

EDUCATION FOR MISSION

END OF THE SPEAR - A TRUE STORY

Steve Saint

Tyndale House Publishers, 2005

338 pages

(#R1046) \$14.99

Steve Saint's father was one of five missionaries martyred in an attempt to befriend the Waodani people of the Amazon. But despite the fact that they were responsible for his father's death to Steve, the Waodani were friends, even family. Part Indiana Jones, part travel log and part spiritual quest, this incredible true story is one of overwhelming challenges, agonizing losses, and thrilling rewards.

GOD'S GOLDEN ACRE

Dale le Vack

Monarch Books, 2005

319 pages

(#R1019) \$13.99

Heather Reynolds had given her life to God and was waiting for the call to serve him. While visiting a remote part of South Africa she encountered by chance the human and social devastation the AIDS pandemic leaves in its wake. At that moment she knew this was His call.

JOURNEY TO DIGNITY

Eugenio Poma

Timberwolf Press, 2006

177 pages

(#R1045) \$15.00

Do missionary efforts produce results? Mr. Poma, a product of Methodist Missions in Bolivia, responds emphatically: Yes. One person makes a difference! This inspiring autobiography will find many committed readers who have eyes to see and ears to hear what he wants to share with them.

MINISKIRTS, MOTHERS & MUSLIMS - A Christian woman in a Muslim land

Christine A. Mallouhi

Monarch Books, 2004

184 pages

(#R1027) \$12.00

This witty, observant book reveals the conventions that govern Muslim society - and charts the unwitting mistakes Westerners can make when meeting Muslims. Her stories are from a side of Muslim culture invisible to most of us.

THEY POURED FIRE ON US FROM THE SKY - The true story of three Lost Boys from Sudan

Benson Deng, Alephonsion Deng & Benjamin Ajak
Public Affairs Books, 2005

311 pages
(#R1032) \$12.95

Across Sudan, between 1987 and 1989, tens of thousands of young boys took flight from the massacres of Sudan's civil war. They became known as the Lost Boys. This is the story of three Lost Boys and their will to survive.

NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY - Faith and Patriotism under Fire - A Bonus Book

James Yee
Public Affairs Books, 2005

240 pages hardcover
(#R1031) \$24.00

James Yee's astonishing memoir tells how a patriotic West Point graduate found himself faced with capital charges, subjected to abusive treatment, and imprisoned in solitary confinement - without any basis in truth. One of the first Muslim U.S. Army chaplains, Yee's story shows the dark side of an unregulated and overzealous war on terror.

GRACE MATTERS - A Memoir of Faith, Friendship, and Hope in the Heart of the South

Chris P. Rice
Wiley, 2002

303 pages
(#R1048) \$14.95

This is the true story of the journey of members of Voice of Calvary Church in Jackson, Mississippi to become a people of common dreams, desires and destinies - a community of friends; about how they came together despite their differences, their challenges, and about the unexpected gifts from God and each other that sustained them along the way.

I CHOOSE TO STAY - A Teacher Refuses to Desert the Inner City

Salome Thomas-EL
Kensington Publishing, 2003

304 pages
(#R1017) \$15.00

The challenges of working in an urban school are not for every teacher. Some get burnt out fast, some lose sight of why they started teaching in the first place, and some find their calling elsewhere. But not Philadelphia teacher Salome Thomas-EL. Gripping, poignant, and honest this is a real-life tale of mentoring and making a difference, and of how the reformation of America's educational system can start with just one school.

KEEPING SPIRITUAL BALANCE AS WE GROW OLDER - More than 65 Creative Ways to Use Purpose, Prayer, and the Power of Spirit to Build a Meaningful Retirement
Molly Srode & Bernie Srode 199 pages
SkyLight Paths Publishing, 2005 (#R1040) \$16.99

As we grow older and face new demands on our bodies, we sometimes forget about the transformations our spiritual selves are going through. In this book the authors discuss how the power of spirit can help you overcome the obstacles of aging, add meaning to everyday life, and attain both your material and spiritual goals.

MRS. HUNTER'S HAPPY DEATH - Lessons on Living from People Preparing to Die
John Fanestil 256 pages
Random House, Inc., 2006 (#R1036) \$23.95 hardcover

From time to time during his work as a pastor, John Fanestil witnesses someone dying with remarkable and uplifting grace. Moved yet puzzled by the spirit of happiness and holiness he observed, a chance discovery of articles about the ritual of the "happy death" in religious magazines from the 18th and 19th centuries brought him the answers he sought.

WHO'S RAISING YOUR CHILD - Battling the Marketers for Your Child's Heart and Soul
Laura J. Buddenberg & Kathleen M. McGee 205 pages
Boys Town Press, 2004 (#R1007) \$12.95

Are your kids caught up in the culture of consumption? Have the marketers convinced your children that if they just buy the right things they will be happy, cool and popular? This book explores today's hyper-commercialized society and the damage it is doing to our children as they grow from toddlers to teens.

SOCIAL ACTION

EARTH TREK - Celebrating and sustaining God's creation
Joanne Moyer 209 pages
Herald Press, 2004 (#R1014) \$12.00

What has happened since we who were created in the image of God have taken dominion over all the earth? *Earth Trek* sets about the task of celebrating and sustaining the Earth by embarking on a journey of discovery into the intricacies of this creation in which we live, and helps us better understand creation and our place within it.

ENRIQUE'S JOURNEY - The Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey to Re-unite with his Mother

Sonia Nazario
Random House, 2006

336 pages
(#R1033) \$14.95

This astonishing true story recounts the unforgettable odyssey of a Honduran boy who braves unimaginable hardship and peril to find his mother in North Carolina. Alone and with little more than a slip of paper with his mother's telephone number, he will make the dangerous and illegal trek up the length of Mexico the only way he can - clinging to the sides and tops of freight trains. It is an epic journey, one thousands of immigrant children make each year to find their mothers in the U.S. Available in Spanish.

HARD LINE - Life and Death on the U.S. Mexico Border

Ken Ellingwood
Random House, 2005

256 pages
(#R1034) \$14.00

This vivid and moving portrait of the Southwestern border and its people, told through stories of undocumented immigrants and the border agents who track them through the desert, Native Americans divided between two countries, human-rights workers aiding migrants, and ranchers taking the law into their own hands is a story of the West that has major implications for the nation as a whole.

WAR & THE CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE - Where Do You Stand?

Joseph J. Fahey
Orbis Books, 2005

205 pages
(#R1030) \$15.00

This thought provoking book is for the reader who may never have personally decided where he or she stands on war, and asks among other questions "in your heart of hearts, where do you stand? Are you willing to kill other human beings or are you willing to be killed? Are you willing to send your children off to kill or be killed? Is war a moral or an immoral human activity? It explores the answers the Christian tradition has supplied.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE CHRISTIAN RIGHT?

Jan G. Linn
Brown Walker Press, 2004

168 pages
(#R1008) \$17.95

With the increasing degree to which the Christian Right has become a major player in the political life of the nation, the stakes have been raised considerably. What was once thought to be a fringe movement within Christianity has become the dominant Christian voice, with political clout greater than anyone imagined possible twenty-five years ago. Is it enough to shake one's head and wonder how they can say and do what they say and do, and leave it at that? This book will surely start discussion on this important topic.

WHEN THE RIVERS RUN DRY- Water - The Defining Crisis of the 21st Century

Fred Pearce
Beacon Press, 2007

324 pages
(#R1006) \$16.00

In this very readable part travel log, part history lesson, Fred Pearce traveled to more than thirty countries examining the current state of crucial water sources like the Indus River in Pakistan, the Colorado River in the U.S. and the Yellow and Yangtze Rivers in China. He reveals the most daunting water issues we face today, and although dire tells us that they are not without remedy.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

AND WE ARE CHANGED - Encounters with a Transforming God

Priscilla Shirer
Moody Publishers, 2003

195 pages
(#R1028) \$12.99

Most of us have had encounters with God time and time again, but we often fail to recognize them or allow ourselves to be changed by them. When God meets you, His presence, power and love should transform your life forever! Author Priscilla Shirer uses the compelling biblical accounts of the children of Israel, Ruth, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, to show you what happens when you meet God.

JESUS' PARABLES OF THE LOST AND FOUND

James W. Moore
Dimensions for Living, 2006

104 pages
(#R1002) \$10.00

This book examines six of Jesus' thought-provoking parables of the lost and found to see if we can find ourselves and God's truth for us in these magnificent truth-stories. Always relevant and always personal, they speak eloquently to you and me, here and now. Study guide included in back of book.

LETTERS TO A YOUNG DOUBTER

William Slone Coffin
Westminster John Knox Press, 2005

185 pages
(#R1047) \$14.95 hardcover

In an exchange of letters over the months of an academic year, Bill Coffin writes an imagined bright, young college student, answering his questions and giving his typically sage advice about problems of faith, the difficulties of personal life, and the ever-more confusing and complex problems of today's world.

LIVING BOUNTIFULLY! The Blessing of Responsible Stewardship

Linda H. Hollies
The Pilgrim Press, 2005

105 pages
(#R1041) \$16.00

In *Living Bountifully!* Hollies shares her lessons, strategies, and experiences of good stewardship. Through the little known stories of Mahlah, Hoglah, Milcah, and other women, Hollies will show readers how to: identify with biblical women who had "financial difficulties" yet "prospered" because of their faithfulness to God; learn the importance of tithing; and create a practical plan of action to become better stewards of their resources—resources that go beyond money.

LONGING TO PRAY - How the Psalms teach us to talk with God

J. Ellsworth Kalas
Abingdon Press, 2006

126 pages
(#R1003) \$13.00

This little book invites us to study with some ancient experts in prayer, the persons who wrote the Book of Psalms. We realize that the authors, like us, were altogether human, their lives marked by breathtaking highs and lows. But with all of that, they were saints who left us with the greatest collection of prayers in the possession of our human race. Study guide included in back of book.

WALK IN A RELAXED MANNER - Life Lessons from the Camino

Joyce Rupp
Orbis Books, 2006

264 pages
(#R1029) \$15.00

At age 60 Joyce Rupp didn't know what she was getting into when she began a 37-day pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain. Joined by her walking friend Tom, a retired pastor, Joyce learned lessons that can help all of us travel on life's up-and-down journey with more grace and lightness.

LARGE PRINT

Spiritual Growth

10 GOSPEL PROMISES FOR LATER LIFE

Jane Marie Thibault

Upper Room Books, 2004

141 pages

(#R1001) \$12.00

Is there any good news in the Good News for older adults? This question is one of several that Jane Thibault raises and answers in this book. Many older adults experience a spiritual crisis as they face what seems to be ongoing diminishment. How does the Good News speak to their fears? Thibault helps readers identify these fears and learn to make the most of God's gift of longer life.

Nurturing for Community

LEAP OF FAITH - Memoirs of an Unexpected Life

Queen Noor

Thomson/Gale, 2005

630 pages

(#R1043) \$13.95

This is the story of a young American woman who became wife and partner to an Arab monarch. It is also the refreshingly candid story of a mother coming to terms with the demands the king's role as a world statesman placed on her family's private life. But most of all it is a love story - the intimate account of a woman who lost her heart to a king, and to his people.

KOREAN

SPANISH

Libros para la Infancia y la Juventud

POEMS TO DREAM TOGETHER

Francisco X. Alarcón
Lee & Low Books, 2005

32 pages
(#R1024) \$16.95 hardcover

From award-winning Chicano poet Francisco X. Alarcón comes a delightful new collection of bilingual poetry celebrating family, community, and the power of imagination. These joyous poems will inspire all readers to dream their own dreams for a better, more compassionate and loving world.

CHILDREN

Education for Mission

BROTHERS IN HOPE - The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan

Mary Williams
Lee & Low Books, 2005

40 pages
(#R1021) \$

Eight-year-old Garang is tending cattle far from his family's home in southern Sudan when war comes to his village. Frightened but unharmed, he returns to find everything has been destroyed. This begins the inspirational, true events in the lives of the Lost Boys of Sudan. *Brothers in Hope* is a story of remarkable and enduring courage, and an amazing testament to the unyielding power of the human spirit.

THE LIBRARIAN OF BASRA - A True Story from Iraq

Jeannette Winter
Harcourt, Inc., 2005

30 pages
(#R1011) \$16.00 hardcover

Alia Muhammad Baker is the librarian in Basra, Iraq. For fourteen years, her library has been a meeting place for people who love books. Until now. War has come and Alia fears that the library and the thirty thousand books within it will be destroyed forever. This is the true story of her struggle to save her community's priceless collection of books.

Nurturing for Community

CATCHING THE MOON - The Story of a Young Girl's Baseball Dream

Crystal Hubbard

32 pages

Lee & Low Books, 2005

(#R1022) \$16.95 hardcover

If there was anything in the world better than playing baseball, Marcenia Lyle didn't know what it was. Full of warmth and youthful energy, *Catching the Moon* is the story of the girl who grew up to become the first woman to play for an all-male professional baseball team. Readers everywhere will be inspired by her courage to dream and her determination to succeed.

MUSKRAT WILL BE SWIMMING

Cheryl Savageau

32 pages

Tilbury House Publishers

(#R1044) \$7.95

Although she loves her lakeside community and its people, a girl of Native American and French descent feels demeaned when classmates call her a Lake Rat. She confides in her Grampa, who listens, questions, and reminds her of a legend concerning Muskrat. A dream and symbolic dive into the lake help the girl fully accept where she's from and who she is.

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Social Action

ALMOST GONE - The World's Rarest Animals

Steve Jenkins

35 pages

HarperCollins Publishers, 2005

(#R1012) \$5.99

Have you seen a northern hairy-nosed wombat or an eastern barred bandicoot? These animals are so rare, they might disappear forever, and they're not alone. Read and find out about some of the animals that are almost gone.

COOPER'S TALE

Ralph da Costa Nunez
Institute for Children and Poverty, 2000

39 pages
(#R1015) \$5.95

When two fat cats take over the cheese shop, Cooper the pink mouse suddenly finds he is homeless. The friendship he develops with three homeless children changes all of their lives in ways they never expected.

Spiritual Growth

DOES GOD HEAR MY PRAYER?

August Gold
SkyLight Paths Publishing, 2005

32 pages
(#R1039) \$8.99

Does God Hear My Prayer? playfully guides children down their own path of spiritual discovery, and reminds us all to invite God into our lives. Uses images and words children know well to convey the intimacy, immediacy, and availability of the experience of God.

YOUTH

Nurturing for Community

NO PLACE

Kay Haugaard
Milkweed Editions, 1998

187 pages
(#R1025) \$6.95

As part of a school project Arturo Morales and his classmates begin to work on transforming the neighborhood junkyard into a park. They face obstacles at every step of the way, not the least of which is the ridicule of family and friends. After all, who are they - just a bunch of kids - to take on such a big task?

Social Action

HECK - SUPERHERO

Martine Leavitt
Red Deer Press, 2004

144 pages
(#R1037)

Heck feels like a stick-man, so flat he wonders how he manages not to slip through the slats of the bench he's sitting on. He can't go back to school without his homework, he can't get his homework because the landlord changed the locks, and he's in big, bad trouble that his

drawings of superheroes aren't going to get him out of. There's only one way out: the Good Deed.

THE SPIDER'S WEB

Laura E. Williams
Milkweed Editions, 1999

134 pages
(#R1026) \$6.95

Skinhead. Neo-Nazi. Lexi Jordan knows the names her friends use to talk about themselves, but she isn't quite sure what they mean. She knows the tattoo of a swastika on her head, and the heavy boots that blister her feet are a part of belonging, and she wants to belong. But Lexi begins to wonder just how safe she is when the group begins to do things that make her uneasy. This novel gives insight into the ways young minds can be molded to hate.

Spiritual Growth

MAMA'S WINDOW

Lynn Rubright
Lee & Low Books, 2005

89 pages
(#R1023) \$16.95 hardcover

After losing his mother, "Sugar" Martin goes to live with his uncle Free in the Mississippi Delta. The only bright spot as he struggles to adjust to his new surroundings is watching the building of the new Sweet Kingdom Church which will be adorned with a beautiful stained glass window his mother scrimped and saved for. When he finds out that the money is being spent on something other than the window, Sugar is devastated but unwilling to give up on his mother's dream, and finds affirmation and support where he least expects it.

2008 CATALOG CHANGES: Changes are in **red**

LARGER THAN AVERAGE PRINT BOOKS (pg. 43 in 2007)

These books have larger than average print, but are NOT LARGE PRINT:

Education for Mission

Journey to Dignity (page)

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Nurturing for Community

I Choose to Stay (page)

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Social Action

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Spiritual Growth

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UPCOMING MISSION STUDY THEMES

2007-2008

Israel and Palestine

2008-2009

Music and Mission

Giving Our Hearts Away - Native American Survival

FRONT MATTER CHANGES:

BACK OF COVER PAGE:

BONUS BOOKS ... For example, *For God and Country* on page (), counts as one book in social action and one book in nurturing for community. Please ...

The book lists for 2004-2008 are on the Reading Program Online Community, <http://www.umwonline.org>, and the lists for 2007 and 2008 are available at <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw>. Use the link to the estore, or go to: <http://www.missionresourcecenter.org/wdstore>, and use the search tool for Reading Program.

PAGE 1 AND THROUGHOUT: change page numbers to reflect and replace Service Center with Mission Resource Center.

On page 1, delete , ... yet some titles may still be in stock. (Bottom of page.); delete references to New World Outlook.

PAGE 2: All books on the 2008 Reading Program list, ...

PAGE 3: Move #11 up to #1

PAGE 4: 1st ¶: Titles read from the 2003 list will be credited through December 31, 2008. Change dates on 3rd bullet in Plans I-IV: 2004 – 2008.

PAGE 5:

2. **Suggest that your unit have a program.** There are many important topics covered by the Reading Program that your unit should explore further. For earth month celebrations, and environmental study read: *Earth Trek – Celebrating and Sustaining God's Creation* (#R1014). For additional resource information for the 2007-2008 Israel/Palestine study read: *War & the Christian Conscious – Where Do You Stand?*

PAGES 6/7:

1st ¶: Stay involved with the UMW Children's Campaign. Read *I Choose To Stay* (#R1017), and support the National Council of Churches, Public Education Committee in their efforts to advocate for quality public education in America. Plan to hold a litany of dedication for public school teachers during a worship service so you can recognize this important vocation. Write to your congressional representatives about the legislation No Child Left Behind. Resources for this are included in the Public Education Online Community. Join by going to www.umwonline.org. Attend school board meetings and PTA/PTO meetings at the school to find out what is going on in your own community so you can take action.

Explore ways that advertising is affecting children. Read *Who's Raising Your Child?* (#R1007) Look around your community, your church, your school, on television and even in your home for ways that advertising has crept in to influence children. Work with parents on eliminating some of this and on training children to be more aware about advertising pressures.

Consider sponsoring a study of *10 Gospel Promises For Later Life* (#R1001) with the senior citizens in your congregation/unit. Invite them to read *Keeping Spiritual Balance As We Grow Older* (#R1040) and *Mrs. Hunter's Happy Death* (#R1036). Discuss the physical concerns people have as they age. Invite your unit to write letters to their legislators asking for health insurance coverage for all older persons, especially women. Volunteer to drive women to the doctor for appointments. Visit them in the area's nursing homes. Make food for older persons when they come home from the hospital. Recruit a group of families to give a Saturday to clean house and/or do yard work for elderly people in your congregation.

2nd ¶: Put into action the Charter for Racial Justice Policies of The United Methodist Church ... Book. Read *Grace Matters* (#R1048).

3rd ¶: Join the Action Campaigns ... website: <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw> ... include:

First bullet: Environment: read *Earth Trek* (#R1014); Water: read *When the Rivers Run Dry* (#R1006); Nature: *Almost Gone* (#R1012).

Second bullet: Economic Justice: read *Living Bountifully- The Blessings of Responsible Stewardship* (#R1021).

Third bullet: Prayers of Peace for the whole Church: read *War & the Christian Conscious - Where Do You Stand? ; The Librarian of Basra* (#R1011).

Fourth bullet: A call for cutting military spending on the FY2008 budget and increasing funds for education, jobs, housing, and healthcare for all: contact House and Senate Appropriations Committees: read *What Can One Person Do?* (#2441) and *The One-Hour Activist* (#2465)

ADD:

4. For more information about:

Immigration: read *Enrique's Journey/La Travesía de Enrique* (#R1033/#R1035); *Hard Line* (#R1034).

Darfur: read *They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky* (#R1032); *Brothers in Hope* #R1021).

CHANGE existing #4 TO #5.

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Available at MRC:

Available on audio ... but not through MRC:

Education for Mission

End of the Spear - A True Story \$32.99

Large Print

Leap of Faith \$49.95 CD

\$39.95 CS

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2007 Let's Talk About Race BR 16356

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Methodist Church