

2020

PROGRAMA DE LECTURA

de Mujeres Metodistas Unidas



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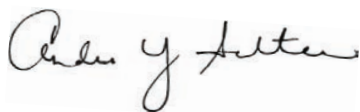
Bienvenidas al Programa de Lectura de Mujeres Metodistas Unidas para 2020. El propósito del Programa de Lectura es el de comprender mejor y participar más en la misión de Dios hoy, para ser más sensibles con todos los seres humanos, explorar temas contemporáneos, y ampliar nuestro conocimiento y actuar. El comité del Programa de Lectura ha trabajado especialmente para seleccionar libros que nos concienticen sobre nuestras realidades económicas, sociales y políticas, incluyendo la interconexión de raza, clase y género en la vida de las mujeres.

Participar en el Programa de Lectura es una forma maravillosa de construir comunidad y de formar amistades alrededor de los libros. Espero que compartan esta guía con la membresía en sus grupos locales y distritales, así como con miembros de su comunidad. Utilícenlos para iniciar conversaciones sobre temas presentados en los libros y trabajen juntas para actuar.

Por favor, consulten la página 3 que contiene una Descripción General con información sobre cómo utilizar esta guía, así como sugerencias para aprovechar al máximo el Programa de Lectura. Si han participado en el pasado, asegúrense de leer la sección "Nuevo para 2020" (página 4). En esta sección, aprenderán que este año, la forma de ordenar libros es un poco diferente. Me gustaría agradecerles de antemano por ajustarse a este cambio y las invitamos a comunicarse con ASalter@unitedmethodistwomen.org, si tienen alguna pregunta.

Al ser parte del Programa de Lectura, están fortaleciendo su participación en el ámbito local y en la misión cristiana global. Estoy muy contenta de que participen con nosotras.

Dios les bendiga.



Andris Salter
Oficial de Operaciones



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DESCRIPCIÓN GENERAL

El Programa de Lectura es una tradición de Mujeres Metodistas Unidas muy apreciada, que une a la membresía en misión mientras exploran, comparten y discuten los libros.

Para participar, seleccione uno de los cuatro planes en la página 6 y ¡comience a leer! Desde novelas cautivantes y biografías sinceras a mensajes urgentes sobre temas como el cambio climático y el encarcelamiento masivo; hay algo para todas.

Los libros del Programa de Lectura se dividen en una de cinco categorías (los libros de crédito adicional cuentan por dos categorías cada uno): Acción Social, Crecimiento Comunitario, Crecimiento Espiritual, Desarrollo de Liderazgo y Educación para la Misión. Los libros están disponibles para personas de todas las edades y niveles de lectura. Mientras lee, siga su progreso usando el Formulario Informativo de Lectura en la página 29. Cuando concluya su lectura envíe su Informe de Lectura Requerida, se le otorgará un Certificado de Reconocimiento [ver página 31] (más información sobre esto en la sección “Nuevo para 2020” en la página siguiente).

Obtener su Certificado de Reconocimiento es sólo una forma de mostrar lo que ha crecido con el Programa de Lectura. El Programa de Lectura no tiene solamente el propósito de completarse o de existir fuera de la realidad. Mientras lee, considere realizar una o más de las siguientes acciones:

Haga un Seguimiento de sus Progresos

- **Comparta el programa** con la membresía de Mujeres Metodistas Unidas y con miembros de la comunidad.
- **Ayude a las personas a obtener los libros.** Ayude a las personas a obtener los libros. Distribuya esta guía.
- **Conéctese con grupos locales y distritales.** Comience un club de lectura, descargue libros en un equipo electrónico para distribuir y compartir, presente reseñas de libros en reuniones de grupo.
- **Exhiba en su iglesia, una lista que registre el progreso** para todos los que deseen participar y coloque carteles que estimulen la venta de libros.
- **Ore.** Los libros a menudo plantean preocupaciones sobre personas, países y problemas. Presente estas preocupaciones a Dios durante su tiempo de oración en casa y en reuniones con grupos.
- **Abogue por un cambio tangible.** Muchos de los libros del Programa de Lectura abordan temas tales como el cambio climático, el encarcelamiento masivo, la inmigración y el racismo. Organice un grupo de trabajo para responder a estos problemas en su comunidad.



Dios te bendiga mientras oras, estudias, actúas y organizas en el nombre de Cristo.



NUEVO PARA 2020

Dónde Encontrar los Libros

Como puede ver, los libros en esta publicación no están listados con números de inventario; ni encontrará el habitual formulario de pedido e información de envío. Por primera vez, la membresía de Mujeres Metodistas Unidas obtendrá los libros del Programa de Lectura de este año, exclusivamente a través de otros distribuidores —bibliotecas, librerías locales y en línea. Piense en este recurso no como un catálogo, como en años pasados, pero como una guía.



Al no ofrecer más libros para la venta, Mujeres Metodistas Unidas hará un uso más eficiente de los recursos de programa. Si obtiene materiales localmente, este cambio también será bueno para el medioambiente y le ayudará a estar más conectada con su comunidad. Aunque Amazon es siempre una opción conveniente, por favor considere obtener los libros del Programa de Lectura a través de:

- Bibliotecas escolares y públicas.
- Librerías locales independientes.
- Cadenas de librerías más grandes.



Como siempre, la mayoría de los libros del Programa de Lectura también están disponibles para leer electrónicamente en su Kindle, tableta u otros equipos electrónicos. Para obtener libros electrónicos gratuitos, consulte su biblioteca local, Google, eBookstore, Project Gutenberg u Open Library. Buscar títulos en Google puede generar incluso más resultados. Si ordena libros a través de Amazon, recuerde visitar smile.amazon.com, donde se encuentra la página de donaciones de beneficencia de Amazon y seleccione “**Mujeres Metodistas Unidas**” como su organización de beneficencia. Amazon donará 0.5% a Mujeres Metodistas Unidas para todas las compras elegibles realizadas en smile.amazon.com.





Libros para la Niñez y la Juventud

Como en el pasado, el Programa de Lectura de este año incluye libros para lectores de todas las edades. Libros que anteriormente han sido incluidos en “Libros para la Niñez y la Juventud” ahora se encuentran distribuidos entre las categorías restantes. Cuando seleccione libros para leer, busque donde se indica “Apto para la niñez” o “Apto para la juventud” al hacer su selección.



Libros de Crédito Adicional

Como siempre, los Libros de Crédito Adicional cuentan como dos libros. Este año, los Libros de Crédito Adicional también son los nuevos estudios misionales, con el fin de proporcionar un incentivo aún mayor al seleccionar estos libros como parte de su plan del Programa de Lectura.

REPORT OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS
(Send completed form to your secretary of program resources or equivalent depending on your conference's schedule.)

I have completed the required reading for PLAN _____. The books I have read are listed on the reverse side.

LOCAL UNIT _____	PRINT NAME _____
DISTRICT _____	ADDRESS _____
CONFERENCE _____	CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

Formulario de Información del Programa de Lectura

Después de seleccionar un plan del Programa de Lectura, lleve fácilmente cuenta de sus progresos utilizando el Formulario Informativo de Lectura que se encuentra al final de esta guía (página 29). Envíe el formulario completo y firmado a la secretaria de recursos de programa de su conferencia (o equivalente) y recibirá firmado un Certificado de Reconocimiento. Su Certificado de Reconocimiento también está convenientemente ubicado al final de esta guía.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

This certifies that:

_____ has completed plan ____ of the Reading Program of United Methodist Women and is hereby awarded this certificate by _____

Presented on the ____ day of _____, 20__

 Secretary of Program Resources _____ President _____

Certificado de Reconocimiento

Una vez que envíe su Formulario Informativo de Lectura, el Certificado estará listo para ser firmado y fechado por la secretaria de recursos de programa de su conferencia (o equivalente) y por la presidenta.

PLANES DE LECTURA

Elija y complete uno de los cuatro planes. Cuando usted haya leído el número requerido de libros y de revistas, informe que ha finalizado a la persona de su grupo local a cargo de recursos de programa. Cualquier libro leído de la lista del año 2015 se podrá acreditar hasta el 31 de diciembre de 2020.

PLAN I: 5 libros por año

- Un libro de cada categoría: Acción Social, Crecimiento Comunitario Crecimiento Espiritual, Desarrollo de Liderazgo y Educación Misional.
- Selecciones pueden ser de las listas de lectura de 2015–2020 que no se hayan incluido en los informes anteriores (incluyendo títulos de Libros para la Niñez y la Juventud).
- Lectura habitual de la revista **response**.

PLAN II: 10 libros por año

- Dos libros de cada categoría: Acción Social, Crecimiento Comunitario, Crecimiento Espiritual, Desarrollo de Liderazgo y Educación Misional.
- Selecciones pueden ser de las listas de lectura de 2015–2020 que no se hayan incluido en los informes anteriores (incluyendo títulos de Libros para la Niñez y la Juventud).
- Lectura habitual de la revista **response**.

PLAN III: 15 libros por año

- Dos libros de cada categoría: Acción Social, Crecimiento Comunitario, Crecimiento Espiritual, Desarrollo de Liderazgo y Educación Misional.
- Más 5 libros adicionales de cualquier categoría.
- Selecciones pueden ser de las listas de lectura de 2015–2020 que no se hayan incluido en los informes anteriores (incluyendo títulos de Libros para la Niñez y la Juventud).
- Lectura habitual de la revista **response**.

PLAN IV: 20 libros por año

- Dos libros de cada categoría: Acción Social, Crecimiento Comunitario, Crecimiento Espiritual, Desarrollo de Liderazgo y Educación Misional.
- Más 10 libros adicionales de cualquier categoría.
- Selecciones pueden ser de las listas de lectura de 2015–2020 que no se hayan incluido en los informes anteriores (incluyendo títulos de Libros para la Niñez y la Juventud).
- Lectura habitual de la revista **response**.





LIBROS DE CRÉDITO ADICIONAL

¡Como siempre, los Libros de Crédito Adicional cuentan como dos libros!

Los Libros de Crédito Adicional para el Programa de Lectura de 2020 son los nuevos estudios misionales.

- *La Práctica de la Resurrección. El Evangelio de Marcos y el Discipulado Radical** por Janet Wolf, cuenta como dos libros en la categoría Crecimiento Espiritual.
- *¿Cómo Vemos Nuestro Dinero? Una Respuesta de la Fe** por Susan K. Taylor, cuenta como dos libros en la categoría Educación Misional
- *Mujeres Unidas por el Cambio: 150 años en Misión** por Ellen Blue, cuenta como dos libros en la categoría de Crecimiento Comunitario
- *So You Want to Talk About Race* (Así que Quieres Hablar sobre la Raza) por Ijeoma Oluo. Libro en inglés estudiado por el Grupo de Asesoramiento de Programa de Mujeres Metodistas Unidas, cuenta como dos libros en la categoría de Acción Social



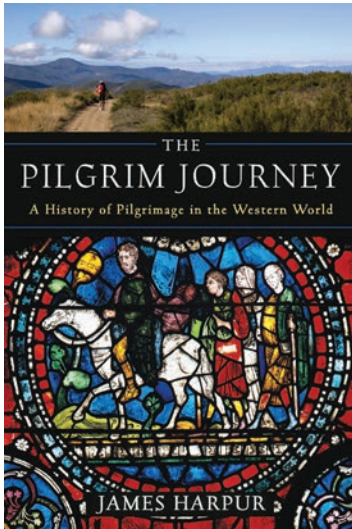
*La descripción de estos libros se encuentra en la sección "Libros en Español" (página 25).

PROPÓSITO DE MUJERES METODISTAS UNIDAS

"Mujeres Metodistas Unidas será una comunidad de mujeres cuyo propósito es conocer a Dios y experimentar la libertad como personas completas a través de Jesucristo; para desarrollar un compañerismo creativo y de apoyo; y ampliar los conceptos de misión a través de la participación en los ministerios globales de la iglesia"



EDUCATION FOR MISSION

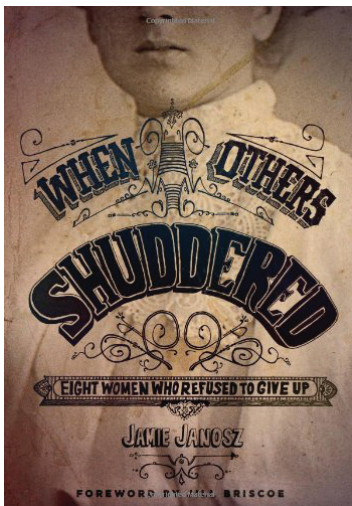


THE PILGRIM JOURNEY: A HISTORY OF PILGRIMAGE IN THE WESTERN WORLD

JAMES HARPUR
BLUEBRIDGE (2016)

Pilgrimage was born and grew, blossoming in the Middle Ages, and faltering in subsequent centuries—only to re-emerge stronger than before. In this book, learn about:

- Pilgrim routes and sacred destinations
- The people making the journey
- Challenges of travel
- Spiritual motivations and rewards
- Traditional stages of pilgrimage—preparation, departure, journey, arrival at the shrine, and return home



WHEN OTHERS SHUDDERED: EIGHT WOMEN WHO REFUSED TO GIVE UP

JAMIE JANOSZ
MOODY PUBLISHERS (2014)

Learn about eight women (Fanny Crosby, Mary McLeod Bethune, Nettie McCormick, Sarah Dunn Clarke, Emma Dyer, Virginia Asher, Evangeline Booth and Amanda Berry Smith) who were called to serve God and change the world. Their stories inspire us to follow God's calling in our own lives and teach us that each individual person can make a difference.



I have been a reader in the United Methodist Reading Program for more years than I can remember! I love the variety of books offered. In fact, the Reading Program has become a four-generation activity in my family. My 95-year-old mother, my 36-year-old daughter and I have all read and received certificates for completing various plan levels over the years. And several of the children's books have found their way into the home libraries of my grandchildren."

Kathy Lynn Koehn
Great Plains Conference



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

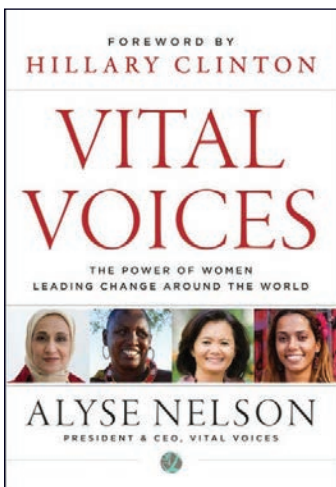


TEACHING OUTSIDE THE BOX: FIVE APPROACHES TO OPENING THE BIBLE WITH YOUTH

ANDREW ZIRSCHKY
ABINGDON PRESS (2017)

Rather than tweaking the ways youth ministers communicate the Gospel, this book explores five approaches to forming youth in faith and opening youth to experience the Gospel in new ways. It starts with a new take on the instructional approach and then introduces four additional approaches that are likely new to readers:

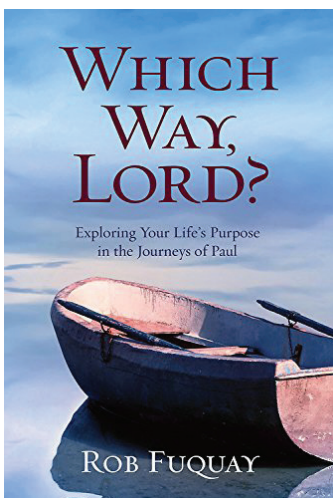
- Community of faith
- Interpretive
- Liberation
- Contemplative.



VITAL VOICES: THE POWER OF WOMEN LEADING CHANGE AROUND THE WORLD

ALYSE NELSON
JOSSEY-BASS (2012)

Since 1999, Vital Voices has brought together women who want to enable others to change their governments, advocate for social justice, and support democracy. This nonprofit equips women with business skills to expand their enterprises and create jobs in their communities. Their voices, stories, and hard-earned lessons are deeply authentic and truly vital.



WHICH WAY LORD? EXPLORING YOUR LIFE'S PURPOSE IN THE JOURNEYS OF PAUL

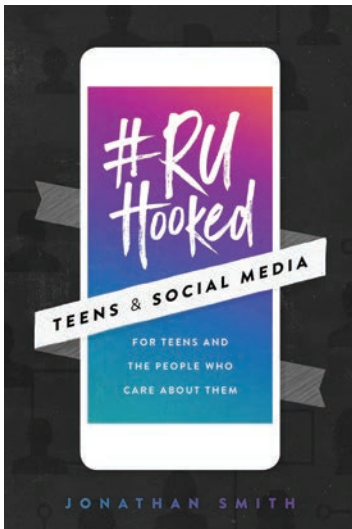
ROB FUQUAY
UPPER ROOM BOOKS (2017)

As Christians, we hunger to live out God's purpose for our lives. But how do we know we are moving in the right direction? This study will help you understand God's desire for your life by unpacking your experiences alongside those of the apostle Paul. Discover how to:

- Discern and follow God's lead
- Explore ways God can use your life experiences
- Respond to God's signals
- Endure hardships and doubts
- Persevere with hope and faith.



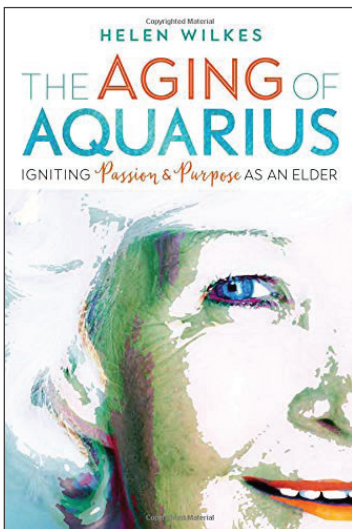
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#RUHOOKED: TEENS & SOCIAL MEDIA: FOR TEENS AND THE PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT THEM

JONATHAN SMITH
TRISTAN PUBLISHING (2017)

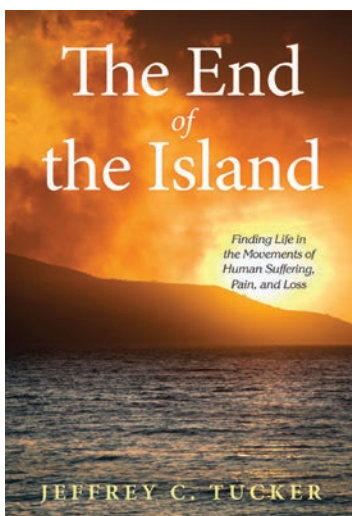
This faith-focused paperback booklet is about helping teens think (or think differently) about how they use social media. *#RUHooked* is a great resource for parents, teachers, pastors, youth group leaders, or anyone who cares about teens and social media. Suitable for youth.



THE AGING OF AQUARIUS: IGNITING PASSION AND PURPOSE AS AN ELDER

HELEN WILKES
NEW SOCIETY PUBLISHERS (2018)

Your career has wound down, the kids have moved out and your schedule is clear... for the next 30 years. Now, with the rest of your life ahead, you can make this next stage of your life the most powerful yet. But where to start? Helen Wilkes, a retired professor and activist, takes readers on an inspiring journey to find renewed purpose in retirement, helping readers as they transition to a post-work identity.



THE END OF THE ISLAND: FINDING LIFE IN THE MOVEMENTS OF HUMAN SUFFERING, PAIN, AND LOSS

JEFFREY C. TUCKER
WIPF AND STOCK PUBLISHERS (2016)

An old man on an island seeks answers to his pain and loss. The journey takes unexpected turns as he learns new ways to walk and to live in the midst of his pain. Fresh, creative, and provocative, this highly readable book offers thought-provoking and transforming ideas for people of every walk of life and faith.



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GLORY HAPPENING: FINDING THE DIVINE IN EVERYDAY PLACES

KAITLIN B. CURTICE
PARACLETE PRESS (2017)

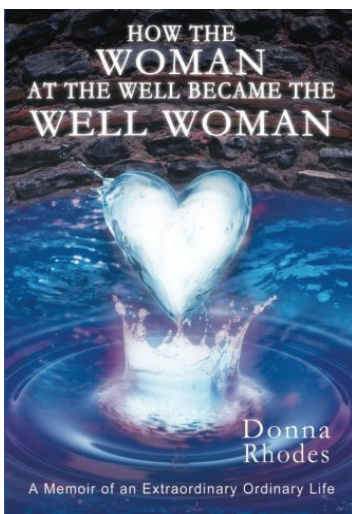
These stories and prayers will remind you to take a closer look, find the magical beauty in everyday experiences, and live deeply in every moment, expecting that something good will find you. Once you experience glory, you have words to speak, a prayer to pray, and a story to tell. And so glory grows from person to person and community is created in the reality that God is in our midst.



HEARTBEAT OF A MOTHER: ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE LIFELONG JOURNEY

JANE RUBIETTA
WESLEYAN PUBLISHING HOUSE (2016)

Many mothers experience the joy, laughter and hope of parenting—and yet are riddled with shame, doubt, guilt and anxiety because of their past and fear of the future. Through discipleship and intimate fellowship, mothers of all ages will enjoy diving into this six-week group study that provides interactive vulnerability and truth.



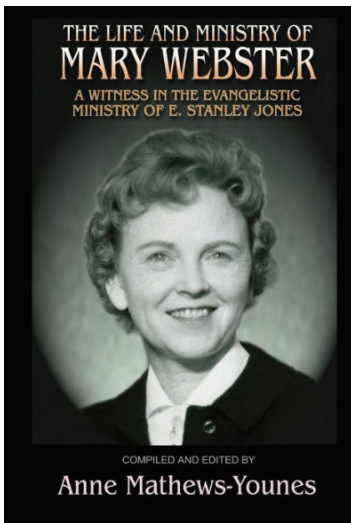
HOW THE WOMAN AT THE WELL BECAME THE WELL WOMAN

DONNA RHODES
AMAZON DIGITAL SERVICES (2016)

This is a poignant memoir of a woman's desperate journey to find love. Inspired by the biblical account of the woman at the well, this remarkable testament to God's faithfulness and the power of God's redemption is transformative for those who think their lives will never change and for those who are afraid to hope again.



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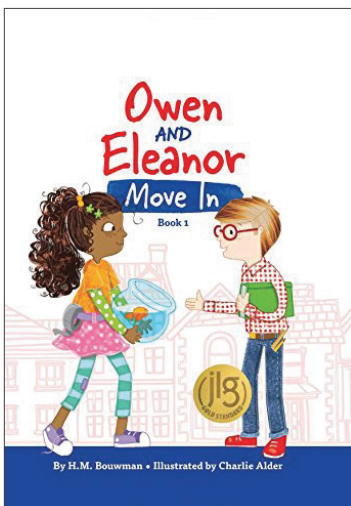


THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF MARY WEBSTER

ANNE MATHEWS-YOUNES

E. STANLEY JONES FOUNDATION (2017)

This is a short biography of Mary Webster, a witness in the evangelistic ministry of Dr. E. Stanley Jones. It prominently features six of Mary's selected sermons, Dr. Jones' sermon on Mary's life and ministry, and a "conversation" between the two.



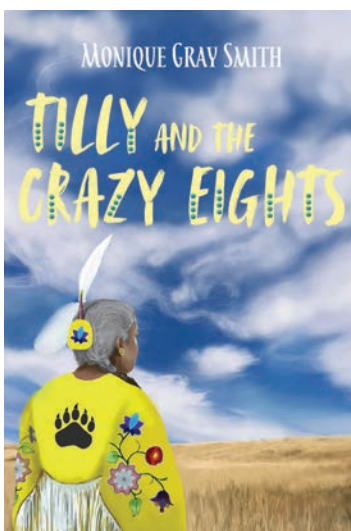
OWEN AND ELEANOR MOVE IN

H.M. BOUWMAN AND CHARLIE ALDER, ILLUSTRATOR

SPARKHOUSE FAMILY PUBLISHING (2018)

When eight-year-old Eleanor moves into a duplex with her family, she is not happy. Her old home was way better. In her old home, she didn't have to share a bedroom with her big sister. Owen, age seven, is excited when Eleanor moves in—finally, someone to play with who isn't his little brother! They become friends. But when Eleanor asks Owen to help her escape back to her old house, he's not sure what to do.

Suitable for children.



TILLY AND THE CRAZY EIGHTS

MONIQUE GRAY SMITH

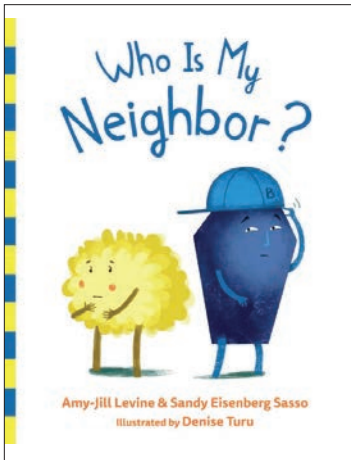
SECOND STORY PRESS (2018)

Tilly impulsively agrees to drive eight elders on their ultimate bucket-list road trip. This adventure with "the Crazy Eights" will transform them all in ways they could not predict. The Crazy Eights each choose a stop on the way to their ultimate destination, the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque. The trip proves to be powerful medicine as they laugh, heal, argue and dream along the way.

Suitable for children.



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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

AMY-JILL LEVINE, SANDY EISENBERG SASSO AND
DENISE TURU, ILLUSTRATOR
FLYAWAY BOOKS (2019)

Blues and Yellows just don't mix, and that's how it's always been. No one remembers why. But then comes the day Midnight Blue takes a tumble along the road. His friends Navy and Powder Blue don't even stop to help! It's only when Yellow comes along that everything changes—forever.

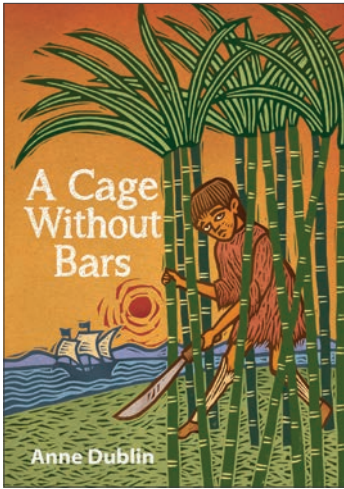
Suitable for children.

“ The Reading Program is probably the main reason I am a member of United Methodist Women. A friend kept telling me that United Methodist Women are the best educated lay people there are. That got my attention because I like to think of myself as well educated and don't believe your education ends when you leave school. And, I have always loved reading. The Reading Program has caused me to read books that I never would have considered reading, and helped me find God in many places. I do feel like my education has continued all these years, thanks to the Reading Program.”

Linda Franke, Rio Texas Conference



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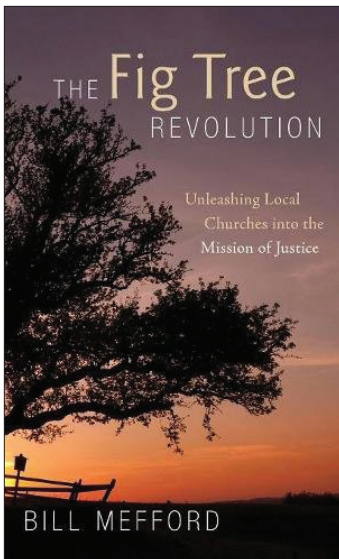
A CAGE WITHOUT BARS

ANNE DUBLIN

SECOND STORY PRESS (2018)

It is 1492 and Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain have signed the Edict of Expulsion, giving Jews three months to leave the country. After escaping to Portugal with their parents, 12-year-old Joseph and his sister Gracia, along with hundreds of other Jewish children, are kidnapped and enslaved on an island off the coast of West Africa, where they are forcibly baptized and made to work on a sugar plantation. Joseph holds to the hope that one day he will be free.

Suitable for youth.



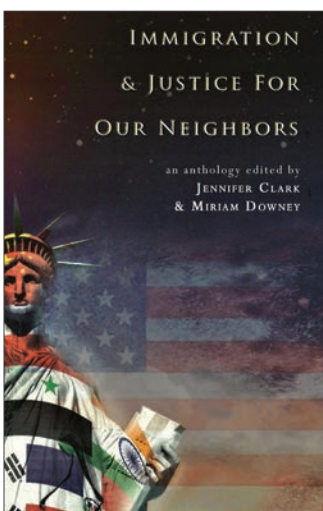
THE FIG TREE REVOLUTION: UNLEASHING LOCAL CHURCHES INTO THE MISSION OF JUSTICE

BILL MEFFORD

CASCADE BOOKS (2017)

This inspirational book has practical steps to mobilize believers in grassroots efforts and help local churches engage in the transformative work of justice. The locus of God's change is through believers immersed in relationships with those impacted by injustice. Based on the first four chapters of Esther and drawn from real stories of people creating change, this book is perfect for:

- Small groups
- Sunday school classes
- Student groups
- Mission teams.



IMMIGRATION AND JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

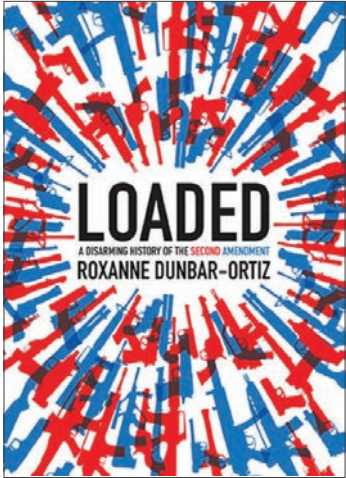
JENNIFER CLARK AND MIRIAM DOWNEY, EDITORS

CELERY CITY BOOKS (2017)

This is an anthology of poems, essays, and short stories based on the immigrant experience.



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LOADED: A DISARMING HISTORY OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT

ROXANNE DUNBAR-ORTIZ
CITY LIGHTS BOOKS (2018)

This is a deeply researched—and deeply disturbing—history of guns and gun laws in the United States. As historian and educator Dunbar-Ortiz explains, in order to understand the current obstacles to gun control, we must understand the history of U.S. guns, from their role in the “settling of America” to the present.

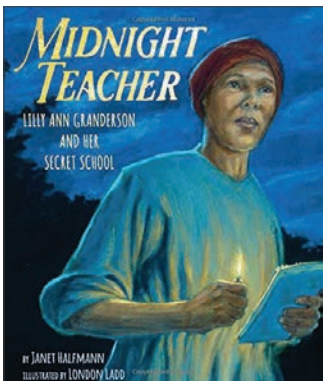


HOLDING UP YOUR CORNER: TALKING ABOUT RACE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

F. WILLIS JOHNSON
ABINGDON PRESS (2017)

This book equips church leaders to respond to crises with confidence, lower their inhibitions about addressing race, and transform their communities by reclaiming their authority as prophetic witnesses and leaders. The practical, foundational guidance will prompt readers to observe, identify and name the complex causes of violence and hatred in their communities. Become part of God’s work in the world by learning to use:

- Testimony and other narrative devices
- Proclamation
- Guided group conversations
- And more.



MIDNIGHT TEACHER: LILLY ANN GRANDERSON AND HER SECRET SCHOOL

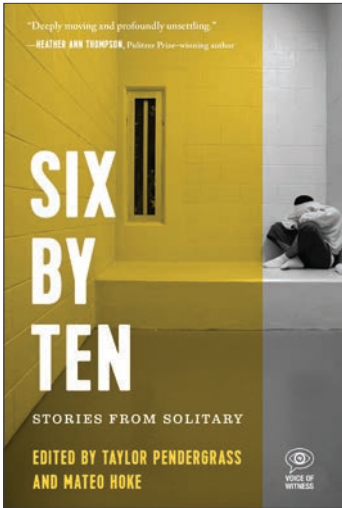
JANET HALFMANN AND LONDON LADD, ILLUSTRATOR
LEE & LOW BOOKS (2018)

In 19th century Mississippi, it was illegal for enslaved people to learn to read and write. But this did not stop Lilly Ann Granderson, an enslaved person who started a midnight school and taught hundreds of her peers to do so. Many shared their knowledge and others forged passes to escape to freedom. Based on a true story, *Midnight Teacher* is an inspiring testament to a little-known pioneer in education.

Suitable for children.



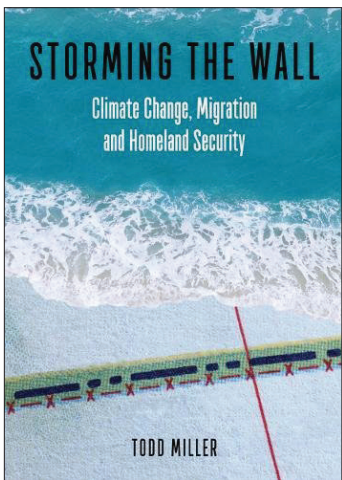
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SIX BY TEN: STORIES FROM SOLITARY

TAYLOR PENDERGRASS AND MATEO KOKE, EDITORS
HAYMARKET BOOKS (2018)

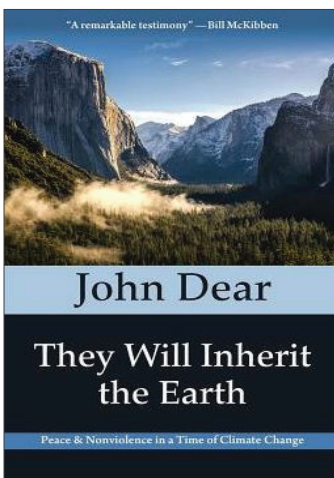
An estimated 80,000 Americans are held in solitary confinement across the country, often in cells no bigger than six by ten feet, with 24 hours per day of little or no meaningful human contact. This book shares first-person narratives of prisoners, family members, and corrections officers and explores the mental, physical and spiritual impacts of America's widespread embrace of this punishment.



STORMING THE WALL: CLIMATE CHANGE, MIGRATION AND HOMELAND SECURITY

TODD MILLER
CITY LIGHTS BOOKS (2017)

This book connects the dots between climate-ravaged communities, the corporations cashing in on border militarization, and emerging movements for environmental justice and sustainability. Reporting from the flashpoints of climate clashes and from likely sites of future battles, Miller chronicles a growing system of militarized divisions. Stories of crisis, greed and violence are juxtaposed with powerful examples of solidarity and hope in this urgent and timely message.



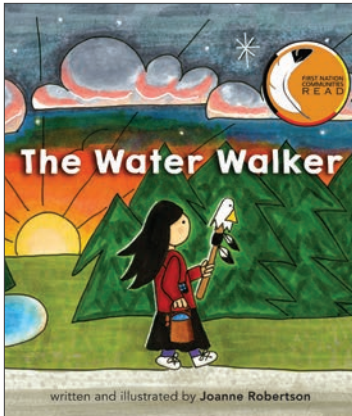
THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH: PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE IN A TIME OF CLIMATE CHANGE

JOHN DEAR
ORBIS BOOKS (2018)

At his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus makes the connection between our practice of nonviolence and our unity with creation. From that, this book extrapolates that our rejection of nonviolence is inevitably linked to the catastrophic effects of climate change and environmental ruin. These personal stories of John Dear's life and work invite us to return to nonviolence as a way of life and a living solidarity with earth and its creatures.



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THE WATER WALKER

JOANNE ROBERTSON
SECOND STORY PRESS (2017)

An Ojibwe grandmother (*nokomis*) loves *nibi* (water). *Nokomis* walks to raise awareness of our need to protect *nibi* for future generations and for all life on the planet. She and others have walked around all the Great Lakes from the four salt waters, or oceans, to Lake Superior. The walks are full of challenges, and by her example she challenges us to take responsibility for protecting our water and to protect our planet for all generations.

Suitable for children.

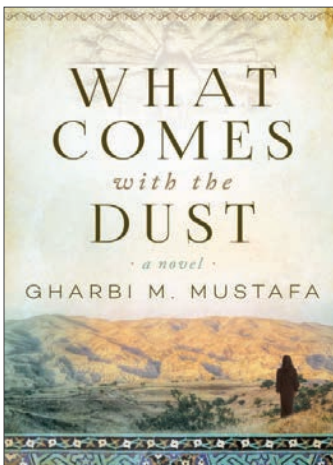


WE KISS THEM WITH RAIN

FUTHI NTSHINGILA
CATALYST PRESS (2018)

Life wasn't always this hard for 14-year-old Mvelo. There were good times living with her mother and her mother's boyfriend. Now her mother is dying of AIDS, and what happened to Mvelo is the elephant in the room. In this modern-day Shakespeare-style comedy set in a squatter camp outside Durban, South Africa, appearances are a façade and the things that are revealed provide Mvelo with a golden opportunity to change her fate.

Suitable for youth.



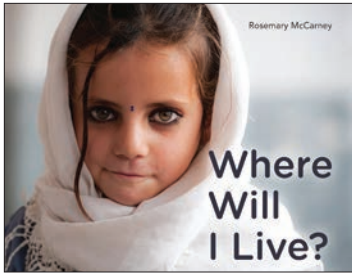
WHAT COMES WITH THE DUST

GHARBI M. MUSTAFA
ARCADE PUBLISHING (2018)

This slim, profound novel illuminates the plight of those living under the Islamic State as well as the spirit of the Yazidi people—similar to how *The Kite Runner* and *The Swallows of Kabul* shed light on the Taliban regime. It tells the story of Yazidi women Nazo and Soz as they fight to survive.



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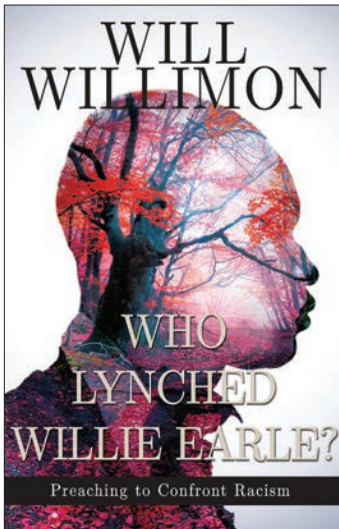


WHERE WILL I LIVE?

ROSEMARY MCCARNEY
SECOND STORY PRESS (2017)

This stunning photo essay with images from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees examines the thousands of children around the world who have been forced to flee war, terror, hunger and natural disasters. The images will help unaffected children understand not only what this must feel like but also how very lucky they are. The final message is that children, even with uncertain futures, are resilient and can face uncertainty with optimism.

Suitable for children.



WHO LYNCHED WILLIE EARLE? PREACHING TO CONFRONT RACISM

WILLIAM H. WILLIMON
ABINGDON PRESS (2017)

How do white, Protestant pastors preach effectively on racial violence and disease? How do you address crucial contemporary social crises when it's simply not possible to relate to black pain? This true story of pastor Hawley Lynn's 1947 sermon, a response to the last lynching in Greenville, South Carolina, will help pastors preach on race and violence in America, inviting and challenging the church to respond.



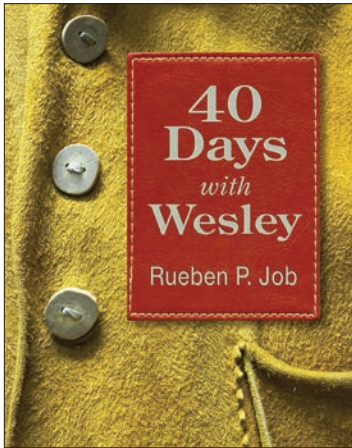
The United Methodist Women Reading Program opens minds and enlightens. These are a few reasons why I am a staunch supporter.”

Janet Mills

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference



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40 DAYS WITH WESLEY

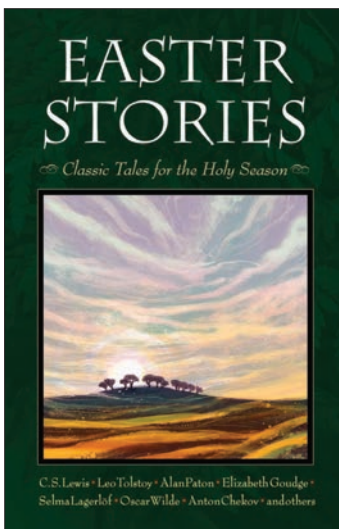
RUEBEN P. JOB

ABINGDON PRESS (2017)

This 40-day Lenten devotional experience weaves inspirational readings on faith and prayer with quotes and excerpts from John Wesley, founder of Methodism. Each selection offers a simple daily pattern of:

- Reflection with a prayer
- Scripture
- Short reading
- Quotes from John Wesley
- A blessing to take with you through the day.

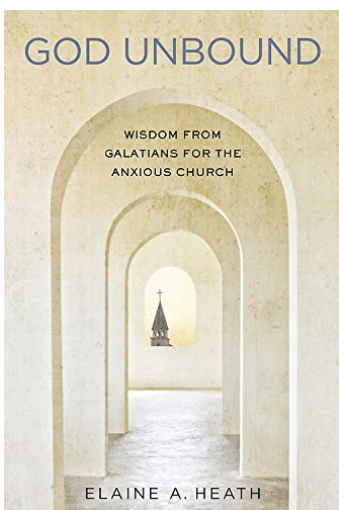
Even those new to Wesley or a daily prayer guide will find this book an easy read for reassurance and inspiration.



EASTER STORIES: CLASSIC TALES FOR THE HOLY SEASON

C.S. LEWIS, LEO TOLSTOY, SELMA LAGERLÖF, OSCAR WILDE AND OTHERS
PLOUGH PUBLISHING HOUSE (2015)

Everyone who believes Easter is about more than bunnies and eggs will be grateful for this new collection of short stories that shed light on its deeper meaning. Selected for their spiritual value and literary quality, these classic tales capture the spirit of Easter in a way that will captivate readers of all ages. Parents and grandparents will find that children love to hear these stories read aloud, year after year.



GOD UNBOUND: WISDOM FROM GALATIANS FOR THE ANXIOUS CHURCH

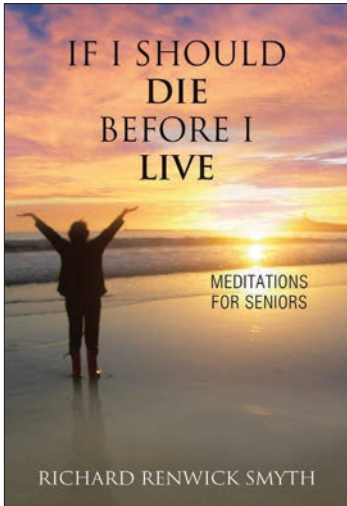
ELAINE A. HEATH

UPPER ROOM BOOKS (2016)

Just as Paul led the Galatians through a radical cultural change to expand their view of God, themselves and the church's mission, Christians are challenged to do the same today. Elaine Heath urges the church to boldly follow the Holy Spirit's leadership beyond buildings and programs and to join what Jesus is doing in the world.



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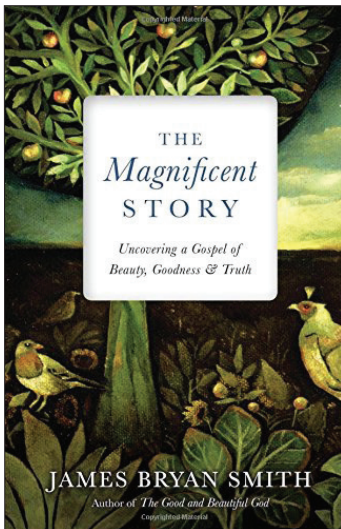


IF I SHOULD DIE BEFORE I LIVE: MEDITATIONS FOR SENIORS

RICHARD RENWICK SMYTH
LOGOS BOOKS (2017)

“What if I should die before I feel life is full?” This question is deeply personal and hauntingly spiritual—a challenge to revisit the dynamics of faith, love and hope. This book, especially for seniors, offers meditations that:

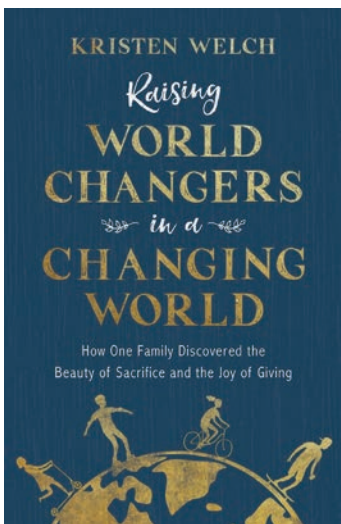
- Focus on spiritual vitality and energize faith
- Reach beyond a biological birth-death time frame
- Touch on continuity beyond earth-time
- Motivate people to act in love
- Foster perspective and wholesome relationships
- Offer healing for the heart-hungry.



THE MAGNIFICENT STORY: UNCOVERING A GOSPEL OF BEAUTY, GOODNESS AND TRUTH

JAMES BRYAN SMITH
IVP BOOKS (2017)

Any story worth giving the power to shape our lives must pass a simple test: Is it beautiful, good and true? If it is, then it is a magnificent story and that is where transformation takes place. This spiritual formation resource will help people understand the magnificent story of Christ with field-tested materials, including a group discussion guide. Uncover the true story of beauty, goodness and truth that will satisfy the ultimate longings of your heart.



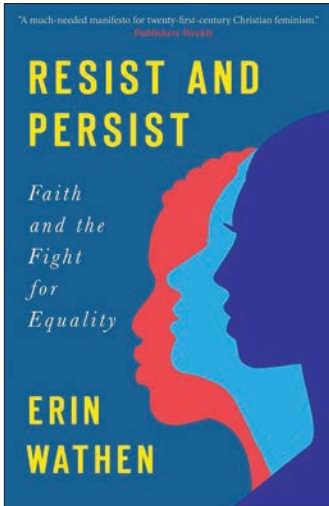
RAISING WORLD CHANGERS IN A CHANGING WORLD: HOW ONE FAMILY DISCOVERED THE BEAUTY OF SACRIFICE AND THE JOY OF GIVING

KRISTEN WELCH
BAKER BOOKS (2018)

This inspiring book shows parents how to discover and instill in their kids the profound joy of sharing our gifts—our time, our talents, and even our money—with those who have less. Through powerful personal stories as well as Scripture, Kristen Welch offers a tantalizing, powerful alternative to status-quo parenting. At the end of each chapter, Welch’s kids offer their perspective on what it’s like to be raised as a world changer.



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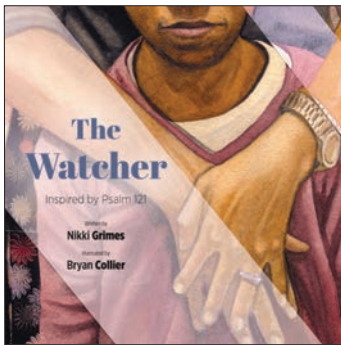


RESIST AND PERSIST: FAITH AND THE FIGHT FOR EQUALITY

ERIN WATHEN

WESTMINSTER JOHN KNOX PRESS (2018)

“Jesus was a feminist,” writes senior pastor Erin Wathen in this frank book about the many ways patriarchal Christianity affects women’s lives. Looking at society and Christianity through a feminist and antiracist lens, Wathen mounts powerful arguments about why it’s essential to raise children as feminists and offers discussion questions. This trenchant book is a much-needed resource for 21st-century Christian feminism.



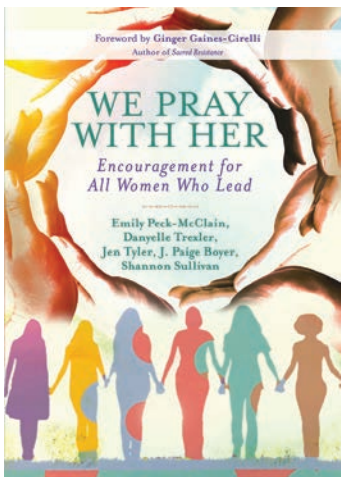
THE WATCHER

NIKKI GRIMES AND BRYAN COLLIER, ILLUSTRATOR

EERDMANS BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS (2017)

Jordan lives in fear of Tanya, the class bully. But Tanya has worries of her own. It seems impossible that Jordan and Tanya could be anything other than enemies, but the Lord guides them along a path that might just help them to understand one another. Nikki Grimes masterfully transforms the words of a Psalm 121 into a poem of compassion, friendship and faith. Coupled with powerful artwork from Bryan Collier, this heartfelt story is one that readers will treasure.

Suitable for children.



WE PRAY WITH HER: ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ALL WOMEN WHO LEAD

EMILY PECK-MCCLAIN, DANYELLE TREXLER, JEN TYLER, J. PAIGE BOYER AND SHANNON SULLIVAN

ABINGDON PRESS (2018)

Leading while female can be incredibly life-giving and spiritually fulfilling—but also lonely and difficult. In a world of glass ceilings, harassment, and “boy’s clubs,” women— both established leaders and those just starting up the ladder—need support and encouragement. This inspiring devotional is a collection of 100 entries written by women faith leaders of a grassroots-movement-turned-online-collective. You’ll be emboldened to support one another as you strive to live God’s calling.



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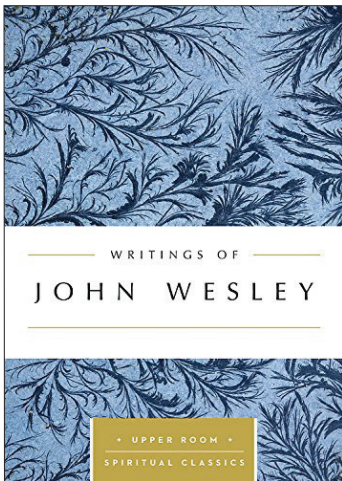


WORKING CLASS RAGE: A FIELD GUIDE TO WHITE ANGER AND PAIN

TEX SAMPLE

ABINGDON PRESS (2018)

Resisting white supremacy demands a richer understanding of white working-class pain and anger. When we believe the stereotypes about this demographic, we as pastors and church leaders cannot effectively communicate the Good News of Jesus. This reliable and reader-friendly guide reveals the realities of a group that feels their suffering and anger have been denied, ignored, and misunderstood while offering a way forward for partnerships that will enhance the lives of working-class Americans.



WRITINGS OF JOHN WESLEY

KEITH BEASLEY-TOPLIFF, EDITOR

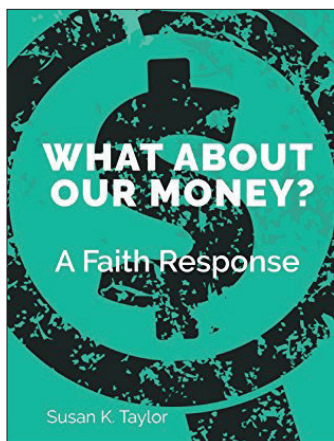
UPPER ROOM BOOKS (2017)

The Upper Room Spiritual Classics series is a collection of authoritative texts on Christian spirituality by mystics, martyrs and sages curated for the everyday reader. This volume presents excerpts from the hugely influential 18th-century preacher, writer and founder of Methodism. It includes selections from Wesley's journals, sermons and books, offering a clear picture of the spiritual vitality that ignited a movement and continues to transform lives.

BONUS BOOKS



EDUCATION FOR MISSION



WHAT ABOUT OUR MONEY? A FAITH RESPONSE

SUSAN TAYLOR

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (2018)

How do we relate to money within the context of our faith? What is the biblical foundation of abundance (sufficiency), which stands in opposition to the scarcity narrative our culture tells us from the time we are very young? Through exploring this connection, readers discover how to live closer to God and God's people, even in our capitalistic North American culture.

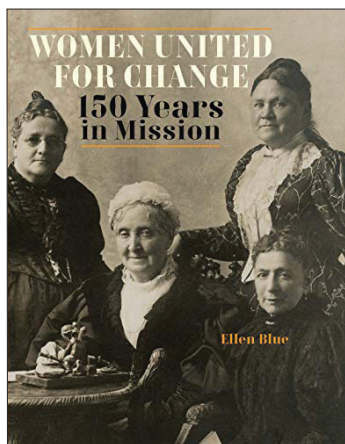
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NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY



WOMEN UNITED FOR CHANGE: 150 YEARS IN MISSION

ELLEN BLUE

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (2019)

Explore and celebrate the history of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations. Despite serious resistance from churchmen, our foremothers formed foreign missionary societies and home missionary societies and helped establish the deaconess program. As United Methodist Women celebrates its 150th anniversary, members can step out with creative ministries because the women who came before them laid a strong foundation.

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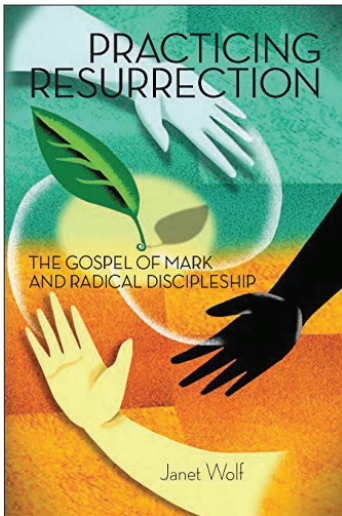
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SPIRITUAL GROWTH



PRACTICING RESURRECTION: THE GOSPEL OF MARK AND RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP

JANET WOLF

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (2019)

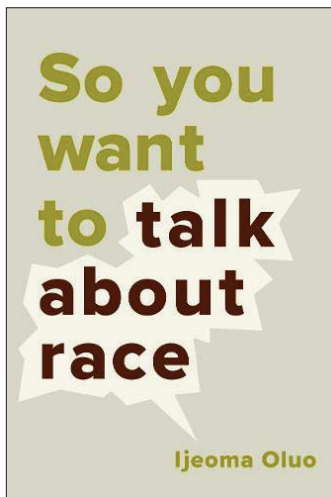
This well-known gospel is presented through voices and experiences that are often relegated to the margins. Where we stand, what we see, whom we listen to or dismiss shape the way we understand the world and the Bible. This study incorporates the stories of those on the margins to uncover how the gospel is alive and well today—how God is, and always has been, calling us to live out the Word in a radical way.

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SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE

IJEOMA OLUO

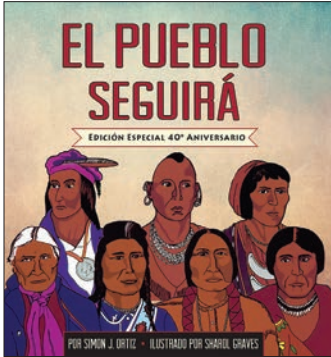
SEAL PRESS (2018)

Widespread reporting on white supremacy has made it impossible to ignore the issue of race. Still, it is a difficult subject to talk about. Ijeoma Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from intersectionality and affirmative action to “model minorities” in an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race and racism and how they infect almost every aspect of American life

LIBROS EN ESPAÑOL



CRECIMIENTO COMUNITARIO

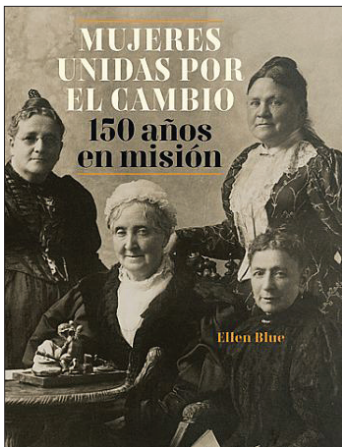


EL PUEBLO SEGUIRÁ

SIMÓN J. ORTIZ. ILUSTRADO POR SHAROL GRAVES
LEE & LOW BOOKS (2017)

Contado en los ritmos de la narrativa oral tradicional, este poderoso relato de los pueblos nativos/indígenas de América del Norte presenta sus historias desde la creación hasta la invasión y usurpación de sus tierras nativas. Muchas situaciones cambiaron y se volvieron más difíciles, pero el Pueblo se aferró a sus creencias y costumbres, y se solidarizó con otras personas oprimidas. Y a pesar de las luchas contra la avaricia, la destrucción de sus tierras y la opresión, el Pueblo perseveró.

Apto para la juventud.



MUJERES UNIDAS POR EL CAMBIO: 150 AÑOS EN MISIÓN

ELLEN BLUE
MUJERES METODISTAS UNIDAS (2018)

Explore y celebre la historia de Mujeres Metodistas Unidas y sus organizaciones predecesoras. A pesar de la seria resistencia del pastorado, nuestras antecesoras formaron sociedades misioneras extranjeras y sociedades misioneras locales, y ayudaron a establecer el programa de diaconisas. Al celebrar el 150 aniversario de Mujeres Metodistas Unidas, la membresía puede aumentar los ministerios con creatividad porque las mujeres que nos precedieron sentaron una base sólida.

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EDUCACIÓN MISIONAL



¿CÓMO VEMOS NUESTRO DINERO? UNA RESPUESTA DE LA FE

SUSAN K. TAYLOR

MUJERES METODISTAS UNIDAS (2018)

¿Cómo nos relacionamos con el dinero dentro del contexto de nuestra fe? ¿Cuál es el fundamento bíblico de la abundancia, que se opone a la narrativa de nuestra cultura que recibimos desde que somos muy jóvenes? A través de la exploración de estas preguntas, las lectoras descubrirán cómo vivir más cerca de Dios y del pueblo de Dios, incluso en nuestra cultura capitalista.

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CRECIMIENTO ESPIRITUAL



LA PRÁCTICA DE LA RESURRECCIÓN. EL EVANGELIO DE MARCOS Y EL DISCIPULADO RADICAL

JANET WOLF

MUJERES METODISTAS UNIDAS (2019)

Este conocido evangelio se presenta a través de voces y experiencias que a menudo se relegan a los márgenes. Desde donde estamos paradas, lo que vemos, a quién escuchamos o descartamos, determina la manera en que entendemos el mundo y la Biblia. Este estudio incorpora las historias de aquellas personas en los márgenes para descubrir cómo el evangelio está vivo y existe hoy --cómo es y cómo siempre ha sido Dios, llamándonos a vivir la Palabra de una manera radical.

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영성 리더십

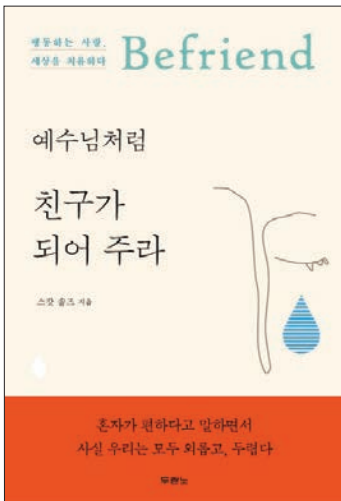
재혁

두란노, 2015

저자는 목회자뿐만 아니라 일반 성도들도 리더십을 배워야 한다고 주장하면서 첫째 영성 리더십의 이해, 영성 리더십의 카리스마와 파워, 소명에 대해 이야기하고, 둘째 영성 리더십의 실제, 즉 영성 리더십의 비전과 문화, 리더십 발휘에 대해 이야기하며, 셋째 영성 리더의 영혼, 즉 영성 리더의 영성과 시간 관리, 비판 관리, 기도 등을 다루었다.



공동체를 위한 양육



예수님처럼 친구가 되어 주라: 행동하는 사랑, 세상을 치유하다

정성목 율김

두란노, 2017

친구를 찾기 더욱 힘들어진 세상, 심지어는 교회에서도 진정한 친구를 찾기 힘든 시대에 저자는 예수님이 많은 사람의 친구가 되어준 것을 모범으로 삼아 그리스도의 사랑의 폭을 넓히도록 초청한다. 희생이 따르는 이 과정에서 친구도 만들고 본인도 새롭게 발견해 보라.



사회적 행동



난민: 희망을 향한 끝없는 행진

하영식 지음
사계절, 2017

국제분쟁 전문 기자 하영식이 난민에 관한 이슈를 취재하고 쓴 책. 난민들은 왜 독일행을 원하는가? 왜 난민들은 헝가리로 모여 들었으며, 헝가리 정부는 왜 난민들에게 길을 열어주지 않고 가혹한 대우를 하는 걸까? 이 책에서는 헝가리, 독일 그리고 유럽연합의 입장을 다각도 분석하여 그 이유를 상세히 분석하고 있다.



영적 성장



영적 무기력깨기: 신앙을 무력화시키는 영적 크립토나이트를 깨라

정성목 옮김
두란노, 2018

수퍼맨에게 크립토나이트가 그의 힘을 빼앗아 가는 것이었듯이 기독교 인들도 자신들의 힘을 빼앗아 가는 치명적인 약점이 있다. 저자는 그것이 무엇인지를 밝혀 내면서 거기서 벗어나는 길을 제시한다. 그룹 토론을 위한 질문도 있다.

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