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al Rabeeah, Abu Bakr and Winnie Yeung. *Homes: A Refugee Story*. Calgary, AB: Freehand Books, 2018(c). 305.906914 R114

Brueggemann, Walter. *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2017(c). 296.4 B889

Crossan, John Dominic and Sarah Sexton Crossan. *Resurrecting Easter: How the West Lost and the East Kept the Original Easter Vision*. New York: HarperOne, 2018(c). 232.5 C951

Deen, Edith. *All of the Women of the Bible*. Edison, NJ: Castle Books, 1955(c). 220.92 D311

All of the Women of the Bible offers a rich biographical perspective on every female figure in scripture -- including the famous, the little-known, and even the unnamed. In more than 300 engaging and insightful portraits, Edith Deen brings alive the saints and sorceresses, queens and servants, mothers and daughters, wives and widows whose profound influence is felt throughout the Bible.

"You can almost trace light and darkness in the Bible by the women themselves," she writes. "Hannah, praying mother of Samuel, gave birth to a son who became the first great Hebrew prophet. And, of course, there was the mother of Jesus. On the other hand, Jezebel and Herodias were vile influences, the first tearing apart the northern kingdom of Israel, the second causing John the Baptist to be beheaded."

Combining thorough detail with a lively and dramatic narrative, *All of the Women of the Bible* portrays the real women behind the Biblical stories and shows how, in their human struggles and triumphs, they are very much like the women of today. With each major biography identified by Bible chapter and verse and prefaced by a key passage of scripture, this is an ideal resource for teachers, Bible students, preachers, and writers, as well as anyone who wants to learn what it was really like to be a woman in Biblical times.

Estock, Beth Ann and Paul Nixon. *Weird Church: Welcome to the Twenty-First Century*. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2016(c). 262.0017 E81

A wake-up call to anyone who still thinks church revitalization is simply a matter of doing better the things that used to come so easily. However, for the innovators whose ministries cannot fully be measured or understood by the old paradigms of members and money, *Weird Church* offers compelling vindication and encouragement that may cause them to stand and cheer.

Girzone, Joseph F. *My Struggle with Faith*. New York: Doubleday, 2006(c). 234.2 G529

The author chronicles his own spiritual journey and describes with honesty the difficult decisions he made along the way. Girzone has attracted a following with his series of novels that imagine Jesus living in the contemporary world. Here, he recounts the long, complicated, and often painful process he went through as he sought to find peace with his beliefs. He writes about hard decisions that set him on unexpected paths and about the immense feelings of loneliness he experienced in making those choices. In thoughtful and thought-provoking reflections he brings to life the years of searching and the deep, critical thinking that gave him the courage to embrace his beliefs, opening a world of excitement and adventure for him.

Haskins, Susan. *Mary Magdalen: Myth and Metaphor*. London: HarperCollins, 1993. 226.092 M393H

Mary Magdalen has always been a predominant and fascinating figure for Christianity. But who was she really? The Gnostics hailed her as the companion of the Savior and the woman He loved most. Early Christian writers called her the Bride of Christ and the apostle to the apostles. But for centuries her most durable image has been that of a prostitute who repented and devoted her life to Jesus - an image that both shaped and to some extent reflected the Church's attitude toward women. Yet this figure does not appear in the New Testament. All that we know of the real Magdalen are the four facts

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noted in the Gospels: she was one of Christ's followers; she was present at His crucifixion; she was one of the earliest witnesses of His resurrection; and she was the first person to be charged with proclaiming the Christian message. But somewhere along the line she was confused with Mary, the sister of Lazarus, and with the woman taken in adultery whose life Jesus saved. Using evidence from early Christian writings, medieval sermons, devotional works, and the art and literature of nearly two thousand years, Susan Haskins shows how Mary Magdalen merged with other figures in the New Testament until she came to epitomize the condition of women in the Church and in society. Today, when women are assuming more active roles in both, Mary Magdalen is once again being reevaluated.

Joseph, Bob and Cynthia F. Joseph. *Indigenous Relations: Insights, Tips & Suggestions to Make Reconciliation a Reality*. Port Coquitlam, BC: Indigenous Relations Press, 2019(c). 971.00497 J83

We are all treaty people. This eagerly awaited sequel to the bestselling 21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act offers practical tools that will help you respectfully avoid missteps in your business interactions and personal relationships with Indigenous Peoples. This book will teach you about: Aboriginal Rights and Title, and the treaty process the difference between hereditary and elected leadership, and why it matters the lasting impact of the Indian Act, including the barriers that Indigenous communities face which terms are preferable, and which should be avoided Indigenous Worldviews and cultural traditions the effect of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in Canada the truth behind common myths and stereotypes perpetuated about Indigenous Peoples since Confederation. In addition to being a hereditary chief, Bob Joseph is the President of Indigenous Corporate Training Inc., which offers programs in cultural competency. Here he offers an eight-part process that businesses and all levels of government can use to work more effectively with Indigenous Peoples, which benefits workplace culture as well as the bottom line. Embracing reconciliation on a daily basis in your work and personal life is the best way to undo the legacy of the Indian Act. By understanding and respecting cultural differences, you're taking a step toward full reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Kaan, Fred. *The Only Earth We Know: Hymn Texts*. Carol Stream, IL: Hope Pub. Co., 1999. 782.27 K11

Lamott, Anne. *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*. New York: Riverhead Books, 2012. 242.4 L235

Lewis, C.S. *A Grief Observed*. London: Faber & Faber, 2015. 242.4 L673 2015

A Grief Observed comprises the reflections of the great scholar and Christian on the death of his wife after only a few short years of marriage. Painfully honest in its dissection of his thoughts and feelings, this is a book that details his paralyzing grief, bewilderment and sense of loss in simple and moving prose. Invaluable as an insight into the grieving process just as much as it is as an exploration of religious doubt, *A Grief Observed* will continue to offer its consoling insights to a huge range of readers, as it has for over fifty years.

Matthews, Victor H. *Manners and Customs in the Bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1988(c). 220.95 M442

--How did the Exile change Israel's religious life?

--Why would Lot even think of throwing his daughters to a mob?

--What exactly were the differences between Herodians, Sadducees, Pharisees, and Essenes?

Lots of questions crop up when you read the Bible. What people wore, what they ate, what they built, how they exercised justice, how they mourned--all are "manners and customs" and all vary from period to period throughout Israel's history. Fortunately, this book is a lot more than just nice pictures--although there are a lot of those, too. Each chapter furnishes an introduction to the political and

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physical setting of the period in Israel's history and outlines the basic structure of its social world. Then specific scenes drawn from the biblical text are studied in a way that sheds light on the daily life of the people of that time. Drawing from a variety of sources to recreate the society of ancient Israel--extrabiblical sources and archaeological data as well as the biblical text itself

Dr. Matthews helps the reader to see the ancient world of Israel as never before.

McLaren, Brian D. *We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation*. New York: Jericho Books, 2014(c). 248.4 M161

This book offers everything you need to explore what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. It also puts tools in your hands to create a life-changing learning community in any home, restaurant, or other welcoming space.

The fifty-two (plus a few) weekly readings can each be read aloud in 10 to 12 minutes and offer a simple curriculum of insightful reflections and transformative practices. Organized around the traditional church year, these readings give an overview of the whole Bible and guide an individual or a group of friends through a year of rich study, interactive learning, and personal growth.

Perfect for home churches, congregations, classes, or individual study, each reading invites you to

--Cultivate an honest, intelligent understanding of the Bible and of Christian faith in 21st century

--Engage with discussion questions designed to challenge, stimulate, and encourage

--Reimagine what it means to live joyfully and responsibly in today's world as agents of God's justice, creativity, and peace

If you're seeking a fresh way to experience and practice your faith, if you're a long-term Christian seeking new vitality, or if you feel out of place in traditional church circles, this book will inspire and activate you in your spiritual journey.

Moore, Thomas. *Care of the Soul: A Guide for Cultivating Depth and Sacredness in Everyday Life*. New York: HarperPerennial, 1994. 158.1 M824

Obama, Michelle. *Becoming*. New York: Crown, 2018(c). 923.173 O12

An intimate, powerful, and inspiring memoir by the former First Lady of the United States. When she was a little girl, Michelle Robinson's world was the South Side of Chicago, where she and her brother, Craig, shared a bedroom in their family's upstairs apartment and played catch in the park, and where her parents, Fraser and Marian Robinson, raised her to be outspoken and unafraid. But life soon took her much further afield, from the halls of Princeton, where she learned for the first time what it felt like to be the only black woman in a room, to the glassy office tower where she worked as a high-powered corporate lawyer--and where, one summer morning, a law student named Barack Obama appeared in her office and upended all her carefully made plans. Here, for the first time, Michelle Obama describes the early years of her marriage as she struggles to balance her work and family with her husband's fast-moving political career. She takes us inside their private debate over whether he should make a run for the presidency and her subsequent role as a popular but oft-criticized figure during his campaign. Narrating with grace, good humor, and uncommon candor, she provides a vivid, behind-the-scenes account of her family's history-making launch into the global limelight as well as their life inside the White House over eight momentous years--as she comes to know her country and her country comes to know her. *Becoming* takes us through modest Iowa kitchens and ballrooms at Buckingham Palace, through moments of heart-stopping grief and profound resilience, bringing us deep into the soul of a singular, groundbreaking figure in history as she strives to live authentically, marshaling her personal strength and voice in service of a set of higher ideals. In telling her story with honesty and boldness, she issues a challenge to the rest of us: Who are we and who do we want to become?

Palmer, Parker J. *On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old*. Oakland, CA: Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2018(c). 155.6719 P175

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Paynter, Neil. *50 Great Prayers From the Iona Community*. Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2009(c). 242.8 P346

Fifty of the best-loved prayers of the Iona Community in a portable edition. Prayers by Kathy Galloway, Ruth Burgess, the Wild Goose Resource Group, George MacLeod, Kate McIlhagga, Jan Sutch Pickard, Peter Millar, Joy Mead, Ali Newell, Chris Polhill, Ian M Fraser and others. A book that is sure to become dog-eared through use in worship, or from being carried around on the often bumpy, sometimes tranquil ride of life.

Petty, Jo. *Wings of Silver*. Norwalk, CT: C.R. Gibson Co., 1967. 248 P512

The best-selling companion to *Apples of Gold*, Jo Petty's words of inspiration have been read, shared and treasured by millions of readers for more than fifty years. Discover gem after gem of pithy sayings, verses, poems and prayers, each highlighting the virtue of a life well-lived. Here are her thoughts on love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, faith and more. These thought provoking glimpses of truth will transform your attitudes and relationships. Every page inspires contemplation, revelation, and a renewed desire to cultivate your own call to character. A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver (Proverbs 25:11).

Restoule, JoAnn, Wedlidi Speck and Karen Close. *Our Spirits Aligned: Aboriginal Voices of Healing and Reconciliation*. Kelowna, BC: Wood Lake, 2019(c). 971.00497 R436

How does one define reconciliation in a way that gives meaning to those who have experienced and suffered from colonization and to those who have not? Is it even possible? This book presents a collection of storytellers who have set out to do just that. Their stories draw on personal, family and community experiences, and these experiences illumine what has shaped their lives and relationships. Many stories have been kept under wraps, untold for many years. It simply was not safe to share. Reconciliation is storied differently by different people. In the end, by sharing the stories in this book, we may just find the definition of reconciliation is embedded in each story shared. Readers will find that reconciliation is personal, and it includes family and aims towards community. To that end, in order to understand the fullness and richness of reconciliation, we hope each reader will find a role in reconciliation by placing all these stories together in a mixing bowl of sorts and coming up with a broader view that will heighten our country's cultural awareness, deepen Canadian sensitivity, sharpen Canadian agility and grow cultural safety in all our country's homes, villages and work spaces.

Russert, Tim. *Wisdom of Our Fathers: Lessons and Letters From Daughters and Sons*. New York: Random House, 2007. 306.8742 R968

Sakamoto, Mark. *Forgiveness: A Gift From My Grandparents*. Toronto, ON: Harper Perennial, 2015. 940.547271 S258

Sellars, Bev. *Price Paid: The Fight for First Nations Survival*. Vancouver, BC: Talonbooks, 2016(c). 971.00497 S567

Price Paid: The Fight for First Nations Survival untangles truth from some of the myths about First Nations at the same time that it addresses misconceptions still widely believed today. The second book by award-winning author Bev Sellars, *Price Paid* is based on a popular presentation Sellars created for treaty-makers, politicians, policymakers, and educators when she discovered they did not know the historic reasons they were at the table negotiating First Nations rights. The book begins with glimpses of foods, medicines, and cultural practices North America's indigenous peoples have contributed for worldwide benefit. It documents the dark period of regulation by racist laws during the twentieth century, and then discusses new emergence in the twenty-first century into a re-establishment of Indigenous land and resource rights. The result is a candidly told

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personal take on the history of a culture's fight for their rights and survival. It is Canadian history told from a First Nations point of view.

Vowell, Chelse. *Indigenous Writes: A Guide to First Nations, Métis & Inuit Issues in Canada*. Winnipeg, MB: Highwater Press, 2016(c). 971.00497 V974

Watts, Murray. *The Wisdom of Saint Columba of Iona*. Oxford, England: Lion Publishing, 1997(c). 242.8 W352

Prince, warrior, abbot and poet, Columba is best known as one of the greatest of the Celtic missionary saints. He was a major figure in the turbulent times when the ancient Celtic culture met the newly-emerging Christian church--an era which was to produce some of the greatest works of art, poetry and liturgy.

This collection of Columba's prayers and writings from his world is designed to convey something of the richness of a spirituality forged in a time of great change.

Wild, Robert C. *Sacred Presence: In Search of the New Story*. Victoria, BC: Trafford, 2004(c). 230 W667

Sacred Presence calls attention to the decline of one of humanity's great sacred Stories and proposes that a new and universal Story is emerging. A God who needs to be reconciled to humanity through the death of Jesus is no longer credible--though Jesus' life and work remain very significant. On the other hand, the biblical image of God as generous and compassionate is a source of spiritual renewal. As well, our realization that humans are in danger of destroying Earth's living systems is awakening in us a sense of the sacredness of Earth. These are two vital elements in the New Story struggling to be born among us.

The New Story also draws upon another movement of thought, a new cosmology, based in research by science into both the macro and micro cosmos. This cosmology emphasizes the interconnectedness of everything, resonates with the heart of many religious traditions, and challenges the resurgent fundamentalisms now plaguing our world. As the New Story emerges, it will embrace all of Creation and seek to open humanity to the divine power of love for healing and new life. In all of this, Christians are being presented with a challenge to recreate their faith tradition.

Yellowhorn, Eldon and Kathy Lowinger. *Turtle Island: The Story of North America's First People*. Toronto: Annick Press, 2017(c). 970.00497 Y43

Children and Youth Books

Gray Smith, Monique. *Speaking Our Truth: A Journey of Reconciliation*. Orca Book Publishers, 2017(c). J 971.00497 G783

Canada's relationship with its Indigenous people has suffered as a result of both the residential school system and the lack of understanding of the historical and current impact of those schools. Healing and repairing that relationship requires education, awareness and increased understanding of the legacy and the impacts still being felt by Survivors and their families. Guided by acclaimed Indigenous author Monique Gray Smith, readers will learn about the lives of Survivors and listen to allies who are putting the findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission into action.

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Kaiser, Lisbeth. *Maya Angelou*. Ill. Leire Salaberria. London: Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2016. J 818.5409 A584K

Maya Angelou spent much of her childhood in Stamps, Arkansas. After a traumatic event at age eight, she stopped speaking for five years. However, Maya rediscovered her voice through wonderful books, and went on to become one of the world's most beloved writers and speakers. This inspiring story of her life features a facts and photos section at the back.

Kaiser, Lisbeth. *Rosa Parks*. Ill. Marta Antelo. New York: Lincoln Children's Books, 2017. J 323.092 P252L

Rosa Parks grew up during segregation in Alabama, but she was taught to respect herself and stand up for her rights. In 1955, Rosa refused to give up her seat to a white man on a segregated bus, sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Her decision had a huge impact on civil rights, eventually leading to the end of segregation on public transport. Rosa was described as "the mother of the freedom movement". This inspiring story of Rosa's life is moving, and approachable for young readers.

Sánchez Vegara, Isabel. *Harriet Tubman*. Ill. Pili Aguado. Minneapolis, MN: Lincoln Children's Books, 2018. J 326.8092 T885S

Discover the incredible life of Harriet Tubman, the Underground Railroad conductor who 'never lost a single passenger' in this true story of her life.

Little Harriet was born into slavery in Maryland and laboured in the fields from the age of 12. But as an adult, she escaped, freeing herself before returning back to lead hundreds of enslaved African Americans to freedom with great bravery and courage.

Harriet sacrificed so much of her life for others, eventually working for the army in the Civil War and then promoting women's voting rights until she retired in Auburn, New York.