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## *New . . . for Summertime Reads & Road-Trips*

### **The Faces of Jesus: A life story.**

Buechner, Frederick. Paraclete Press, 2005. 232 Bue

A retelling of the story of Jesus that encourages readers to be changed and challenged as they read the gospel story in a new way.

### **A Book of Blessings and How to Write Your Own.**

Burgess, Ruth. Wild Goose Pub., 2001. 264.13 BUR

Contains eloquent blessings for a variety of occasions, explores the tradition of blessings, and offers suggestions about how to organize a blessings workshop.

### **The Artist's Way: a spiritual path to higher creativity.**

Cameron, Julia. Tarcher / Putnam. 153.35 Cam

A guidebook for adults to use in discovering and recovering your creative self.

### **Surprise me: a 30-day faith experiment.**

Esau, Terry. NavPress, 2005. 242.2 Esa

Esau writes about how he began each day with the phrase, "Surprise Me God" and then waited to become aware of God's presence in everyday life.

### **Where God was Born: A journey by land to the roots of religion.**

Feiler, Bruce. William Morrow, 2005. 200.956 Fei

Part adventurous wartime chronicle, part exciting archaeological detective story, and part exploration of personal spirituality, Feiler examines the birth of Western religions and the coexistence that marked their beginnings.

### **Group's dinner and a movie: friendship, faith, and fun for small groups.**

Group Pub., Inc., 2005. 2680434 Gro

Features suggestions for a night of fun with a small group that include a menu, a movie, and discussion questions. Twelve movies in all including *Cast Away*, *Holes*, and *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* Also includes reproducible pages with themed invitations.

### **The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss.**

Kemp, James W. Judson Press, 2004. 242 KEM

A close look at the Seuss stories reveals they are laden with spiritual truth. Each reflection begins with insights from a corresponding Biblical passage and draws parallels from favorite Seuss stories.

### **Through Painted Deserts: light, God, and beauty on the open road.**

Miller, Donald. Nelson Books, 2005. 277.30829 MIL

The author of *Blue Like Jazz* presents a road-trip memoir that explores the meaning of life. Don and Paul spend three months crossing the country, thinking about the deepest questions, and searching for an authentic faith.

### **To own a dragon: reflections on growing up without a father.**

Miller, Donald; MacMurray, John. NavPress, 2006. 248.8421 Mil

Miller reveals his personal journey fatherless-ness and reflects on how that has shaped his view and practices of authority, sex, education, empathy, mentoring, decision making and spirituality.

#### **Conference Resource Library**

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**God's Orchard: Fruit of the Spirit in Action.**

Friesen, Helen Lepp. Kindred Productions, 2001.  
248.4 FRI

A compilation of stories of people who live the fruits of the spirit in action.

**Iraq: a journey of hope and peace.**

Gish, Peggy Faw. Herald Press, 2004. 956.70443 GIS

Gish recounts the moving experiences of Christian Peacemaker Teams work in Iraq before, during and after the 2003 war and occupation. Her personal account, makes real the story of prisoner abuse, the character of the Iraqi people and a passionate vision for peace.

**Is it insensitive to share your faith? Hard questions about Christian mission in a plural world.**

Krabill, James R. Good Books 2005 266.001 Kra

Kraybill walks into a discussion that is often considered off-limits: Is Jesus someone to follow today? What difference does that choice make in the world? Are Christians the only ones who are right? Excellent book for discussion for young adults and adults.

**Earth Care: world folktales to talk about.**

MacDonald, Margaret Read. August House, 1999.  
J 398.2 EAR

A collection of traditional tales and proverbs from over twenty countries or ethnic groups, touching upon both human and ecological themes such as environmental protection, the care of other creatures, and the connection of all things in nature.

**Choosing Peace Through Daily Practices.**

Marshall, Ellen Ott, editor. Pilgrim Press, 2005.  
261.873 CHO

These essays explore the vocation of peacemaking, the language of practices, connections between home and world peacemaking, peacemaking in spiritual life, congregational ministry and classroom and community interaction.

**This Is the Day: readings and meditations from the Iona Community.**

Paynter, Neil, ed. Wild Goose Pub., 2002. 242.2 PAY

Daily readings for four months that are wonderful for

either individual or group reflections. Compiled by the Iona Community, an ecumenical Christian community.

**Eat this book: a conversation in the art of spiritual reading.**

Peterson, Eugene H. Eerdmans, c2006. 220.071 Pet

The way we read the Bible is as important as that we read it. A challenge to "eat the scriptures" as a way to be formed in faith and changed in life.

**Benedict's Way: an ancient monk's insights for a balanced life.**

Pratt, Lonni Collins and Father Daniel Homan. Loyola Press. 255.106 Pra

Thirty chapters on a variety of topics (including prayer, hospitality, possessions, and community) help readers better understand the principles of the Benedictine Rule upon which Western monasticism is built. Useful for structured personal retreat, spiritual reading, and general reflection.

**PrayerStarters on the Way to Forgiveness.**

Robinson, Denis. Abbey Press, 2000. 242.8 ROB

Scripture, reflections, quotations, and questions provide help with prayer. Especially for those dealing with hurt and forgiveness issues, this book is considered a road map to a happier life.

**The Circle of Life: The heart's journey through the seasons.**

Rupp, Joyce and Macrina Wiederkehr. Sorin Books, 2005. 264 Rup

Prayers, meditations, poetry, and reflections help readers explore the relationship between the seasons of the earth and the seasons of their lives.

**Praying With Our Feet.**

Weaver, Lisa D. Faith and Life Press, 2005. E Wea

A young girl joins her parents and members of her church on a peace walk and along the way reflects on what she has learned about speaking out for peace. Excellent for any peace-themed event, retreat, walk or worship service. For adults, youth and children.