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Reckless Faith Let Go and Be Led [Harper Collins](#) *Thirteen years ago, a mission trip inspired a young couple to move to Mexico to care for orphans and other children. True stories drawn from their ministry experiences challenge readers to trust God to show up exactly when and where He's needed most.* **Throw the First Punch Defeating the Enemy Hell-Bent on Your Destruction** [David C Cook](#) *In this modern-day collection of our enemy's activities, learn to anticipate how Satan will attack and discern powerful techniques to preemptively fight against him. Learn to fight against the Devil. Through biblical examples and engaging stories from Beth Guckenberger's own life experiences, become equipped and encouraged to battle Satan with boldness and wisdom. Throw the First Punch will teach readers how to fight by: Anticipating how Satan will attack spiritually, emotionally, and physically Discerning specific techniques to preemptively fight against the Enemy Understanding the limitations God has placed on the Enemy Confidently engaging the power they have as co-heirs with Christ This resource teaches readers to draw up a spiritual combat plan and be prepared to enter into the battles of everyday life. Live in the power and freedom God created for you, and throw the first punch!* **Growing God's Family The Global Orphan Care Movement and the Limits of Evangelical Activism** [NYU Press](#) *Illustrates the hidden challenges embedded within the evangelical adoption movement. For over a decade, prominent leaders and organizations among American Evangelicals have spent a substantial amount of time and money in an effort to address what they believe to be the "Orphan Crisis" of the United States. Yet, despite an expansive commitment of resources, there is no reliable evidence that these efforts have been successful. Adoptions are declining across the board, and both foster parenting and foster-adoptions remain steady. Why have evangelical mobilization efforts been so ineffective? To answer this question, Samuel L. Perry draws on interviews with over 220 movement leaders and grassroots families, as well as national data on adoption and fostering, to show that the problem goes beyond orphan care. Perry argues that evangelical social engagement is fundamentally self-limiting and difficult to sustain because their subcultural commitments lock them into an approach that does not work on a practical level. Growing God's Family ultimately reveals this peculiar irony within American evangelicalism by exposing how certain aspects of the evangelical subculture may stimulate activism to address social problems, even while these same subcultural characteristics undermine their own strategic effectiveness. It provides the most recent analysis of dominant elements within the evangelical subculture and how that subculture shapes the engagement strategies of evangelicals as a group.* **Faithful in Small Things How to Serve the Needy When You're One of Them** [MennoMedia, Inc.](#) *How can you help the poor when you can barely pay your own bills? Pastor Kevin Wiebe grew up below the poverty line, with his mother hunting for change in the couch to buy food for the baby. Wiebe now pastors a "low-resource" church of mostly immigrants—a congregation that transcends definitions of the helper and the helped and that doesn't fit neatly into any stereotype of poverty. In Faithful in Small Things, Wiebe shows readers that writing big checks isn't the only—or even the best—way to alleviate poverty. Along the way, he shines a spotlight on the value of small acts of love as a means of changing the world, and as vitally important to following Jesus. Investigating scriptural definitions of poverty and God's heart for the poor throughout the Bible, Wiebe calls readers not only to "help the needy" but to acknowledge their own need and to work with God to serve others. By delving into concepts like brokenness, mutuality, dignity, and systemic injustice, Wiebe exposes gaps in the mainstream Christian understandings of economic inequality and explores holistic ways of reducing poverty. In doing so, he provides a better way forward for Christians committed to working for the flourishing of all. Jesus ministered to the poor, Jesus was poor. If both are true of our Savior, both can be true of us too.* **Tales of the Ones He Won't Let Go** [Standard Pub](#) *Moses escapes a curse. Sally is delivered out of slavery. Ronaldo's silent dreams are heard. Lola, Lily, and Pamela take steps toward hope. Sam and Ellie begin to live without fear. Learn the five real-life stories behind these names and walk in the well-worn shoes of children from nations far away and neighborhoods not so unlike your own. Watch as our God the Rescuer lifts their feet up out of destruction and sets them on paths of healing, redemption, and grace. Like the other titles in the Storyweaver series, this book highlights some of the difficult and complex physical, emotional, and spiritual struggles of children who have been neglected and abandoned, but makes these struggles understandable and relatable to any reader. Readers will find themselves motivated to care about and to act in others' lives, and to follow God's guidance.* **Tales of the Not Forgotten** [Standard Pub](#) *A collection of fictionalized stories based on the real lives of four children in Mexico, Haiti, Nigeria, and India as they intersect with Christian missionaries who seek to help them as they were called by God, the Storyweaver, to do. Includes facts about each country and the issues faced there.* **Reckless Faith Embracing a Life without Limits** [Baker Books](#) *In a world where we tend to be over-cautious about, well, nearly everything, it's no surprise that our obsession with safety can carry over to how we live our faith in the world. But it's always been risky to follow God, and Kevin Harney believes we are missing a vital part of our faith when we play it safe. In this energizing book, he challenges readers to count the cost, take a chance, and live a reckless faith for the entire world to see. With a focus on "responsible recklessness," Harney shows readers how to develop a faith that others notice, always supported by prayer, wisdom, the direction of Scripture, and insightful counsel from other believers. He outlines how to be reckless in our love, generosity, service, relationships, prayers, and speech. Perfect for pastors, small groups, or anyone who is tired of feeling domesticated and docile, this book will lead readers into a fresh devotion and*

dynamism in their faith. **Relentless Hope Extracting the Precious from the Worthless** Standard Pub Each of these miniature stickers is gold foil and green with a cross. The small size (¼" x ½") makes them ideal for progress charts, attendance records, rewards, and papers. A useful resource for anyone who works with kids at church or school, and a great value. Six sheets, 36 stickers per sheet; 216 crosses per package. **Tales of the Never Alone** Daniela receives healing for unknown wounds. Gervens brings light out of dark places. Happy discovers strength in new words. Tanya travels far to come home. Mario lets go and reaches for his future. Their languages and locations may be different from yours, but our hearts are all united by the promises made by our great Storyweaver God our Guide, who leads us into adventures we couldn't dream of and travels we might never have signed up for on our own. Follow the paths of these five young men and women as they discover the God who never leaves us, the God who faithfully writes every chapter of the . . . "Tales of the Never Alone." **Chickening IN: From Fear to Courageous Faith, 8 Pillars of Transformation** Ambassador International Like the flip of a switch, Chickening IN created an epiphany or "God Moment." Where there was once hopelessness, fear, and doubt . . . now there is new found hope, courage, and strength. We live in an unpredictable, uncontrollable world where things change often, and fear can plant itself deeply within our hearts. Chickening IN is a practical approach to defeating the fear and doubt that is preventing us from becoming brave, bold women of God. Do you long to overcome the fear and doubt that is sabotaging the life God has for you? Are you ready to grow in courage and put feet to your faith? You've come to the right place! I'd like to invite you to join me on a transformation journey to stop chickening out and start Chickening IN. By accepting my invitation you will embark into the land of transformation. A place where fear-filled lives can be reconstructed into courageous faith-filled lives. Chickening IN will require hard work and honest assessment, but I will lead you step by step through the eight pillars of Chickening IN that have changed my life and that can change your life, too! **Let Go Leaning into the Future Without Fear** Abingdon Press Letting go of the familiar and leaning into change can be fearful for all of us. Let Go: Leaning into the Future Without Fear by Matt Miofsky, Lead Pastor of The Gathering United Methodist Church, is a guide for managing change and transition with faith as a compass. Using the exodus story as a roadmap for how change looks when you are following God's lead, readers learn how to manage the uncertainty and fear often caused by change. Miofsky shows readers that by using faith to successfully transition during times of change, they are able to be the person they were created to become and live the life they were created to live. "I have followed Matt and his ministry since the inception of The Gathering, one of the most inclusive, growing churches in the US. Matt knows this journey. He and his team walk into the unknown, daily, to achieve the vision they saw for The Gathering, creating new places for people to meet God." —Mike Slaughter, author, speaker, pastor emeritus at Ginghamburg Church "I have spent time with Matt Miofsky and seen up close how he forges life transforming relationships with people far from God and brings them close to Jesus. Matt helps people find their purpose and seek God's presence in their lives." —Tom Berlin, pastor of Floris UMC, Herndon, VA, author of Reckless Love "Matt Miofsky is one of our most creative and courageous leaders. He is passionate about the gospel and street-smart with a playful edge. In a season marked by uncertainty and change, Matt helps us identify and lay aside our fears and step forward into the bold and adventurous life God intends." —Janice Huie, Bishop of The United Methodist Church, retired "Matt Miofsky is one of the brightest and most cutting-edge pastors in the country. His ministry and teachings are insightful and practical for everyday living." —Emanuel Cleaver III, Senior Pastor, St. James UMC, Kansas City **Desiring God Meditations of a Christian Hedonist** Multnomah Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a "soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God." **The Reckless Way of Love Notes on Following Jesus** Dorothy Day is remembered as one of the great women of our age. Her admirers want to make her a saint, though she often protested. What hidden strength did this woman possess that continues to inspire people today? In clear, simple reflections, this little spiritual guidebook offers insights and wisdom Dorothy Day gained during many decades of seeking to know Jesus and to follow his example and teachings in her own life. Unlike larger collections and biographies, which cover her radical views, exceptional deeds, and amazing life story, this book focuses on an intensely personal dimension of Dorothy Day's life: Where did she receive strength to stay true to her God-given calling? What was the wellspring of her deep faith and her love for all humanity? "The solution proposed in the Gospels is that of voluntary poverty and the works of mercy. It is the little way. It is within the power of all. Everybody can begin here and now. . . . We have the greatest weapons in the world, greater than any hydrogen or atom bomb, and they are the weapons of poverty and prayer, fasting and alms, the reckless spending of ourselves in God's service and for his poor. Without poverty we will not have learned love, and love, at the end, is the measure by which we shall be judged." Dorothy Day, *The Catholic Worker*, April 1950 **Start with Amen Cultivating Spiritual Maturity by Keeping the End in Mind** Thomas Nelson One power-packed word: amen. Millions of Christians all over the world say this word every day. Yet few realize what richness, depth, truth, and connection are packed into this sacred phrase. Throughout the centuries, Christian tradition has taught us to end prayers with amen. But the Bible is full of stories and passages where God's people started their prayers with amen. Why? As Beth Guckenberger shows, amen is more than just a way to punctuate a conversation with the God of the Universe. Amen is a declaration of who God is and who we are in relation to him. It is a moment of submission and worship, saying "So be it" to a Sovereignty that holds all things, and acknowledging "It is as you say" to him who holds our lives. In *Amen*, Beth unpacks all the Bible has to teach us about the moment we say amen to God. Using key scripture passages mixed with fresh teaching and personal stories, she invites readers to experience the richness they've been missing. Amen is more than just a word. Amen is a full invitation from God packed with all that he requires from us and all he longs to bestow upon us as his beloved children. As Beth writes, "He is beckoning us all. Come to me. Learn my ways. You are my child, whom I dearly love and bought with a price. The God of Amen rescued you so you can echo amen back to him. God intended this word to be a moment of intimacy, drenched in reverence, replete with peace—the moment when you rest in him and are rejuvenated by him. There is so much more he wants to give. Amen." If Christians long to be truly connected to their Creator, they must begin with amen. For, as Isaiah 65:16 says, "Because he who is blessed in the earth will be blessed by the God of Amen." **Mercy Never Sleeps Sleepless Thoughts on Faith, Heaven, and the Fear of Heights** Thomas Nelson Maybe God still moves and speaks in mysterious ways—some even stranger than we might ever expect. Jamie Blaine's life isn't exactly going as planned. When a twist of fate places the late-night psychiatric crisis guy on 24/7 call, his insomnia ramps up to desperate stages as he veers closer to becoming the very kind of person he's trying to save. After a well-meaning colleague offers a workbook promising "the divine secret of life," Blaine throws himself into the stereotypical journey of self-discovery with hilarious and heartbreaking conclusions that are anything but clichéd. Jamie travels time to untangle his own story of God through the wilderness,

battling alligators, acrophobia, anaphylactic shock, Christian tricksters, Christmas, insomnia zombies, hymn-singing bridge jumpers, preteen bullies, paranoid ER patients armed with knives, hatchet-wielding housewives, septuagenarian pugilists, locust swarms, and ghosts of the present, future, and past. If you've ever felt lost and stumbling, like you'll never find your way to purpose, plans, or the promised land, *Mercy Never Sleeps* is a traveling companion, a field guide to making peace with your own rambling path home. **Start with Amen How I Learned to Surrender by Keeping the End in Mind** [Thomas Nelson](#) One power-packed word: amen. Millions of Christians all over the world say this word every day. Yet few realize what richness, depth, truth, and connection are packed into this sacred phrase. Throughout the centuries, Christian tradition has taught us to end prayers with amen. But the Bible is full of stories and passages where God's people started their prayers with amen. 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Whether you grew up in a Christian home and have forgotten this essential truth, or you never knew it in the first place, we all need to be reminded--and assured--that God's love is real and personal. *The Reckless Love of God* is about pulling readers in close and asking if they have really considered what it means to say, "Jesus loves you." Nothing changes lives and grows the church faster, more effectively, and more thoroughly than being captivated by this reality. But the love of Jesus is not just a means to another end. Receiving the love of Jesus is the end itself. Includes end-of-chapter questions for individual or group use. **Runaway Radical A Young Man's Reckless Journey to Save the World** [Thomas Nelson](#) Travel the world, change lives, save souls. (Note: Results not typical.) A young idealist heeds the call to radical obedience, gives away all of his belongings and shaking off the fetters of a complacent life, travels halfway around the world. There he discovers, among the poor and the fatherless of West Africa, that he has only surrendered to a new kind of captivity. There is no doubt that young people today are fully invested in social and human rights issues. They start their own nonprofits, they run their own charities, they raise money for worthy causes. Books on saving the world abound, topping the bestsellers' lists, fueling the drive to prove not only commitment to the world but devotion to God. Now there is a new crop of books starting to emerge, detailing the consequences of trying to save a world that is not ours to save. But none of these books tell the story that *Runaway Radical* tells; this is the first book to highlight the painful personal consequences of the new radicalism, documenting in heartbreaking detail what happens when a young person becomes entrapped instead of liberated by its call. His radical resolve now shaken, he returns home to rebuild his life and his faith. *Runaway Radical* serves as an important and cautionary tale for all who lead and participate in compassion activism, in the art of doing good— both overseas and at home— amidst this new culture of radical Christian service. **The Chinese Recorder ... Chinese Affairs ... Praying with Eyes Wide Open A Life-Changing Way to Talk with God** [Baker Books](#) Often we view prayer as an activity reserved for a certain time, in a certain place, offered in a specific way. But Scripture encourages us to pray continually. This exhortation is an opportunity for prayer to permeate every aspect of our lives--when we're alone or in a crowd, when it's quiet and when it's chaotic, when we feel like it and when we don't. *Praying with Eyes Wide Open* shows us how to make continuous prayer a natural part of our lives rather than something on our daily spiritual checklist. It helps us encounter God in new ways as we learn to - open our eyes to see his presence and the world around us - open our ears to hear his voice - open our hearts to experience freedom and power as we pray - and open our lives as we pray for and with others Anyone desiring a richer, more transformative prayer life will welcome this fresh take on conversing with our Creator. **Walking on Water Experiencing a Life of Miracles, Courageous Faith and Union with God** [Baker Books](#) Up-and-Coming Leader Reveals the Key to a Life of Supernatural Possibility Peter never set out to walk on water; he didn't attend a special seminar or school. He just wanted to be closer to Jesus. No matter the storm, no matter the danger, he saw only Jesus--and that's what got him out of the boat and into the impossible. We all have storms and barriers in life. And, like Peter, we have a choice: stay in the safe, small places or pursue with reckless abandon the limitless heart of Jesus. With fresh biblical insight and immediately practical application, author and teacher Jennifer Miskov paints a bigger and entirely more compelling vision of a life lived on the water. You'll discover the source of courageous faith and how to let go and take those first steps. The wind and the waves will come. But the One you're walking toward has calmed the storm, and he's waiting to do the impossible on your behalf. He's waiting for you to take a risk, to follow your heart--and to step out of the boat. **Just Let Go** [NavPress](#) For Quinn Collins, buying the flower shop in downtown Harbor Pointe fulfills a childhood dream, but also gives her the chance to stick it to her mom, who owned the store before skipping town twenty years ago and never looking back. Completing much-needed renovations, however, while also competing for a prestigious flower competition with her mother as the head judge, soon has Quinn in over her head. Not that she'd ever ask for help. Luckily, she may not need to. Quinn's father and his meddling friends find the perfect solution in notorious Olympic skier Grady Benson, who had only planned on passing through the old-fashioned lakeside town. But when a heated confrontation leads to property damage, helping Quinn as a community-service sentence seems like the quickest way out—and the best way to avoid more negative press. Quinn finds Grady reckless and entitled; he thinks she's uptight and too regimented. Yet as the two begin to hammer and saw, Quinn sees glimpses of the vulnerability behind the bravado, and Grady learns from her passion and determination, qualities he seems to have lost along the way. But when a well-intentioned omission has devastating consequences, Grady finds himself cast out of town—and Quinn's life—possibly forever. Forced to face the hurt holding her back, Quinn must finally let go or risk missing out on the adventure of a lifetime. Includes discussion questions. **A Reckless Love (Daughtry House Book #3)** [Revell](#) In the fine tradition established by her Southern grandmama, Aurora Daughtry has recently orchestrated the marriage of her eldest sister and facilitated her middle

sister's engagement. She also rejoices in her part in transforming the family's dilapidated plantation manor into a luxurious and lucrative resort hotel. Just when it seems there is nothing left to absorb her considerable talent for managing people, in walks federal deputy marshal Zane Sager. But Zane is not at Daughtry House for a vacation. He's tracking a killer and collecting two key witnesses to a federal judge's murder. Aurora takes it upon herself to disabuse the cynical lawman of his conviction that the world is out to get him. But just as she's on the verge of cracking Zane's defenses, the man he is after reminds him that no one he loves is safe. Ever. Award-winning author Beth White closes out her Daughtry House series with this exciting and emotional tale of two strong-willed people who may have met their match. **The Christian Hymn Book A Compilation of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs, Original and Selected DIVINE DIRECTION AND STRATEGY** [Lulu.com](#) **SOLDIERS OF CHRIST** [Lulu.com](#) **SERVING GOD, YOUR MAKER** [Lulu.com](#) **KNOWING AND FOLLOWING GOD'S WILL** [Lulu.com](#) **BEING FRUITFUL AND PRODUCTIVE** [Lulu.com](#) **THE UNSTOPPABLE CHRISTIAN AND MINISTER** [Lulu.com](#) **WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE, AND UNDERSTANDING** [Lulu.com](#) **PULLING DOWN STRONGHOLDS** [Lulu.com](#) **Super Simple Mission Kit Featuring Tales of the Not Forgotten A Fully-resources Missions Curriculum** [Standard Publishing Company](#) Open kids' eyes to the needs in their community and around the world, shape their hearts to mirror God's heart of compassion, and inspire kids to courageously follow God's call, with this fully resourced missions curriculum. Using key Bible verses and discussion, they'll find answers to challenging questions like "How do I pray?", "What can I give?", "Where can I go?", and "Who will I serve?" **Born Reckless** Keary Taylor Book, INC "You can't turn someone into a vampire, at least not the kind we are. You have to be born this way." I thought I was being noble when I put myself between my best friend and the switchblade of a mugger. Turns out Elena could have split the guy in half with her bare hands, and she did while I bled out on the sidewalk. It should have been game over, but I woke up with newfound strength and a terrifying craving for that sweet, sweet smelling liquid pumping through your veins. Too bad my first taste ended a woman's life and gained me an enemy who swears to make me pay. Enter Mason Godfrey, Elena's brother. He's given me an ultimatum. Go back to my life, back to my medical residency, and most likely be hunted down—or come away with them to Chicago and start over. The golden, still-human prince of the city is impossible to resist. Despite the herd of eligible and eager bachelorettes who would rather see me dead than on his arm, his eyes keep lingering on me. Neither of us has forgotten that one magical night we had, right before my first life ended. Where does this lead, now that I'm a vampire and he isn't? They say Chicago is a safe haven for our kind, but it is nothing like I expected. This new life is filled with luxury and money. There are galas and vampire night clubs, enchanted tattoos, and a council of powerful immortals. But I must never forget. Despite this glamorous second chance at life, I'm still being hunted. And time is ticking until I make a reckless move. Because it's what I do. **Model Rules of Professional Conduct** [American Bar Association](#) The Model Rules of Professional Conduct provides an up-to-date resource for information on legal ethics. Federal, state and local courts in all jurisdictions look to the Rules for guidance in solving lawyer malpractice cases, disciplinary actions, disqualification issues, sanctions questions and much more. In this volume, black-letter Rules of Professional Conduct are followed by numbered Comments that explain each Rule's purpose and provide suggestions for its practical application. The Rules will help you identify proper conduct in a variety of given situations, review those instances where discretionary action is possible, and define the nature of the relationship between you and your clients, colleagues and the courts. **I Love Jesus, But I Want to Die Finding Hope in the Darkness of Depression** [WaterBrook](#) A compassionate, shame-free guide for your darkest days "A one-of-a-kind book . . . to read for yourself or give to a struggling friend or loved one without the fear that depression and suicidal thoughts will be minimized, medicalized or over-spiritualized."—Kay Warren, cofounder of Saddleback Church What happens when loving Jesus doesn't cure you of depression, anxiety, or suicidal thoughts? You might be crushed by shame over your mental illness, only to be told by well-meaning Christians to "choose joy" and "pray more." So you beg God to take away the pain, but nothing eases the ache inside. As darkness lingers and color drains from your world, you're left wondering if God has abandoned you. You just want a way out. But there's hope. In *I Love Jesus, But I Want to Die*, Sarah J. Robinson offers a healthy, practical, and shame-free guide for Christians struggling with mental illness. With unflinching honesty, Sarah shares her story of battling depression and fighting to stay alive despite toxic theology that made her afraid to seek help outside the church. Pairing her own story with scriptural insights, mental health research, and simple practices, Sarah helps you reconnect with the God who is present in our deepest anguish and discover that you are worth everything it takes to get better. Beautifully written and full of hard-won wisdom, *I Love Jesus, But I Want to Die* offers a path toward a rich, hope-filled life in Christ, even when healing doesn't look like what you expect. **The Pursuing God A Reckless, Irrational, Obsessed Love That's Dying to Bring Us Home** [Thomas Nelson](#) Is God lost? Many of us feel that way. It's as if God's gone missing, out in the universe somewhere—and we must pick up the hunt, following any trail of breadcrumbs he may have left to go out and find him. We speak of "searching for God," "exploring spirituality," and "finding faith." But what if we have it backward? What if God is the one pursuing us? What if our job is not to go out and find God, but simply to stop running and hiding? Not to earn God's love, but to receive it? Not to turn on the light, but to step out of the shadows? Jesus reveals a God on the prowl, pursuing us, hunting down his world for reconciliation. And the question we're left with is not whether we've pursued hard enough, searched long enough, or jumped high enough . . . The question is, "Do we want to be found?" **Reckless My Life as a Pretender** [Anchor](#) Chrissie Hynde, for nearly four decades the singer/songwriter/ undisputed leader of the Pretenders, is a justly legendary figure. Few other rock stars have managed to combine her swagger, sexiness, stage presence, knack for putting words to music, gorgeous voice and just all-around kick-assedness into such a potent and alluring package. From "Tattooed Love Boys" and "Brass in Pocket" to "Talk of the Town" and "Back on the Chain Gang," her signature songs project a unique mixture of toughness and vulnerability that millions of men and women have related to. A kind of one-woman secret tunnel linking punk and new wave to classic guitar rock, she is one of the great luminaries in rock history. Now, in her no-holds-barred memoir *Reckless*, Chrissie Hynde tells, with all the fearless candor, sharp humor and depth of feeling we've come to expect, exactly where she came from and what her crooked, winding path to stardom entailed. Her All-American upbringing in Akron, Ohio, a child of postwar power and prosperity. Her soul capture, along with tens of millions of her generation, by the gods of sixties rock who came through Cleveland—Mitch Ryder, David Bowie, Jeff Back, Paul Butterfield and Iggy Pop among them. Her shocked witness in 1970 to the horrific shooting of student antiwar protestors at Kent State. Her weakness for the sorts of men she calls "the heavy bikers" and "the get-down boys." Her flight from Ohio to London in 1973 essentially to escape the former and pursue the latter. Her scuffling years as a brash reviewer for *New Musical Express*, shop girl at the Malcolm McLaren and Vivienne Westwood boutique 'Craft Must Wear Clothes But The Truth Loves To Go Naked', first-hand witness to the birth of the punk movement, and serial band aspirant. And

then ,at almost the last possible moment, her meeting of the three musicians who comprised the original line-up of The Pretenders, their work on the indelible first album "The Pretenders," and the rocket ride to "Instant" stardom, with all the disorientation and hazards that involved. The it all comes crashing back down to earth with the deaths of lead guitarist James Honeyman Scott and bassist Peter Farndon, leaving her bruised and saddened, but far from beaten. Because Chrissie Hynde is, among other things, one of rock's great survivors. We are lucky to be living in a golden age of great rock memoirs. In the aptly titled *Reckless*, Chrissie Hynde has given us one of the very best we have. Her mesmerizing presence radiates from every line and page of this book. **Losing Control Finding Freedom by Letting Go** This book is about surrendering to life as it is ... all of our out-of-control circumstances, challenging relationships, wavering faith, fluctuating self-image-and finding the awesomeness in it all, rather than being frustrated that things aren't the way we think they should be. Resting in the mess.This doesn't come easy for me. I want to fix everything. And everyone. Because, when everything is fixed, then my life will be smooth sailing. I won't have anything to worry about or manage. And, probably because I'm not absolutely perfect at fixing myself, most days I find it easier to try to fix other people. This isn't about giving up on goals and dreams or rolling over and playing dead until the game is over. It's also not about being weak, letting life bowl us over. It's actually the opposite. It's about moving through life with an intentional grace, surrendering to life as it is, accepting people and circumstances as they are, not as we want them to be. And then finding ways to use our passions and energy to insert love and truth into the world, unattached to expectations of how it should all turn out. We do this in order to see more clearly the marvelous in the mystery. To draw closer to other people, not further away. To live from our heart, rather than from our head. To not run from that which is messy or complicated, but to see the beauty in it. My hope is that this book will help you say farewell to fear, insecurity, ego-driven decision making, self-pity, and regret. After we've thrown those ugly bits in the trash, let's aim for the warm pools of joy and peace, which include greater acceptance of ourselves, others, our circumstances, and maybe even God. We will learn how to live with wide open hands of grace and love. That's when the magic and beauty of life will truly come alive.It all starts by letting things be a little out of control.