

BOOKS FOR WISDOM:
Suggested by Epiphany People

THE BIBLE - New Revised Standard Version

Nonfiction about Faith, the Bible, Jesus, Church as Community, etc.

Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz Weber

Art and Faith by Makoto Fujimura

A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community
by John Pavlovitz

Blowing the Lid Off the God-Box: Opening Up to a Limitless Faith by Anne Robertson

The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World
by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Rev. Mpho Tutu

Box of Butterflies by Roma Downey (poetry, quotes, stories, visual images of unexpected blessings)

The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel

Celebration of the Disciplines by Richard Foster

Curveball: When Your Faith Takes Turns You Never Saw Coming by Peter Enns

Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Pastor to the Whitest Denomination in the US
by Lenny Duncan

Deep and Wide: Creating Churches Unchurched People Love to Attend by Andy Stanley

Discover The Power Within You: A Guide to the Unexplored Depth Within by Eric Butterworth

Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned
by Brian McLaren

Embodiment: An Approach to Sexuality and Christian Theology by James B. Nelson

Everything Is Spiritual: Finding Your Way in a Turbulent World by Rob Bell

Faith: A Journey for All by Jimmy Carter

Faith After Doubt; Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to Do About It
by Brian McLaren

For the Love: Fighting for Grace in a World of Impossible Standards by Jen Hatmaker

Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence by Diana Butler Bass

God Never Gives Up on You by Max Lucado

Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say by Adam Hamilton

Have a Little Faith: A True Story by Mitch Albom

*How the Bible **Actually** Works: In Which I Explain How an Ancient, Ambiguous and Diverse Book Leads Us to **Wisdom** Rather Than Answers—and Why That's Great News* by Peter Enns

Heart Whispers: Benedictine Wisdom for Today by Elizabeth Canham

In the Grip of Grace by Max Lucado

Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Held Evans

Invitation to Solitude and Silence by Ruth Haley Barton

The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem
by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan

Live in Grace, Walk in Love by Bob Goff

Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity by David Felten & Proctor-Murphy

Love Is the Way: Holding onto Hope in Troubled Times by Bishop Michael Curry

Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived
by Rob Bell

Made for Goodness: And Why This Makes All the Difference by Desmond Tutu & Mpho Tutu

Manners And Customs of Bible Lands by Fred H. Wight

Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes by Randolph Richards & Brandon O'Brien

Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis

A New Christianity for A New World: Why Traditional Faith Is Dying and How a New Faith Is Being Born by John Shelby Spong

Prayer: The Ultimate Conversation by Charles Stanley

Provocations: Spiritual Writings of Kierkegaard compiled and edited by Charles E. Moore

Queering Contemplation: Finding Queerness in the Roots and Future of Contemplative Spirituality by Cassidy Hall

The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen

Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church by Rachel Held Evans

The Shift: Surviving and Thriving After Moving from Conservative to Progressive Christianity
by Colby Martin

Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi by Amy-Jill Levine

A Simple Path by Mother Teresa

Simplicity by Richard Rohr

The Great Divorce by C. S. Lewis (allegory of good vs. evil)

Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality by Richard Rohr

Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality by Colby Martin

The Wisdom Pattern: Order, Disorder, Reorder – Richard Rohr

Wholehearted Faith by Rachel Held Evans

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Nonfiction about Various Topics

The Battle for God: A History of Fundamentalism by Karen Armstrong

Christ Above All Gods by Daniel Shayesteh

The Gospel of Ramkrishna translated by Swami Nikhilananda

Handbook For the Soul by Richard Carlson and Benjamin Shield

Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor

In Love with the World: A Monk's Journey Through the Bardos of Living and Dying
by Yongey Mingyur Rinpoche

The Life and Teachings of Guru Amar Das by Anju Khosla

The Method of Zen by Eugen Herrigel

The Song of God-Bhagavad Gita translated by Swami Prabhavananda and
Christopher Isherwood

The World Wisdom Bible: A New Testament for a Global Spirituality edited by Rami Shapiro

A Calendar of Wisdom by Leo Tolstoy, translator Roger Cockwell

The Emperor's Handbook by Marcus Aurelius, translated by Hicks and Hicks
(meditations of the last good Roman Emperor, a classic in philosophy)

The Enchiridion of Epictetus (a classic in philosophy; enchiridion means "manual")

Man's Search for Meaning by Victor Frankl

The Power of Positive Thinking by Norman Vincent Peale

*The Road Less Traveled: A New Psychology of Love, Traditional Values, and Spiritual
Growth* by M. Scott Peck

Between The World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Critical Race Theory: A Primer (Concepts and Insights) by Khiara Bridges

*The Conversation: How Seeking and Speaking the Truth About Racism Can Radically
Transform Individuals and Organizations* by Robert Livingston

The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James Cone

Medgar and Myrlie: Medgar Evers and the Love Story That Awakened America
by Joy-Ann Reid

The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story by Nikole Hannah-Jones

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Olu

Tell Me How It Ends: An Essays in Forty Questions by Valeria Luiselli
(immigration system for children)

Up From Slavery by Booker T. Washington

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson

A Day in the Life of Abed-Salama by Nathan Thrall
Antifragile: Things That Gain from Disorder by Nassim Nicholas Taleb
The Changing World Order: Why Nations Succeed and Fail by Ray Dalio
The New Russians by Hedrick Smith
Reading Dangerously: The Subversive Power of Literature in Troubled Times by Aza Nafisi
Shop Class as Soulcraft by Matthew B. Crawford (the nature of work and how it has changed for worse in the 20th century)

A Place at The Table: The Gay Individual in American Society by Bruce Bawer
Sitting Pretty: The View from My Ordinary Resilient Disabled Body by Rebekah Taussig

The Art of Talking So That People Will Listen by Paul W. Swets
Becoming Better Grownups: Rediscovering What Matters and Remembering How to Fly
By Brad Montague
Everyday Bias: Identifying and Navigating Unconscious Judgments in Our Daily Lives
by Howard J. Ross
The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman
How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Seen by David Brooks
Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus: The Classic Guide to Understanding the Opposite Sex by John Gray
Remember The Time...? The Power and Promise of Family Storytelling by Eileen Silva Kindig
Speaking Peace in a Climate of Conflict by Marilyn McEntyre
Speaking Truth in a Culture of Lies by Marilyn McEntyre

Braiding Sweet Grass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer
Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life by Barbara Kingsolver

On Death and Dying by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, MD
Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife by Eben Alexander, M.D.
Starry Messenger: Cosmic Perspectives on Civilization by Neild deGrasse Tyson

Dreams of Awakening: Use Lucid Dreaming to Rewire Your Brain While You Sleep
by Charlie Morley
Inner Work: Using Dreams and Active Imagination for Personal Growth by Robert Johnson

The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma
by Bessel van der Kolk, M.D.
No Bad Parts: Healing Trauma and Restoring Wholeness with the Internal Family Systems Model by Richard Schwartz, Ph.D.

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Memoir, Biography, & Autobiography

Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
Carry On, Warrior: The Power of Embracing Your Messy, Beautiful Life by Glennon Doyle
(biographical essays on motherhood, marriage, friendship)
Daring to Drive by Manal Al-Sharif
Devout: A Memoir of Doubt by Anna Gazmarian
Emergence by Temple Grandin
Grant by Ron Chernow
Helene by Helga Long and Helene Witzmann (growing up in Germany during WWII)
Listening Is an Act of Love: A Celebration of Life from the StoryCorps Project by Dave Isay
Now I Am Known: How a Street Kid Turned Foster Dad Found Acceptance and True Worth
by Peter Mutabazi with Mark Tabb
Post-Traumatic Church Syndrome: A Memoir of Humor and Healing by Reba Riley
Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in The Story of Race by Debby Irving
Women of Colonial America: 13 Stories of Courage and Survival in the New World
by Brandon Marie Miller

Poetry

101 Great American Poems by The American Poetry and Literacy Project
Brown Girl Dreaming - Jacqueline Woodson (young adult novel in verse)
Call Us What We Carry: Poems by Amanda Gorman, 2021
Christian Poetry in America Since 1940: An Anthology
Devotions by Mary Oliver, or any other collection by her
Poetry Unbound: 50 Poems to Open Your World edited with added insight by Padraig O'Tauma
44 Poems on Being with Each edited with added insight by Padraig O'Tauma
Sacred Places by Jane Yolen
This Day: Collected & New Sabbath Poems by Wendell Berry
Another Day; Sabbath Poems 2003-2023 by Wendell Berry
When Poets Pray – Marilyn McEntyre (poems by Christians with reflections by McEntyre)

BOOKS FOR WISDOM
Fiction for Adults and Children
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Fiction for Adults

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Universe by Benjamin Sáenz
Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks
Chasing Francis: A Pilgrim's Tale by Ian Cron
The Chosen by Chaim Potok
The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier
The Earthly Pilgrimage by Walter Wangerin (short stories)
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
Friedman's Fables by Edwin H. Friedman
Gilead by Marilyn Robinson
I Heard the Owl Call My Name by Margaret Craven
In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez
Island by Aldous Huxley
Horse: A Novel by Geraldine Brooks
The Horse Whisperer by Nicolas Evans
House on the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune
The Listener by Taylor Caldwell
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
The Measure by Nikki Erlick
The Memoirs of Stockholm Sven by Nathan Miller
My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She Is Sorry by Fredrik Backman
Name of the Wind by Patrick Rothfus
The Note by Angela Hunt
One Amazing Thing by Chitra Divakaruni
Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger
Peace Like a River by Leif Enger
Plainsong by Kent Haruf
The Reader by Bernard Schlink
Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt
The Shack by William Young
Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan
The Steel Wave: A Novel by Jeff Shaara
Those We Thought We Knew by David Joy
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
The Women by Kristen Hannah

Books for Children (and Adults Too!)

Beneath by Cori Doerrfeld

The Giver by Lois Lowry (fiction)

The Harry Potter Series by J. K. Rowling

How We Say I Love You by Nicole Chen

The Invisible String by Patrice Karst

Old Turtle by Douglas Wood

The Rabbit Listened by Cori Doerrfeld

Seeing God in the World He Made by Clay Anderson

A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Phillip C. Stead

What Is God Like? by Rachel Held Evans