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**The Gospel According to Harry Potter Spirituality in the Stories of the World's Most Famous Seeker** *Westminster John Knox Press* **Contrary to those who reject the Harry Potter books as a threat to Christian faith, Neal demonstrates how the lessons in these books reinforce the central messages of the Bible. The Gospel According to Harry Potter Leader's Guide for Group Study** *Westminster John Knox Press* **A companion to the best-selling The Gospel according to Harry Potter: Spirituality in the Stories of the World's Most Famous Seeker, this ten-session study, appropriate for youth and adults, explores the religious themes that are prevalent in the popular series of children's books and films. Each session recommends scenes from the DVD and video releases of the first two Harry Potter movies, along with corresponding passages from the books, to facilitate discussion. The Gospel According to Harry Potter The Spiritual Journey of the World's Greatest Seeker Tagline: Now Exploring Books One through Seven Echoes of the Gospel in Harry Potter** *Wipf and Stock Publishers* **The best-selling book series of all time and the best-selling book of all time—do they have anything in common? And if so, might there be a reason for that? Echoes of the Gospel in Harry Potter suggests that there is a profound connection between these two beloved and inspirational stories and, moreover, that it is the connection between the two that has caused them**

to be so widely read and enjoyed. Each chapter sheds light on this connection from a different angle by unpacking how either an aspect of the magical world, a character, or a theme in Harry Potter echoes the gospel—the story the Bible is telling that finds its climax in Jesus Christ. Whether Christian or non-Christian, well-versed in the Bible or unfamiliar with it, fans of the Harry Potter series will find this an illuminating and captivating read. *God, the Devil, and Harry Potter A Christian Minister's Defense of the Beloved Novels Macmillan* A noted Presbyterian minister defends the Harry Potter series from conservatives who denounce the books as paganism, demonstrating how they promote the values of faith and morality, and profiling the main character as a Christ figure who battles the forces of darkness. Reprint. *Baptizing Harry Potter A Christian Reading of J.K. Rowling Paulist Press* The scope and tragedy of the thing : the structure of the series -- More things in heaven and earth : going beyond the normal -- As if a man were author of himself : good against evil -- Be absolute for death : life and death -- Power is made perfect in weakness : power and weakness -- To lay down one's life for one's friends : love and sacrifice -- It is essential that you understand this : freedom and determination -- A pretty boring life : the hidden and the ostentatious -- Telling it like it is : the struggle for truth -- They will see God : purity of heart and purity of blood. *Field Guide to Harry Potter InterVarsity Press* A companion to the Harry Potter books features an overview of the life of J. K. Rowling; discusses the themes presented in the books; offers an A-to-Z of beings, places, things, and events; and includes plot summaries of all seven books. *Teaching Faith with Harry Potter A Guidebook for Parents and Educators for Multigenerational Faith Formation Church Publishing, Inc.* J. K. Rowling was less obvious than C. S. Lewis or J. R. R. Tolkien in her grounding of the Harry Potter series in deeply held Christian convictions, leaving many with a strong sense that these stories are spiritual lessons but not sure how to flesh out these theological ideas for teaching, parenting, mentoring, and forming faith. The Harry Potter series stands as one compelling narrative, rooted in Rowling's Anglican convictions of the communion of saints, the power of sacraments, the redemption of sacrificial love, and the defeat of death in the resurrection through grace. Tricia Lyons identifies, clarifies, and systematizes the Christian themes J.K. Rowling uses throughout the series, so anyone can apply the Harry Potter universe in lifelong and life-wide formation. Readers will be able to use the book as a reference manual for using Harry Potter in preaching and formation, to integrate into the current theological season, or for book studies, sermons, bible studies, VBS content, youth groups, parish retreats, parenting classes, baptismal preparation, marriage, and confirmation. *God and Harry Potter at Yale Teaching Faith and Fantasy Fiction in an Ivy League Classroom Who would have believed it? Studying Harry Potter at Yale University? To learn about Christian theology? But it happened 'God and Harry Potter at Yale' is the story of the controversial course, 'Harry Potter and Christian Theology, ' its teacher, the Rev.*

Danielle Tumminio, and what she taught and learned from her brilliant undergraduate students. They explored the heights of theology and literature for answers about eternal questions of faith, revelation, salvation, and what it means to be human. Come to the American Hogwarts in New Haven to join these Ivy League Seekers and their guide as they examine the stories of the Chosen One and Dark Lord for a greater understanding of the Potter novels and life's mysteries. **The Gospel According to the Simpsons The Spiritual Life of the World's Most Animated Family** *Westminster John Knox Press* Examines the treatment of religion and spirituality in the animated television series, including its depiction of God, Jesus, heaven, hell, and prayer in chapters devoted to Homer, Lisa, Ned, Reverend Lovejoy, Krusty, and Apu. **How Harry Cast His Spell The Meaning Behind the Mania for J. K. Rowling's Bestselling Books** *NavPress* More than any other book of the last fifty years (and perhaps ever), the Harry Potter novels have captured the imagination of children and adults around the world. Yet no one has ever been able to unlock the secret of Harry's wild popularity . . . until now. Updated and expanded since its original publication as **Looking for God in Harry Potter** (and now containing final conclusions based on the entire series), **How Harry Cast His Spell** explains why the books meet our longing to experience the truths of life, love, and death; help us better understand life and our role in the universe; and encourage us to discover and develop our own gifts and abilities. **The Gospel According to Tolkien** *Westminster John Knox Press* **The Gospel According to Harry Potter The Spiritual Journey of the World's Greatest Seeker** *Westminster John Knox Press* **Tagline: Now Exploring Books One through Seven One Fine Potion The Literary Magic of Harry Potter** *Darton Longman and Todd* One of the most beloved stories in history, J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter series topped the best-seller charts and inspired the highest-grossing film series of all time. But what is it about this story that has ignited such fandom and struck such a chord with people around the world? As English professor, culture critic, and Potter devotee Greg Garrett explains, these novels not only entertain but teach deeply held truths about ourselves, others, and the world around us. Unlocking the thematic intricacies behind the Harry Potter narrative, Garrett reveals Rowling's magical formula—one that, he contends, earns her a place right next to the literary giants of old. **The Gospel according to Star Wars Faith, Hope, and the Force** *Westminster John Knox Press* **Star Wars** is one of the most beloved movie series of all time, and in this book John McDowell explores the many spiritual themes that weave throughout the six films. From the Force to the dark side, the issues discussed in the films have a moral and spiritual complexity that, if paid attention to, can help us better understand our place in the world and our relation to others and to God. George Lucas, the creator of Star Wars, did not intend for his films to be mere entertainment, McDowell argues. Rather, he hoped his films would be used as a vehicle for moral education. **The Gospel According to Twilight Women, Sex, and God** *Westminster John Knox Press* **The Twilight** saga has become one of the most

successful fiction series ever written, with more than one hundred million copies in print and several blockbuster films. Despite the tremendous commercial success *Twilight* has generated, few readers have analyzed its theological teachings or the messages Stephenie Meyer might be sending to women and teenage girls. This book offers both a feminist critique of *Twilight* and a theological review of the stories' ideas about salvation, heaven and hell, power, reconciliation, resurrection, and organized religion. Elaine Heath writes in an accessible voice, calling attention to both the "good news" of *Twilight's* theology and the "bad news" of its gender stereotypes and depictions of violence against women. The book includes questions for youth and adult groups or for classroom discussions.

**Lamb The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal** *Harper Collins*  
 Everyone knows about the immaculate conception and the crucifixion. But what happened to Jesus between the manger and the Sermon on the Mount? In this hilarious and bold novel, the acclaimed Christopher Moore shares the greatest story never told: the life of Christ as seen by his boyhood pal, Biff. Just what was Jesus doing during the many years that have gone unrecorded in the Bible? Biff was there at his side, and now after two thousand years, he shares those good, bad, ugly, and miraculous times. Screamingly funny, audaciously fresh, *Lamb* rivals the best of Tom Robbins and Carl Hiaasen, and is sure to please this gifted writer's fans and win him legions more.

**Almost Christian What the Faith of Our Teenagers is Telling the American Church** *Oxford University Press*  
 Based on the National Study of Youth and Religion--the same invaluable data as its predecessor, *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers*--Kenda Creasy Dean's compelling new book, *Almost Christian*, investigates why American teenagers are at once so positive about Christianity and at the same time so apathetic about genuine religious practice. In *Soul Searching*, Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton found that American teenagers have embraced a "Moralistic Therapeutic Deism"--a hodgepodge of banal, self-serving, feel-good beliefs that bears little resemblance to traditional Christianity. But far from faulting teens, Dean places the blame for this theological watering down squarely on the churches themselves. Instead of proclaiming a God who calls believers to lives of love, service and sacrifice, churches offer instead a bargain religion, easy to use, easy to forget, offering little and demanding less. But what is to be done? In order to produce ardent young Christians, Dean argues, churches must rediscover their sense of mission and model an understanding of being Christian as not something you do for yourself, but something that calls you to share God's love, in word and deed, with others. Dean found that the most committed young Christians shared four important traits: they could tell a personal and powerful story about God; they belonged to a significant faith community; they exhibited a sense of vocation; and they possessed a profound sense of hope. Based on these findings, Dean proposes an approach to Christian education that places the idea of mission at its core and offers a wealth of concrete suggestions for

inspiring teens to live more authentically engaged Christian lives. Persuasively and accessibly written, **Almost Christian** is a wake up call no one concerned about the future of Christianity in America can afford to ignore. **The Twilight Gospel The Spiritual Roots of Stephenie Meyer's Vampire Saga** *Monarch Books* Discusses the spiritual aspects of the "Twilight Saga" series, looking at such issues as occult spirits, life after death, sexuality, personal spiritual power, and the lure of materialism. **Confronting Christianity 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion** *Crossway* Although many people suggest that Christianity is declining, research indicates that it continues to be the world's most popular worldview. But even so, the Christian faith includes many controversial beliefs that non-Christians find hard to accept. This book explores 12 issues that might cause someone to dismiss orthodox Christianity—issues such as the existence of suffering, the Bible's teaching on gender and sexuality, the reality of heaven and hell, the authority of the Bible, and more. Showing how the best research from sociology, science, and psychology doesn't disagree with but actually aligns with claims found in the Bible, these chapters help skeptics understand why these issues are signposts, rather than roadblocks, to faith in Christ. **Harry Potter, Narnia, and The Lord of the Rings** *Harvest House Pub* Abanes takes a balanced look at the fantasy phenomenon and clears away the confusion that many feel when they approach fantasy books and films. **Good News for Those Trying Harder** *David C Cook* Author and pastor Alan Kraft offers a simple solution to those frustrated in their Christian walk: just stop trying. **God Is Not Great How Religion Poisons Everything** *McClelland & Stewart* Christopher Hitchens, described in the *London Observer* as "one of the most prolific, as well as brilliant, journalists of our time" takes on his biggest subject yet—the increasingly dangerous role of religion in the world. In the tradition of Bertrand Russell's *Why I Am Not a Christian* and Sam Harris's recent bestseller, *The End Of Faith*, Christopher Hitchens makes the ultimate case against religion. With a close and erudite reading of the major religious texts, he documents the ways in which religion is a man-made wish, a cause of dangerous sexual repression, and a distortion of our origins in the cosmos. With eloquent clarity, Hitchens frames the argument for a more secular life based on science and reason, in which hell is replaced by the Hubble Telescope's awesome view of the universe, and Moses and the burning bush give way to the beauty and symmetry of the double helix. **A Year with Aslan Daily Reflections from The Chronicles of Narnia** *Harper Collins* "Lewis combines a novelist's insights into motives with a profound religious understanding." —*New York Times Book Review* In the tradition of *A Year with C.S. Lewis*, get your daily dose of inspiration from this one-of-a-kind devotional collecting 365 readings from the beloved *Chronicles of Narnia*. C.S. Lewis channeled his profound spiritual understanding into *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *Prince Caspian*, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, and the other books in his seminal fantasy series. This enthralling anthology (with lavish illustrations by Pauline Baynes) is the perfect gift

for fans of the beloved children's books, and a peerless set of meditations for anyone looking to step through that secret door to their own world of devotion. **Strange Rites New Religions for a Godless World** *Hachette UK* A sparklingly strange odyssey through the kaleidoscope of America's new spirituality: the cults, practices, high priests and prophets of our supposedly post-religion age. Fifty-five years have passed since the cover of Time magazine proclaimed the death of God and while participation in mainstream religion has indeed plummeted, Americans have never been more spiritually busy. While rejecting traditional worship in unprecedented numbers, today's Americans are embracing a kaleidoscopic panoply of spiritual traditions, rituals, and subcultures -- from astrology and witchcraft to SoulCycle and the alt-right. As the Internet makes it ever-easier to find new "tribes," and consumer capitalism forever threatens to turn spirituality into a lifestyle brand, remarkably modern American religious culture is undergoing a revival comparable with the Great Awakenings of centuries past. Faith is experiencing not a decline but a Renaissance. Disillusioned with organized religion and political establishments alike, more and more Americans are seeking out spiritual paths driven by intuition, not institutions. In **Strange Rites**, religious scholar and commentator Tara Isabella Burton visits with the technopians of Silicon Valley; Satanists and polyamorous communities, witches from Bushwick, wellness junkies and social justice activists and devotees of Jordan Peterson, proving Americans are not abandoning religion but remixing it. In search of the deep and the real, they are finding meaning, purpose, ritual, and communities in ever-newer, ever-stranger ways. **The Big Book of Christian Mysticism The Essential Guide to Contemplative Spirituality** *Broadleaf Books* In popular usage, "mysticism" typically refers to New Age or Eastern forms of spirituality. However, the mystical tradition is also an important component of the Christian tradition. At its heart--and much like its expression in other faith traditions--Christian mysticism is an ancient practice that incorporates meditation, contemplation, worship, philosophy, the quest for personal enlightenment, and the experience of Divine presence. This volume is a comprehensive introduction and guide to Christian mysticism. It is a big book about a big possibility: the hope of achieving real, blissful, experiential union with God. Among the topics covered here are a general introduction to mysticism, the Bible and mysticism, the history and types of Christian mysticism, biographical sketches of leading Christian mystics, and practical instructions about practicing mysticism today. This is a breathtaking work that explores a form of spirituality that has changed lives over the course of 2,000 years. Learning about Christian mysticism and how it has been articulated through the centuries will prove inspirational for today's seekers, regardless of the faith tradition. "The mystic is not a special kind of person; every person is a special kind of mytic." --William McNamara **A Parent's Guide to Harry Potter** *InterVarsity Press* Explores the Christian parallels within the themes of the Harry Potter

books and explains how parents can use these stories to address everyday issues and challenges with children. **Jesus Potter Harry Christ** Jesus Potter Harry Christ uses the similarities between Jesus and Harry to re-open the debate over the historical Jesus, arguing that both Harry and Jesus are spiritual metaphors told in the literary form of historical fiction. With hundreds of footnotes and references from both ancient mythology and modern culture, **Jesus Potter Harry Christ** is a fresh and arresting account of Christian history that is not predicated on the flesh and bones of a historical founder. From ancient mystery religions to modern fairy tales, from fictional Hogwarts to the ruins of Jerusalem, **Derek Murphy, PhD in Comparative Literature** at one of the world's top universities, zooms in on one crucial question: How do we separate the obviously mythical literature of Jesus Christ from the historical man himself? **A Wrinkle in Time** *GENERAL PRESS* **A Wrinkle in Time** is the winner of the 1963 Newbery Medal. It was a dark and stormy night—Meg Murry, her small brother Charles Wallace, and her mother had come down to the kitchen for a midnight snack when they were upset by the arrival of a most disturbing stranger. "Wild nights are my glory," the unearthly stranger told them. "I just got caught in a downdraft and blown off course. Let me sit down for a moment, and then I'll be on my way. Speaking of ways, by the way, there is such a thing as a tesseract." A tesseract (in case the reader doesn't know) is a wrinkle in time. To tell more would rob the reader of the enjoyment of Miss L'Engle's unusual book. **A Wrinkle in Time**, winner of the Newbery Medal in 1963, is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high school). They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem. **Gray Matters Navigating the Space between Legalism and Liberty** *Baker Books* Culture is in right now for Christians. Engaging it, embracing it, consuming it, and creating it. Many (younger) evangelicals today are actively cultivating an appreciation for aspects of culture previously stigmatized within the church. Things like alcohol, Hollywood's edgier content, plays, art openings, and concerts have moved from being forbidden to being celebrated by believers. But are evangelicals opening their arms too wide in uncritical embrace of culture? How do they engage with culture in ways that are mature, discerning, and edifying rather than reckless, excessive, and harmful? Can there be a healthy, balanced approach--or is that simply wishful thinking? With the same insight and acuity found in his popular **Hipster Christianity**, **Brett McCracken** examines some of the hot-button gray areas of Christian cultural consumption, helping to lead Christians to adopt a more thoughtful approach to consuming culture in the complicated middle ground between legalism and license. Readers will learn how to both enrich their own lives and honor God--refining their ability to discern truth, goodness, beauty, and enjoy his creation. **Living Jesus Learning the Heart of the Gospel** *Harper Collins* **Who is the real Jesus? How can we experience the mystery, compexity, and**

richness of his spirituality and teachings in our lives today? In this gently instructive and inspiring guide, Luke Timothy Johnson leads us to a deeper understanding and practice of classic Christian spirituality and faith. Translating his biblical scholarship into simple, elegant language, he offers a compelling and wise reflection on the real Jesus--not the reconstructed historical figure but the resurrected Christ, a living savior we can encounter every day. *Living Jesus* elucidates the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and its central role in the Christian experience. It explores the diversity and fullness of the New Testament views of Christ, revealing how each book's perspective can deepen our understanding of Jesus. Profoundly insightful, *Living Jesus* offers valuable lessons on how we can accept the Gospels' powerful invitation to an authentic Christian spirituality.

**The Kingdom of the Occult** *Thomas Nelson* The Kingdom of the Occult delivers the timely followup to Dr. Martin's best-selling *The Kingdom of the Cults* This book takes Dr. Walter Martin's comprehensive knowledge and his dynamic teaching style and forges a strong weapon against the world of the Occult—a weapon of the same scope and power as his phenomenal thirty-five year bestseller, *The Kingdom of the Cults* (over 875,000 sold). Chapters include: Witchcraft and Wicca, Satanism, Pagan Religions, Tools of the Occult, Demon Possession and Exorcism, Spiritual Warfare, etc. Features include: Each chapter contains: Quick Facts; History; Case Studies; Theology; Resources

**The Gospel according to Disney Faith, Trust, and Pixie Dust** *Westminster John Knox Press* In this follow-up to his bestselling *The Gospel According to The Simpsons: The Spiritual Life of the World's Most Animated Family*, religion journalist Mark Pinsky explores the role that the animated features of Walt Disney played on the moral and spiritual development of generations of children. Pinsky explores thirty-one of the most popular Disney films, as well as recent developments such as the 1990s boycott of Disney by the Southern Baptist Convention and the role that Michael Eisner and Jeffrey Katzenberg played in the resurgence of the company since the mid-1980s.

**Echoes of Eden Reflections on Christianity, Literature, and the Arts** *Crossway* From comic books to summer blockbusters, all people enjoy art in some form or another. However, few of us can effectively explain why certain books, movies, and songs resonate so profoundly within us. In *Echoes of Eden*, Jerram Barrs helps us identify the significance of artistic expression as it reflects the extraordinary creativity and unmatched beauty of the Creator God. Additionally, Barrs provides the key elements for evaluating and defining great art: (1) The glory of the original creation; (2) The tragedy of the curse of sin; (3) The hope of final redemption and renewal. These three qualifiers are then put to the test as Barrs investigates five of the world's most influential authors who serve as ideal case studies in the exploration of the foundations and significance of great art.

**Walking Tall in Babylon Raising Children to Be Godly and Wise in a Perilous World** *Waterbrook Press* Offers guidance to parents on how to raise children in today's world, citing the challenges faced by people during the biblical lifetime of Daniel while sharing advice

on how to instill protective values. **Original. Finding Unauthorized Faith in Harry Potter The Harry Potter story as a guide to life's deepest truths, offering inspiration about faith, friendship, courage, loyalty, love, and other wisdom of the Bible. Advice on how to to live like Christ and Harry Potter heroes. A Parent's Guide to Harry Potter** *InterVarsity Press* Harry Potter has captivated the imagination of millions of children. And Harry Potter has caused controversy in churches and schools. What's a parent to do with the magical, mystical world of Harry and his friends? Gina Burkart chose to read the books with her own children. As they read together, she discovered many parallels between Christian faith and the themes of these books. Indeed, the escapades of Harry Potter sparked significant conversation between Burkart and her kids. In this helpful, entertaining guide, Burkart shows how Harry Potter fits into the tradition of fairy tale writing and how this type of literature aids in building a moral framework. She highlights specific situations and emotions from Harry's world that children face in their own life, such as fear, anger, bullies, diversity and the choice of good over evil. Instead of magic words or easy answers, Burkart offers solid, practical advice for helping parents and children navigate Harry Potter's world--and our own--together. **The Gospel according to Star Wars, Second Edition Faith, Hope, and the Force** *Westminster John Knox Press* In a new and updated version of this best-selling book, John McDowell explores the many spiritual themes that weave throughout the Star Wars films. From the Force to the dark side, the issues discussed in the films have a moral and spiritual complexity that, if paid attention to, can help us better understand our place in the world and our relation to others and to God. George Lucas, the creator of Star Wars, did not intend for his films to be mere entertainment, McDowell argues. Rather, he hoped his films would be used as a vehicle for moral education. This new version has been thoroughly revised to include discussion of The Force Awakens and other new developments in the Star Wars universe. **The Gospel According to Jesus What Is Authentic Faith?** *Zondervan* The first edition of The Gospel According to Jesus won wide acclaim in confronting the "easy-believism" that has characterized some aspects of evangelical Christianity. Over the past 50 years, a handful of books have become true classics, revered world-wide for their crystal-clear presentation of the Gospel and lauded for their contribution to the Christian faith. These extraordinary books are read, re-read, and discussed in churches, Bible study groups, and homes everywhere. John MacArthur's The Gospel According to Jesus is one of those books. In The Gospel According to Jesus, MacArthur tackles the idea of "easy believism," challenging Christians to re-evaluate their commitment to Christ by examining their fruits. MacArthur asks, "What does it really mean to be saved?" He urges readers to understand that their conversion was more than a mere point in time, that, by definition, it includes a lifetime of obediently walking with Jesus as Lord. This 20th anniversary edition of MacArthur's provocative, Scripture-based book contains one new chapter and is further revised to provide

Christians in the 21st century a fresh perspective on the intrinsic relationship between faith and works, clearly revealing Why Jesus is both Savior and Lord to all who believe. **Defiant Joy Taking Hold of Hope, Beauty, and Life in a Hurting World** *Thomas Nelson* Bestselling author Stasi Eldredge shows us how to choose a joy that stands against the tides of life's real and often overwhelming pain. Defiant Joy will help you... get off the emotional roller coaster and experience daily joy; learn how to have a posture of holy defiance when circumstances threaten to weigh down your soul; and find new perspectives on painful circumstances and see how God sometimes interferes with your life to heal and transform you. We are called to live. And, miraculously, to live with joy. We all spend a lot of energy reaching for happiness, but we are never quite able to hang on to it. Real life happens, and our circumstances take us on an emotional rollercoaster ride. So the Bible's call to "be joyful always" sounds almost crazy—and out of reach. But it doesn't have to be. Joy is meant to be ours, a joy that is defiant in the face of this broken world. This joy is not simply happiness on steroids; it's the unyielding belief that sorrow and loss do not have the final say. It's the stubborn determination to be present to whatever may come and to interpret both goodness and grief by the light of heaven. In **Defiant Joy**, Stasi Eldredge invites us with courage, candor, and tender vulnerability to a place beyond sadness or happiness. She shows us how to maintain a posture of holy defiance that neither denies nor diminishes our pain but dares to live with expectant, unwavering hope.