

2007 Reading Program

EDUCATION FOR MISSION

**ANGRY WIND: THROUGH MUSLIM BLACK AFRICA BY TRUCK, BUS, BOAT, AND CAMEL**

*Jeffrey Tayler* 253 pages  
Houghton Mifflin Company, 2005 #2443 \$16.00

Part travel-log part journal, this eye-opening journey takes you into one of the world's most volatile realms. The author is able to illuminate the enigmatic cultures of the Sahel as he encounters genuine danger as well as patience and generosity of a sort found only in Africa.

**BETHLEHEM BESIEGED: STORIES OF HOPE IN TIMES OF TROUBLE**

*Mitri Raheb* 157 pages  
Fortress Press, 2004 #2449 \$14.00

A gripping account of the siege of Bethlehem in 2002, Mitri Raheb's heartrending story of the suffering and sacrifice of his family and the people of Palestine will further your understanding of the ongoing conflict in this part of the world.

**THE BHAGAVAD GITA: A WALKTHROUGH FOR WESTERNERS**

*Jack Hawley* 194 pages  
New World Library, 2001 #2454 \$15.00

For more than 5,000 years, this scripture has shown millions in the East how to fill their lives with serenity and love. A universal love song sung by God to His friend, man, this is an intriguing resource for those who love to read challenging material.

**THE BLINDFOLD'S EYES: MY JOURNEY FROM TORTURE TO TRUTH -  
A BONUS BOOK**

*Sister Dianna Ortiz*

484 pages

Orbis Books, 2004

#2455 \$15.00

This is the searing memoir of Sister Dianna Ortiz, an American Ursuline working as a missionary in Guatemala who was abducted by security forces and brutally tortured. It is a story of faith, friendship, and the quest to prove that human spirit is stronger than violence and fear. *Counts as one book in Education for Mission, and one book in Social Action.*

**CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST'S SERVICE - THE PRACTICE OF GOD'S  
MISSION**

*Sherron Kay George*

132 pages

Geneva Press, 2004

#2432 \$12.95

This challenging book provides insights from a Presbyterian point of view for listening to each other and working together as partners in fulfilling God's call to mission.

**THE HOSPITAL BY THE RIVER - A STORY OF HOPE**

*Dr. Catherine Hamlin*

308 pages

Monarch Books, 2005

#2488 \$14.00

Drs. Catherine and Reg Hamlin left Australia in 1959 on a short contract to establish a midwifery school in Ethiopia. Over 40 years later, Catherine is still there, running one of the most outstanding medical programs in the world where thousands of women have been able to resume a normal existence after living as outcasts.

**IRAQ - A JOURNEY OF HOPE AND PEACE**

*Peggy Faw Gish*

317 pages

Herald Press, 2004

#2447 \$15.00

Peggy Faw Gish's passion for nonviolence and her work as a Christian Peacemaker Team member brought her to Iraq to prevent war. Her telling of her moving experiences brings the story to life, and is a great way to learn about the everyday life and people of this country.

**THE KITE RUNNER - A NOVEL**

*Khaled Hosseini*

371 pages

Penguin Group USA, 2003

#2456 \$14.00

*The Kite Runner* tells a sweeping story of family, love and friendship against a backdrop of the devastating history of Afghanistan over the last thirty years. Available in large print.

**LIKE GRAINS OF WHEAT - A SPIRITUALITY OF SOLIDARITY**

*Margaret Swedish and Marie Dennis*

213 pages

Orbis Books, 2004

#2457 \$15.00

*Like Grains of Wheat* offers inspiring stories from some of the thousands of U.S. citizens who traveled to Central America in the 1970's - 1990's to witness the reality of poverty and who experienced the resilient hope of the Central American people.

**THE STORYTELLER'S COMPANION TO THE BIBLE - NEW TESTAMENT WOMEN**

*Dennis E. Smith & Michael E. Williams, Eds. 208 pages*  
Abingdon Press, 1999 #2458 \$15.00

Through biblical commentary and creative retellings this volume opens up the world and the lives of the women of the New Testament, providing a compelling picture of what it means to be a person of faith. A great resource for bible study and storytelling.

**ONCE UPON A TIME IN AFRICA - STORIES OF WISDOM AND JOY**

*Joseph G. Healey, Ed. 133 pages*  
Orbis Books, 2004 #2459 \$15.00

This book of folktales, prayers and other stories of joy and compassion from Africa will inspire, uplift, and challenge you where ever you are on your own faith journey.

**STANDING ALONE: - AN AMERICAN WOMAN'S STRUGGLE FOR THE SOUL OF ISLAM**

*Asra Q. Nomani 303 pages*  
HarperCollins Publishers, 2005 #2439 \$14.95

*Standing Alone in Mecca* is a personal narrative relating modern-day lives of the author and other Muslim women to the lives of those who came before. It explores the rights and freedoms of women in the Muslim world, and the historical facets of the evolving Muslim tradition.

NUTURING FOR COMMUNITY

**A SONG TO SING, A LIFE TO LIVE**

*Don Saliers & Emily Saliers*  
Jossy-Bass, 2005

240 pages  
#2498 \$16.95

Bridging two generations, this rich exploration of music interweaves the author's own stories as well as those of others to reflect on music as a key aspect of spirituality in our lives. *Use as a resource for the upcoming study on Music and Mission.*

**BEGINNING AGAIN - BENEDICTINE WISDOM FOR LIVING WITH ILLNESS**

*Mary C. Earle*  
Morehouse Publishing, 2004

132 pages  
#2460 \$12.95

Like others who suffer from serious or chronic conditions, Mary C. Earle found that living with illness requires major adjustments in life. Using St. Benedict's ancient Rule, Earle explores how the concepts of stability, obedience and change can help anyone live with illness.

**BELONGING**

*Lucinda Mosher*  
Church Publishing Inc., 2005

186 pages  
#2440 \$15.00

This book explores what it means to live and worship among the many faiths unique to America's neighborhoods, and how these religions handle life's stages. Interwoven with interviews and personal stories, *Belonging* will further your interest in interfaith education.

**ENDING VIOLENCE IN TEEN DATING RELATIONSHIPS - A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND PASTORS**

*Al Miles*

*175 pages*

Augsburg Books, 2005

#2450 \$13.00

According to the Dating Violence Resource Center, physical aggression occurs in *one out of every three* teen dating relationships, and date rape accounts for almost 70 percent of the sexual assaults reported by adolescent and college-age women. This book takes a realistic look into an issue plaguing youth today and offers useful information to remedy the problem.

**FIFTY-TWO SIMPLE WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

*Paul Simon*

*140 pages*

Augsburg Books, 2004

#2451 \$10.00

The author's own words best describe the focus of this book: "One of the discouragements of public life day after day is to see people who have the potential to contribute so much to building a better society - and they don't do it. They may decline to participate because they do not understand that change is rarely achieved in a single, dramatic action. Change occurs because - little by little - people of good will . . . act."

**FROM RAGE TO REASON - MY LIFE IN TWO AMERICAS**

*Janet Langhart Cohen*

*321 pages*

Kensington Publishing, 2004

#2442 \$16.00

Here in her own words are Janet's personal stories of overcoming the odds. In this candid and inspiring autobiography, the wildly popular "First Lady" of the Pentagon writes with soul and rage, love and pride, hope and honesty about her remarkable life, the hard lessons she's learned, and the America that has come of age with her.

**GAMBLING: DON'T BET ON IT**

*Rex M. Rogers*

*223 pages*

Kregel Publications, 2005

#2461 \$13.00

Gambling. Seen by individuals, governments, charities, and church groups alike as a means to quick financial solutions is so pervasive throughout our culture that it goes largely unnoticed and unquestioned. This book will open eyes to the fact that in recent years, America has plunged headlong into legalized gambling of every form, and examines how we might free ourselves from its damaging effects.

**GIVING GOOD GIFTS - THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF PARENTHOOD**

*George E. Conway*

*164 pages*

Westminster John Knox Press, 2002

#2433 \$17.95

Using scriptural insights and personal anecdotes, the author identifies seven gifts that parents can give to their children to help them form healthy spiritual identities, and how providing these gifts enables us to experience the spiritual journey of parenting, bringing us closer to God, our children, and to the best parts of ourselves.

**THE GRAYING OF THE CHURCH - A LEADER'S GUIDE FOR OLDER-ADULT MINISTRY IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Richard H. Gentzler, Jr., D.Min.*

*96 Pages*

Discipleship Resources, 2002

#2462 \$12.00

Read *The Graying of the Church* to discover what the Center on Aging and Older-Adult Ministries and the Institute for American

Church Growth, along with a major survey of 338 United Methodist congregations has learned about ministries with older adults.

**MY TIME - MAKING THE MOST OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE**

*Abigail Trafford* 273 pages  
Perseus Books Group, 2004 #2463 \$14.00

Thanks to the recent longevity revolution, today's 55 - 75 year-olds are living better and working longer than ever before. With personal stories, expert opinions and new research on adult development, *My Time* shows us how to reinvent ourselves in these bonus decades.

**NOT MUCH JUST CHILLIN' - THE HIDDEN LIVES OF MIDDLE SCHOOLERS**

*Linda Perlstein* 273 pages  
Random House, 2003 #2424 \$13.95

Prizewinning education reporter Linda Perlstein spent a year in classrooms and lunchrooms to find out what's going on in the hearts and minds of middle-school kids and emerged with this up-to-date anthropology of the middle-school years, the age every adult remembers well enough to dread.

**SING ME TO HEAVEN - THE STORY OF A MARRIAGE**

*Margaret Kim Peterson* 221 pages  
Baker Book House co., 2003 #2407 \$15.00

With poignant honesty Peterson relives how she fell in love, and then learned that the man she hoped to marry was HIV-positive. This memoir recounts the story of a marriage that was simultaneously envied for the depth, passion, and endurance of the couple's love, and pitied for its inevitable briefness.

**WE ARE ALL SUSPECTS NOW - UNTOLD STORIES FROM IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES AFTER 9/11**

*Tram Nguyen*

187 pages

Beacon Press, 2005

#2431 \$14.00

In an ironic reversal of the American dream, 20,000 members of the immigrant community of Midwood, Brooklyn voluntarily left the United States after 9/11. Tram Nguyen reveals the human cost of the domestic war on terror, telling the stories of people who witnessed and experienced the unjust detainment or deportation of family, friends, and neighbors.

SOCIAL ACTION

**BLUE COLLAR JESUS - HOW CHRISTIANITY SUPPORTS WORKERS' RIGHTS**

*Darren Cushman Wood*

186 pages

Seven Locks Press, 2004

#2411 \$14.95

Darren Cushman Wood, the senior minister of Speedway United Methodist Church in Indiana, offers a thorough analysis of workers rights from a religious perspective. The book reveals biblical and ethical principles for justice in the work place and explores the diverse tradition of labor activism among the major Christian factions.

**CHILDREN AT WAR**

P.W. Singer

278 pages

University of California Press, 2006

#2499 \$16.95

*Children at War* is the first comprehensive book to examine the growing and global use of children as soldiers. P.W. Singer, an internationally recognized expert in 21<sup>st</sup> century warfare, explores how a new strategy of war utilized by armies and

warlords alike, has targeted children seeking to turn them into soldiers and terrorists.

**THE DISPOSSESSED - CHRONICLES OF THE DESTERRADOS OF COLOMBIA**

*Alfredo Molano* 250 pages  
Haymarket Books, 2005 #2499 \$12.00

The people whose stories Alfredo Molano tells are not social activists. They do not provide political or structural explanations of their lives; they do not tell stories of coming to consciousness. Yet together their stories add up to a powerful analysis of today's Colombia, and should indeed inspire U.S. readers to challenge policies that continue to affect the people of Colombia.

**DISTURBING THE PEACE - A BONUS BOOK**

*James Hodge and Linda Cooper* 244 pages  
Orbis Books, 2004 #2464 \$17.00

The inspiring journey of a prophetic priest, and the campaign to close the Army school responsible for training dictators and death squad leaders. *Counts as one book in Education for Mission and one book in Social Action.*

**ENDING HUNGER NOW - A CHALLENGE TO PERSONS OF FAITH**

*George McGovern, Bob Dole, Donald E. Messer* 114 pages  
Fortress Press, 2005 #2497 \$12.00

Feeding the hungry has always been at the heart of Christian and other major religious and ethical systems. While this book makes an appeal to people of all faiths to join in ending hunger in the world, it was written primarily to help motivate laity and

clergy in local congregations to become partners in God's mission and ministry of combating global hunger.

**GETTING IN THE WAY - STORIES FROM CHRISTIAN PEACEMAKER TEAMS**

*Tricia Gates Brown, Editor*  
Herald Press, 2005

160 pages  
#2446 \$15.00

The narratives in *Getting in the Way* are intimate, moving and deeply humanizing. Stopping soldiers from firing on unarmed protesters in the West Bank, "occupying" a military base in Chiapas, Mexico, and opposing brutality against native fishers in New Brunswick, Canada, are three of the stories recounted in this collection written by members of Christian Peacemaker Teams.

**GOD IN THE ALLEY - BEING AND SEEING JESUS IN A BROKEN WORLD**

*Greg Paul*  
Random House, 2004

132 pages  
#2421 \$11.00

With emotional depth and spiritual intensity, these compelling stories reveal that people with desperate lives have precious lessons to teach us about the character of God. Greg Paul calls them tragic heroes—individuals who can offer a testament to God's love and mercy.

**GOD'S POLITICS - A NEW VISION FOR FAITH AND POLITICS IN AMERICA  
- A BONUS BOOK**

*Jim Wallis*  
HarperCollins Publishers

432 pages  
#2435 \$14.95

In this book Jim Wallis argues that America's separation of church and state does not require banishing moral and religious

values from the public square. In fact, the very survival of America's social fabric depends on such values and vision to shape our politics. *Counts as two books in Social Action. Also available in large print.*

**THE ONE-HOUR ACTIVIST - THE 15 MOST POWERFUL ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO FIGHT FOR THE ISSUES AND CANDIDATES YOU CARE ABOUT**

*Christopher Kush*

*211 pages*

Jossey Bass/Wiley, 2004

#2465 \$14.95

No matter what your political persuasion, the *One-Hour Activist* is your guide to influencing lawmakers, candidates, and reporters. This book reveals fifteen powerful, proven grassroots actions that persuade lawmakers and candidates to see things your way. An excellent resource for community action.

**STOP THE NEXT WAR NOW - EFFECTIVE RESPONSES TO VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM**

*Medea Benjamin & Jodie Evans, Editors*

*234 pages*

Inner Ocean Publishing, 2005

#2466 \$14.95

*Stop the Next War Now* shares expert insight on the issues: the media, our elected politicians, global militarization, and the pending scarcity of national resources that can lead us to war. It aims to educate and reflect on the effectiveness of peace-movement activities and offers hope, through shared ideas, action steps and checklists to transition from a culture of violence to a culture of peace.

**TAUGHT BY AMERICA - A STORY OF STRUGGLE AND HOPE IN COMPTON**

*Sarah Sentilles* 196 pages  
Beacon Press, 2005 #2430 \$14.00

After graduating from Yale with a degree in literature, Sarah Sentilles joined Teach America as a break between undergrad and graduate school. Assigned to a rundown elementary school in Compton, CA, Sentilles experienced her own kind of education. *Taught by America* is the story of the children she taught, but more than that, it's the story of one woman's change of heart and life.

**TROUBLED WATER - SAINTS, SINNERS, TRUTHS AND LIES ABOUT THE GLOBAL WATER CRISIS**

*Anita Roddick & Brooke Shelby Biggs* 137 pages  
Chelsea Green Publishing Co., 2004 #2467 \$17.95

Benjamin Franklin said "when the well is dry we know the value of water". Entrepreneur and activist Anita Roddick brings you a sometimes disturbing, sometimes hopeful, always engaging look at water's crucial role in our lives worldwide. Once you're armed with that knowledge, this beautiful book also provides you with resources to get involved with other organizations making positive changes.

**UPROOTING RACISM - HOW WHITE PEOPLE CAN WORK FOR RACIAL JUSTICE**

*Paul Kivel* 269 pages  
New Society Publishers, 2002 #2468 \$17.95

*Uprooting Racism* talks about racism without rhetoric, blame, or guilt. It helps us understand the dynamics of racism in our

society, institutions, and daily lives, and shares stories, suggestions, and exercises for working together to fight racism. Also includes specific consideration of Latino/a, Asian, African and Native American and Jewish issues.

**WHAT CAN ONE PERSON DO? - FAITH TO HEAL A BROKEN WORLD**

*Sabina Alkire & Edmund Newell*

*200 pages*

Church Publishing, 2005

#2441 \$15.00

"Good news for the poor" is at the heart of Jesus' gospel. This wonderful book is for everyone who wants to share that good news but does not know where to begin. It will tell you all you need to know about the Millennium Development Goals and, whatever your abilities or interests, how you can help make a difference. There is no greater act a human being can do, than help change another's life for the better. Njongonkulu Ndungane Archbishop of Cape Town.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### **AWAKENING THE SPIRIT INSPIRING THE SOUL - 30 STORIES OF INTERSPIRITUAL DISCOVERY IN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITHS**

Brother Wayne Teasdale and

Martha Howard, MD, Eds.

Skylight Paths Publishing,

188 pages

#2469 \$15.00

These original spiritual mini-autobiographies showcase the varied ways that people come to faith. Examining their journeys from belief to disillusionment, searching to discovery, contributors from many faiths, ages, and backgrounds tell how they learned to integrate the spirit into their daily lives, and the remarkable transformations that followed.

### **BREAKFAST EPIPHANIES - FINDING WONDER IN THE EVERYDAY**

*David Anderson*

Beacon Press, 2004

168 pages

#2428 \$12.95

This is a collection of forty-one true-life tales, written with a good deal of humor about relationships within the author's family and within the community he serves. From family arguments to father-daughter dances, a story begins in an ordinary event and opens out to a new awareness of the divine.

**BUT LORD, I WAS HAPPY SHALLOW - LESSONS LEARNED IN THE DEEP PLACES**

*Marita Littauer, Ed.*

412 pages

Kregel Publications, 2004

#2470 \$18.00

Wisdom, experience, and Scripture all agree - tough times give us personal endurance and depth of character. This book is more than a collection of meaningful stories. It is a powerful affirmation of the lessons learned in difficult places. After all, today's tears are often tomorrow's fond memories.

**THE CHURCH ENSLAVED - A SPIRITUALITY OF RACIAL RECONCILIATION**

*Tony Campolo and Michael Battle*

159 pages

Augsburg Fortress Press, 2005

#2448 \$15.00

Two of the most vocal activist on racial issues in the church here seek nothing less than a conversion of American Christianity, exposing the sad history and present realities of racism in the churches and then lifting up a vision of a church and society without racism.

**COURAGEOUS SPIRIT - VOICES FROM WOMEN IN MINISTRY**

Pamela Hawkins, Marion Jackson,

Susan W.N. Ruach, Eds.

142 pages

Upper Room Books, 2005

#2471 \$13.00

This volume is quite special. United Methodist clergywomen wrote all the selections, as a gift to you and the whole church, hoping to encourage you and others to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of full clergy rights for women in the former Methodist Church.

**FAITH AND FEMINISM A HOLY ALLIANCE - FIVE SPIRITED AND SPIRITUAL  
WOMEN THROUGH HISTORY**

*Helen LaKelly Hunt, Ph.D.*

*208 Pages*

Simon & Schuster, Inc., 2004

#2472 \$14.00

Why do many women of faith have a strong aversion to feminism? And why do many feminists have a passionate mistrust of religion? These questions are at the heart of this illuminating look at the alliance between spiritual conviction and social action.

**IN THE BEGINNING - THE STORY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE AND HOW IT  
CHANGED A NATION, A LANGUAGE, AND A CULTURE**

*Alister McGrath*

*338 pages*

Random House, 2001

#2422 \$15.00

For those readers who love a challenging read, this absorbing history of a literary and religious masterpiece explores the forces that led to the decision to create an authorized translation, the method of translation and printing, and the central role this version of the Bible played in the development of modern English.

**JOSHUA IN A TROUBLED WORLD - A STORY FOR OUR TIME**

*Joseph F. Girzone*

*196 pages*

Random House, 2005

#2423 \$11.95

*Joshua in a Troubled World* is a continuation of this popular series and an enlightening perspective on the political paranoia and destructive acts of vengeance that fill the front pages of our daily newspapers. It explores the issues of our day and offers a realistic, compassionate assessment of the differences

that divide us, and the beliefs that can serve as a foundation for a new, more peaceful world.

**JUST WIVES? - STORIES OF POWER & SURVIVAL IN THE OLD TESTAMENT AND TODAY**

*Katharine Doob Sakenfeld* 136 pages  
Westminster John Knox Press, 2004 #2434 \$14.95

Giving astute attention to social worlds of women, of both ancient and modern times, Katherine Sakenfeld explores the stories of eleven women in the Old Testament. She reveals the complexity of these women's lives, drawing out the issues they faced and relating their struggles to the struggles women around the world face today.

**MEDITATIONS ON THE PSALMS FOR EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR**

*Barbara Cawthorne Crafton* 267 pages  
Morehouse Publishing, 2003 #2473 \$16.95

The Psalms, written by ordinary people thousands of years ago, are filled with the same emotions and issues that challenge, comfort, and confound us today. In this book of meditations the author combines reflections on these ancient texts with contemporary stories to help us explore our relationships with God and with one another.

**PEACEWORK**

*Henri Nouwen* 127 pages  
Orbis Books, 2005 #2474 \$16.00

Peacework offers a three-fold path for Christians to embrace Jesus' ethic of peacemaking, beginning with a life of prayer and

finishing with celebrating life and building communities in which love, forgiveness and compassion bind us in solidarity with a wounded world.

**SING THE WONDEROUS LOVE OF JESUS- WOMEN HYMN WRITERS AND THEIR SONGS**

*Joyce D. Sohl*

*196 pages*

General Board of Global Ministries, 2006

#2409 \$15.95

Recognizing the valuable contributions women hymn writers and composers have made to the church's hymnody, *Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus* provides an overview of women's contributions from biblical times to the present.

**TRADITIONAL BELIEFS OF UNITED METHODISTS**

*J. Ann Craig*

*28 pages*

Women's Division, Global Ministries,  
The United Methodist Church, 2005

#3693 \$3.00

*Traditional Beliefs of United Methodists* summarizes United Methodist beliefs. Because we are only asked to believe in Jesus and to renounce sin, United Methodists have been accused of not having doctrine. What we don't have is rigid dogmatism. Our open table and balance between faith practices and ministries of social action are rooted in Jesus as well as John Wesley. Both Jesus and Wesley were interested in faithful love of God and neighbor more than doctrinal legalism. Do you know why you are a United Methodist?

## **YOUR INNER EVE - DISCOVERING GOD'S WISDOM WITHIN**

*The Reverend Dr. Susan Newman*

*160 pages*

Random House, 2005

#2475 \$13.95

Susan Newman feels that there are certain women who, despite success, feel incomplete and suggests that this empty feeling stems from a disconnection with their "inner Eve". By using Bible stories and the stories of women she has encountered, she guides readers in rediscovering the powerful woman inside.

## **LARGE PRINT**

Nurturing for Community

### **BLESSINGS OF BROKENNESS - WHY GOD ALLOWS US TO GO THROUGH HARD TIMES**

*Charles Stanley*

*194 pages*

Thomson/Gale, 2002

#2476 \$13.00

With gentle wisdom, Dr. Stanley shines light on the process of being broken. He reveals the ways we protest against it, and he gives us an inspiring look beyond the pain to the promise of blessing.

Spiritual Growth

### **THE GIFT FOR ALL PEOPLE - THOUGHTS ON GOD'S GREAT GRACE**

*Max Lucado*

*196 pages*

Thomson/Gale, 2003

#2477 \$17.95

*The Gift for All People* is a celebration of God's gift of salvation wrapped in a collection of inspirational stories. These stories will help Christians comprehend and treasure the

assurance of their salvation and will help non-Christians realize and embrace the gift of abundant, eternal life in Jesus Christ.

**GRACE FOR THE MOMENT - INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS FOR EACH DAY OF THE YEAR**

*Max Lucado*

*456 pages*

Thomson/Gale, 2003

#2478 \$17.95

*In Grace for the Moment*, Lucado shares timeless, inspirational thoughts for everyday life. With 365 entries and specific thought-provoking questions this book is ideal for daily reading and writing. Excerpts from his extensive writings, paired with verses of Scripture emphasize the help and hope of God in everyday moments.

Social Action

**GOD'S POLITICS - A NEW VISION FOR FAITH AND POLITICS IN AMERICA - BONUS BOOK**

*Jim Wallis*

*864 pages*

HarperCollins Publishers

#2436 \$19.00

In this book Jim Wallis argues that America's separation of church and state does not require banishing moral and religious values from the public square. In fact, the very survival of America's social fabric depends on such values and vision to shape our politics. *Counts as two books in Social Action.*

## CHILDREN

Education for Mission

### **FEDERICO AND THE MAGI'S GIFT - A LATIN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS STORY**

*Beatriz Vidal*

34 pages

Random House, 2004

#2429 \$15.95

It's almost Epiphany Day, and that means that the Three Wise Men, or Magi, will be coming with gifts to fill all the good children's shoes. Little Federico has been naughty and is worried he won't get the little toy horse he asked for. He just hopes the Magi will know that in his heart he truly meant to be good.

### **PLAYING WAR**

*Kathy Beckwith*

32 pages

Tilbury House, 2005

#2404 \$16.95

One hot summer day Luke and his friends decide to play their favorite game of war, using sticks for guns and pine cones for bombs and grenades. Sameer, who hasn't lived in their neighborhood for very long, hesitates to join in. When he tells the boys that he has been in a real war, they don't believe him.

### **SÉLAVI - A HAITIAN STORY OF HOPE**

*Youme*

32 pages

Cinco Puntos Press, 2004

#2413 \$8.95

The story of Sélavi celebrates the triumphs of children who face some of life's most difficult challenges. In these pages you'll meet Sélavi, a homeless child in Haiti who is befriended by other homeless children. Together they create Radyo Timoun, children's radio, a station run by and for children, which is still in operation today.

NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY

**THE BLUE RIBBON DAY**

*Katie Couric*

32 pages

Random House, 2004

#2415 \$15.95

Ellie McSnelly and Carrie O'Toole are back in a new adventure. Ellie and Carrie decide to try out for the school soccer team. But when only one of the girls is selected, the inseparable pair faces a challenge - what do you say when your best friend is terribly disappointed?

**HURTY FEELINGS**

*Helen Lester*

20 pages

Houghton Mifflin Company, 2004

#2444 \$16.00

Despite Fragility's sturdy outside, she is fragile. Anything and everything hurt her feelings. Even in compliments Fragility heard insults causing her to flop on the ground and weep. Fragility's friends stop speaking to her for fear of another fit, but Rudy, a very rude bully has other ideas.

**THANKS TO THE ANIMALS**

*Allen Sockabasin*

32 pages

Tilbury House, 2005

#2405 \$16.95

Little Zoo Sap and his family are moving from their summer home on the coast to the deep woods for the winter traveling on a big bobsled pulled by horses through the snow. When Zoo Sap falls off of the sled unnoticed, the forest animals hear his cries and come to keep him warm and safe until his father comes back to find him.

## **SOCIAL ACTION**

### **LET'S TALK ABOUT RACE**

*Julius Lester*

*30 pages*

HarperCollins Publishers, 2005

#2437 \$16.00

Mr. Lester shares his own story as he explores what makes each of us special. Vibrant paintings by Karen Barbour speak to the heart of this unique vision, truly a celebration of all of us.

### **¡SÍ, SE PUEDE! YES, WE CAN! - JANITOR STRIKE IN L.A.**

*Diana Cohn*

*31 pages*

Cinco Puntos Press, 2002

#2414 \$7.95

Every night, Carlito sleeps while his mother goes to work as a janitor in a skyscraper in downtown Los Angeles. One night his mama explains that she is not making enough money to support him and his abuelita, and she and the other janitors have decided to go on strike to demand better wages. Carlito wants to help, but he doesn't know how until ...

### **THE TREE**

*Dana Lyons*

*32 pages*

Illumination Arts Publishing Co., 2002

#2479 \$16.95

Told from the viewpoint of an enormous, 800-year-old Douglas Fir, *The Tree* is an ode to the vital importance of preserving, saving, and restoring the world's ecology. It also shows, the interconnectedness and dependency of animals, plants, and water.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**CONVERSATIONS WITH KIDS**

*Joanne Faye*

*18 pages*

Joanne Faye Press, 2004

#2406 \$9.95

This book was designed to develop quiet time into the busy lives of our children, a time to reconnect with loved ones at the end of the day, a time to listen, and inspire a feeling of security in young children.

**DREAMBIRDS**

*David Ogden*

*30 pages*

Illumination Arts Publishing Co., 1997

#2480 \$16.95

Natsama has embarked on a quest to find the elusive dreambird and claim its gift. He encounters many challenges and disappointments that shape his spirit, and his final success will inspire readers of all ages to discover their own inner strength and wisdom.

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*Joseph Lemasolai Lekuton*

127 pages

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*Beverly Naidoo*

252 pages

HarperCollins Publishers, 2000

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*The Other Side of Truth* explores the issues of family, exile, and freedom. After a horrible tragedy in her home land Sade's father arranges for her and her younger brother to be smuggled to their uncle in London for safety. Their plans fall apart and unless Sade can find a way to tell the world what happened to her family they will all be sent back to Nigeria.

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*Joëlle Stolz*

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Random House, 2004

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In the Libyan city of Ghadames, Malika watches her merchant father depart on one of his caravan trips. Yearning to travel to distant cities, and to learn to read like her younger brother, Malika - like all Muslim women- must be content with a more secluded, more limited life. Or must she?

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**ICE DRIFT**

*Theodore Taylor*

*240 pages*

Harcourt, Inc.

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This thrilling adventure story finds 14 year-old Alika and his younger brother, Sulu trapped on an ice floe that has broken free from land. The boys watch in horror as the water between the floe and the shore widen taking them away from their home, their family and everything they've ever known.

**THE MEANING OF CONSUELO - A NOVEL**

*Judith Ortiz Cofer*

*185 pages*

Beacon Press, 2003

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In this fierce, funny, and sometimes startling novel, we meet the Signe family who are blessed with two daughters Consuelo and Mili. We follow Consuelo's quest to negotiate her own terms of survival within the confines of her culture and her family. *An excellent opportunity for adults to discuss some coming of age issues with teens.*

**TRUE BLUE - A NOVEL**

*Jeffrey Lee*

Random House, 2005

132 pages

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Molly hates being the new kid. Chrys hates being the weird kid. Both have secrets. Molly's is at home; Chrys's is under the ratty trench coat he wears every day. But when Molly realizes she and Chrys would make a winning team for the science competition, an unlikely friendship develops, encouraging both to reveal their true colors.

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**KIRA-KIRA**

*Cynthia Kadohata*

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243 pages

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When sisters Katie and Lynn and their family move from a Japanese community in Iowa to the deep south of Georgia, it's Lynn who explains to her why people stop them on the street to stare. And it's Lynn who, with her special way of viewing the world, teaches Katie to look beyond tomorrow. But when illness causes the family to start to fall apart, it is up to Katie to find a way to remind them all that there is always something glittering - kira-kira - in the future. *Available in large print.*

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*Catherine Thimmesh*

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This captivating book illuminates the bravery and tenacity of the women who have come before us. Not only showing how far

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**PEACEJAM - HOW YOUNG PEOPLE CAN MAKE PEACE IN THEIR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES**

*Darcy Gifford*

*155 pages*

Jossey-Bass, 2004

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PeaceJam traces the lives of five American teens who by applying the skills and techniques from the PeaceJam program and developing personal relationships with Nobel Peace laureates such as the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, begin to sense their own potential for greatness.

**THE RED ROSE BOX**

*Brenda Woods*

*136 pages*

Penguin Putnam, 2002

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On her tenth birthday, Leah Hopper receives a surprise gift: a traveling case decorated with red roses from her glamorous aunt Olivia. Filled with shiny jewelry, expensive soaps, silk bedclothes, and train tickets to visits Olivia in Los Angeles, the red rose box introduces Leah to a life she never knew was possible.

Spiritual Growth

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*Walter Graham*

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*Shannon Kubiak*

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