Michael	The controversial national bestseller that received unprecedented media attention, sparked the nation's interest in the plight of children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and touched a nerve in all of us. Winner of the 1989 National Book Critics Circle Award.
Social issues - Homeless	Helping the Homeless: God's Word in Action	Grady, Duane	Church work with the homeless.
Social issues - Homeless	Shadow Women: Homeless Women's Survival Stories	Bard, Marjorie	Bard interviewed 1500 homeless women over several years, and the book is mostly well-edited, short transcripts of those interviews, with women telling in their own, distinctive voices exactly HOW they survive, day to day. Where they sleep (rarely in the open), how and what they eat (from happy hour spreads to dumpster diving), where and how they spend their days. They manage to actually live in everything from large medical centers and libraries to vacant hotel rooms and houses. Nearly all were widowed or divorced and over 50. Hardly any schlepped around bags or pushed shopping carts from alley to alley. The author ends with her proposal for community and church-based help for these women. (The author herself was homeless and went on to earn a PhD.)

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Spiritual	Christmas Dreams: Four Inspirational Love Stories from Christmas Present	Germany, Rebecca	The joy of Christmas radiates from this collection of contemporary inspirational novellas.
Spiritual	Finding God Between the Lines		Stories come to life in <i>Finding God between the Lines</i> as the reader discovers new insights from familiar stories. Seymour takes a fresh and imaginative look at some familiar life issues and biblical characters. Using poetry, short narrative, vignettes, and Scripture selections, Seymour portrays everyday scenes that offer new meaning within the subtleties of well-known Christian themes.
Spiritual	God's Joyful Surprise	Monk, Sue	God's joyful surprise: finding yourself loved... Beautifully written, easy to read, and filled with anecdotes... But the message and challenge of the book is profound. If you have ever wondered if your spiritual life needed some deepening, this book will set you off on your own spiritual journey.
Spiritual	Two-Part Invention	L'Engle, Madelaine	Starting with accounts of her childhood, the author describes her life as a young woman in Manhattan, attracted to the theater and landing a job as an understudy touring with Eva Le Gallienne and Hugh Franklin. L'Engle and Franklin married in 1946, creating a bond that was broken only by his death 40 years later. As Franklin's roles (with the Lunts, Ethel Barrymore, Maurice Evans, etc.) kept him absent frequently, there were problems, especially when they became parents. Yet most crises were viewed in perspective, especially when the couple gathered with children, grandchildren and friends at Crosswick, the old house in Connecticut that remains L'Engle's "icon." As expected, she writes beautifully here, sharing funny, exuberant and trying moments of the "two-part invention." Reading the book is a profound spiritual experience.
Spiritual	When the Heart Waits: Spiritual Direction for Life's Sacred Questions	Monk, Sue	Combining personal experience and classic Christian teachings, this inspirational autobiographical account of a woman's personal pain, spiritual awakening, and divine grace received <i>Virtue</i> magazine's "Book of the Year" award.
Spiritual	Whose Child is This?	Wilson, Bill	This is an excellent book which encourages readers of all ages, status and regional location to get out and share Jesus Christ in their world.
Spiritual - Prayer	Experiencing God's Tremendous Love	Conroy, Maureen	Entering into relational prayer.
Spirituality - family	Getting Beyond "How Are You?": Learning to Connect in a Disconnected World	Mains, David and Mains-Timberlake, Melissa	Getting beyond... This refreshing and honest resource invites you to enjoy closer connections with your family, friends, and casual contacts. You will learn how to bring healing to your own soul and touch the lives of others.
Spirituality	Living Faith	Carter, Jimmy	For almost three decades, President Carter has regularly spent part of each Sunday reading from scripture and sharing his personal faith with neighbors, friends, and visitors at his Baptist church in Plains, Georgia. In <i>Living Faith</i> , he draws on this experience, exploring the values closest to his heart and the personal beliefs that have nurtured and sustained him.

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Spirituality	The Five People You Meet in Heaven*	Albom, Mitch	Eddie is a wounded war veteran, an old man who has lived, in his mind, an uninspired life. His job is fixing rides at a seaside amusement park. On his 83rd birthday, a tragic accident kills him as he tries to save a little girl from a falling cart. He awakes in the afterlife, where he learns that heaven is not a destination. It's a place where your life is explained to you by five people, some of whom you knew, others who may have been strangers. One by one, from childhood to soldier to old age, Eddie's five people revisit their connections to him on earth, illuminating the mysteries of his "meaningless" life, and revealing the haunting secret behind the eternal question: "Why was I here?"
Spirituality - illness	Take Heart: The Gift of Life is Never So Precious as When it is Nearly Snatched Away	Lockerbie, Bruce & Lory	Even when faced with overwhelming affliction...it is possible to take heart! The lives of Bruce and Lory Lockerbie and their family were instantaneously changed when Bruce suffered a heart attack at age 46. In this personal narrative, the Lockerbies reveal their responses to Bruce's close brush with death. This is a genuine, faith-building, Christ-honoring, Christian classic. Powerfully written and profound. A genuine faith builder.
Women	Interludes: A Busy Woman's Invitation to Personal & Spiritual rest	Andersen, Linda	There Is a Choice. Are you luxuriating in an ordered, joyful, fruitful
Women	Women Who Do Too Much	Sprinkle, Patricia	Help and encouragement for overwhelmed women who desire to know what God created them to do and how to accomplish it.
Women & Aging	Fabulous After 50		Life begins at 40 (or so they say), but it's Fabulous After 50! Come along as Shirley Mitchell and Jane Rubietta share experiences, tips, and techniques that allow the real woman to shine--both spiritually and physically, inside and out. From tips on spiritual health, to developing confidence in the workplace, beauty hints, practical eating habits, encouragement through menopause, and relationship solutions, the authors share practical wisdom and are dedicated to helping women of all backgrounds see their God-given potential.
Women & Aging	Fullness of Time: Short Stories of Women & Aging	Hickman, Martha W.	Nine stories that will touch your heart. They are stories of people you will recognize--your friend, your sister, your mother, yourself. Inspiring, illuminating, and helpful.