



The Librarian

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Christmas Gifts.....for You!

I received an early Christmas gift this year! It came quite unexpectedly at a Coles Bookstore. On their 'Christmas Sale Display' were three lovely (*cheap!*) books just calling for me to pick them up and look at them. Of course, I never hold back from discovering new items for our Bethel Library shelves, and these 3 books were perfectly lovely expressions of the true 'Christmas'! I got all 3 of them for under \$15! And, now that I have your interest, please look at the '**Featured Books**' section in this issue.' ...then come into our library, find one these items and enjoy your Christmas with a renewed Spirit. Below is "A Christmas Blessing" by Andrew Greeley (*page 97*) from **A Classic Christmas**...this beautiful blessing is now a gift to you... *Gladys Teske ...editor*



A Christmas Blessing... *by Andrew Greeley*

May the Christmas light glow in your window as you come home on a dark and stormy night.

May the music of carols warm your discouraged souls to make you want to sing again.

May the crib scene catch your eye and hold you in its fascination.

May you realize that every gift is as special as you want to make it.

May the Christmas tree draw you to its dazzling lights.

May your love be even more dazzling and welcome everyone home.

May Jesus and Mary and Joseph bless you and all yours and keep you patient and happy and joyous all the season long.

May you remember as best you can the poor and the sick and lonely and the hungry and the frightened.

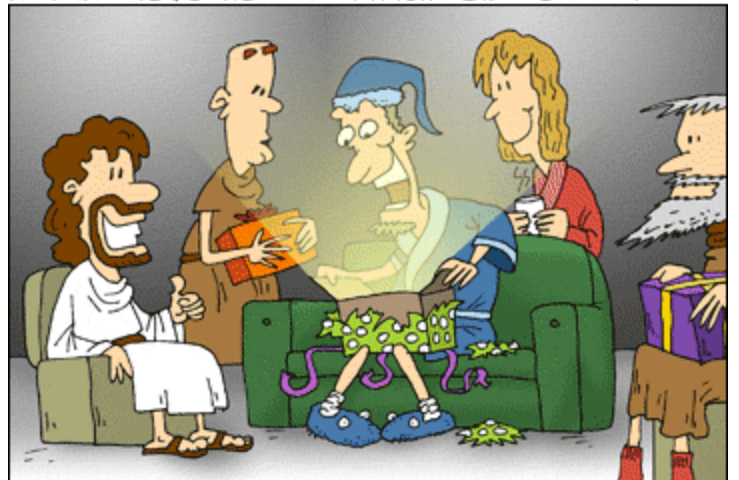
And may it be, no matter what, the best Christmas ever. Amen

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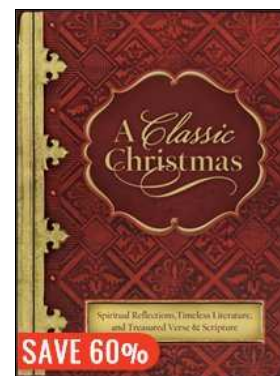
Have a blessed Christmas, everyone!
Librarians: Jo-Ann, Deanna, Ruth, Anke, Nicolle,
 Elaine and Gladys

Featured Books

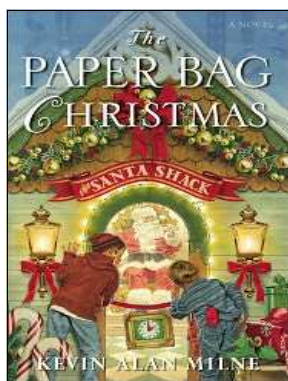
For Christmas

- ***A Classic Christmas*....by Harper Collins**

A Classic Christmas at its heart, is an invitation for you to celebrate the good news that a baby is born, that a savior has come to the world. As you turn the pages, you will be greeted with a blend of enchanting passages from literary greats, thought-provoking spiritual and personal reflections, a delightful sprinkling of poetry and verse, and cherished traditions and folklore—all woven together with sacred text from God's Word. From C. S. Lewis to Martin Luther, from Frederick Buechner to Laura Ingalls Wilder, from John Paul II to Dietrich Bonhoeffer, from Billy Graham to Mark Twain—savor, treasure, and laugh aloud to words that transcend centuries. Most of all, celebrate the birth of a baby that touches hearts and lives for eternity. *A Classic Christmas* is a joy to read silently in personal moments of reflection—or aloud with family, friends, and neighbors. (*I purchased 5 more, myself, to give as gifts!* G. Teske)



- ***The Paperbag Christmas*...by Kevin A Milne**

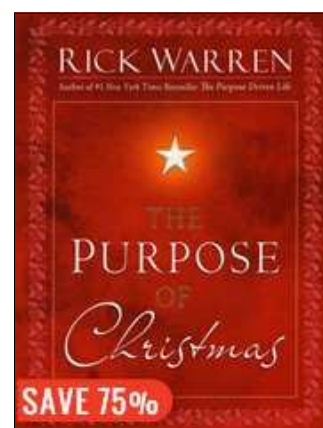


Dr. Christopher Ringle is the last person you'd expect to find moonlighting as Santa Claus at the mall on the day after Thanksgiving. But it is there that he meets a young man named Molar Alan, who desperately needs a new perspective on the underlying value of Christmas. *Dr. Ringle* recruits Mo and his older brother as volunteers at a nearby children's hospital for the holiday season. At the hospital, Mo is tasked to help bring holiday cheer to the young cancer patients on the fifth floor. His biggest challenge is befriending a decidedly angry girl who is so embarrassed by her scarred appearance that she hides her face behind the safety of a paper bag. Almost in spite of himself, Mo finds that Christmas joy emanates from a source far greater than the North Pole, while the young girl learns that she is more beautiful than she had ever imagined.

- ***The Purpose of Christmas*...by Rick Warren**

Hailed by *The Economist* as the "the most influential pastor in America," and by *Time* as one of the 100 most influential people in the world, the bestselling author of *The Purpose Driven Life* expounds on the profound origins of Christmas, describing it as an opportune time to welcome peace into our lives.

In his powerful yet compassionate voice, *Pastor Rick Warren* sounds the clarion call to "*remember the reason for the season,*" taking readers back in time to the most wonderful story of all—the birth of the baby Jesus. When he was just a small boy, young Rick asked his parents if they could celebrate Christmas with a birthday party for Jesus—and the tradition began that the Warrens have upheld for over fifty years. Now through stirring imagery and compelling personal insights, *The Purpose of Christmas* honors the significance and promise of this cherished holiday. *Pastor Warren* encourages readers to identify and confront what drains peace from their lives. *Warren* explains that the way to respond to these peace robbers is to learn how to surrender to God's will and not feel defeated or discouraged when life does not go as planned. True peace of mind is found by having an unshakeable faith in God—knowing that His empowering Spirit will guide His children through life's challenges. Beautifully written, *The Purpose of Christmas* will stir readers to honor the true significance of Christmas and to nurture God's gifts of love and peace in this world.



All the New Items...in the Library!

Junior Fiction and Non fiction:

AAAARGH!!!	Bill Myers	JF MYE
New Kid Catastrophes	Bill Myers	JF MYE
Andi's Circle C Christmas	Susan Marlow	JF MAR
Andi's Lonely Little Foal	Susan Marlow	JFR MAR
Attack in the Arena	Marianne Hering	JF HER
Voyage With the Vikings	Marianne Hering	JF HER
In Front of God and Everybody	K D McCrite	JF MCC
In Grandma's Attic	Arleta Richardson	JF RIC
More Stories from Grandma's Attic	Arleta Richardson	JF RIC
Manga Messengers	Tyndale/NEXT	JF NEX
Edmund's Struggle: <i>Chronicles of Narnia</i>	Michael Flexer	JF FLE
Over It: <i>Letting God get you past life's hurts</i>	Hayley DiMarco	JNF DIM



Youth Fiction and Non Fiction:

Dark Blue: Color Me Lonely	Melody Carlson	YF CAR
Secret Keeper: <i>The Delicate Power of Modesty</i>	Dannah Gresh	YNF 248.8 GRE



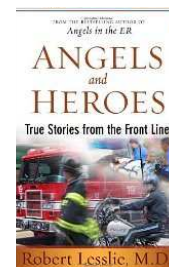
Children's Fiction and Non Fiction:

Bible Prayers for Bedtime	Jane Landreth	CH NF 242.6 LAN
Big Thoughts for Little People	Kenneth Taylor	CH NF 248.8 TAY
"I Can Praise God! ": <i>Happy Day</i>	Diane Stortz	CH STO
God's Special Rule: <i>Happy Day</i>	Margie Redford	CH RED
Thank You, God, for Blessing Me	Max Lucado	CH LUC
Thank You, God, for Loving Me	Max Lucado	CH LUC



Non Fiction:

Angels and Heroes: <i>True Stories from the Frontline</i>	Robert Leslie	NF 248.4 LES
Angels on Call	Robert Leslie	NF 362 LES
Changed by Faith: <i>Dare to Trust God...</i>	Luis Palau	NF 248.2 PAL
Bonhoeffer: <i>Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy</i>	Eric Metaxas	NF 230 MET
Gray Matter: <i>A neurosurgeon discovers</i>	David Levy	NF 261.5 LEV
It's Taken Years to Get This Old	Karen O'Connor	NF 248.8 OCO
A Place of Healing: <i>Wrestling with pain...</i>	Joni E Tada	NF 248.86 TAD
To Be Perfectly Honest:: <i>One man's year of almost living truthfully, could change your life...no lie</i>	Phil Callaway	NF 241.6
Humor Me: <i>The Geranium Lady's funny little ...</i>	Barbara Johnson	NF 248.8 JOH
Humor Me: <i>I'm Over the Hill</i>	Barbara Johnson	NF 248.8 JOH
Laughter From Heaven	Barbara Johnson	NF 236 JOH
Googling God	John Cox	NF 230 COX
You Gotta Keep Dancin'	Tim Hansel	NF 248.8 HAN

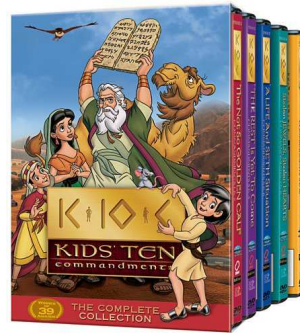
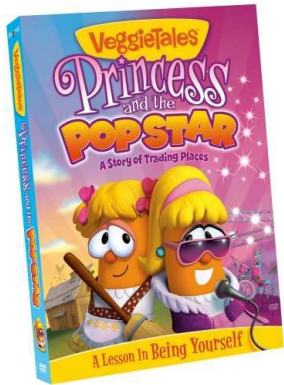


New Movies!!!

Children's DVDs/v:

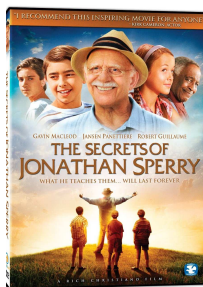
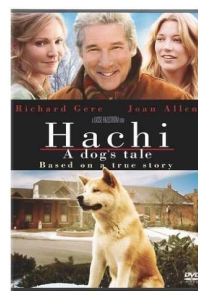
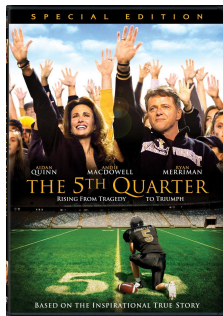
Happy Together! (*family, friendship, faith*)
 Princess and the Popstar: (*being yourself*)
 Stolen Jewels, Stolen Hearts (*Comm 7 & 8*)
 Kids' Ten Commandments (*complete collection*)

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Family DVDs:

The 5th Quarter
 Courage
 Hachi: A Dog's Tale
 Hoot
 The Inheritance
 Like Dandelion Dust
 MOST
 The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry
 The Shunning
 Soul Searcher
 What If
 The Ten Commandments
 Standing Firm
 Local Artistry LIVE!



More Movies...
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 newest movies
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Reviews of Some New Items...

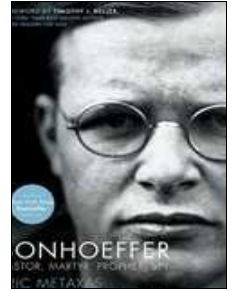
Non Fiction:

Bonhoeffer: *Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy.....* by Eric Metaxas

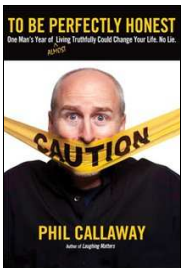
From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Amazing Grace*, (Eric Metaxas) a groundbreaking biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, one of the greatest heroes of the twentieth century, the man who stood up to Hitler.

A definitive, deeply moving narrative, *Bonhoeffer* is a story of moral courage in the face of the monstrous evil that was Nazism. After discovering the fire of true faith in a Harlem church, Bonhoeffer returned to Germany and became one of the first to speak out against Hitler. As a double-agent, he joined the plot to assassinate the Fuhrer, and was hanged in Flossenberg concentration camp at age 39. Since his death, Bonhoeffer has grown to be one of the most fascinating, complex figures of the 20th century. *Bonhoeffer* presents a profoundly orthodox Christian theologian whose faith led him to boldly confront the greatest evil of the 20th century, and uncovers never-before-revealed facts, including the story of his passionate romance.

**Editor's note: I am now reading this book...am about half way through it, and already I feel 'a better person' just getting to know this man of great faith...and, Metaxas is one of the finest writers ever! GT*



To Be Perfectly Honest: *One man's year of almost living truthfully, could change your life...no lie*
.....by Phil Callaway

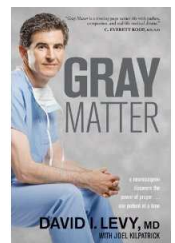


Veteran author and speaker Phil Callaway is no stranger to daunting challenges. He has been laughed at-repeatedly-by large crowds of people from Halifax to Hong Kong. He fathered three children in three years, spent much of last year on airplanes built by the lowest bidder, and flipped an out-of-control ATV, which doesn't mean he sold it for a profit. So who better than Phil Callaway to boldly accept a challenge that would make the average person run and hide? Phil promised to tell the truth for an *entire year*, and he wasn't joking. Twelve months later, his journal was crammed with successes, near-successes, and outright failures. During his year-long experiment with veracity, he made a disastrous financial investment, fielded hundreds of intrusive questions from friends and strangers, attended a thirty-year class reunion, and waded into possibly the most revealing-and hilarious-situations he has ever documented.

Find out what happens when a follower of Jesus does his level best to *always* tell the truth. There is no doubt you'll be entertained. But don't be surprised if you are left with a question: how might your life be changed if you sold out to the **truth-with no exceptions?**

Gray Matter: *A neurosurgeon discovers the Power of Prayer . . . one patient at a time....* by David Levy

A perfect blend of medical drama and spiritual insight, *Gray Matter* is a fascinating account of Dr. David Levy's decision to begin asking his patients if he could pray for them before surgery. Some are thrilled. Some are skeptical. Some are.



(Review by Cindy) He openly and honestly shares his heart for his patients' well-being, both physically and spiritually. I laughed and I cried (for real - actual tears). As he shared his journey, I was challenged to contemplate my own ability to live with the courage to do what's right in my relationship with others and with God.



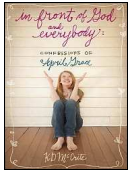
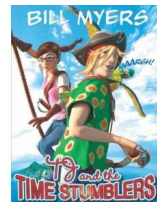
Humor Me: I'm over the hill! by Barbara Johnson

A delightful reminder to age gleefully while living life to the fullest. "They say the best way to grow old is not to be in a hurry about it, and Lord knows, I've put it off for as long as I could." says humorist and encourager **Barbara Johnson**. But old age happens...with little or no effort on our part. If you're alive, you're getting older! In this third book in the *Humor Me* series, readers will find hilarious ways to age both ferociously and joyfully. Created especially for those who are young at heart but slightly older in other places!

More Reviews...

AAAARGH!!! (JF MYE)by Bill Myers

In AAAARGH!!!, Tuna and Herby try to help TJ with a book report by getting the author to write it for her, but all three of them quickly see the consequences of cheating spiral out of control. Meanwhile, TJ's cute neighbor and classmate Chad Steel is getting ready for a big surfing competition—and learning his own lesson about honesty.

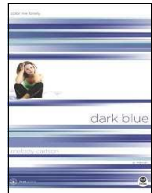
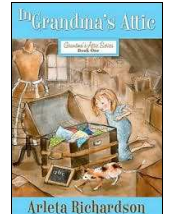


In Front of God and Everybody: Confessions of April Grace (JF MCC)by K D McCrite

Growing up in the country is never easy, but it sure is funny—especially if you happen to have a sister obsessed with being glamorous, a grandma just discovering make-up, hippie friends who never shower, and brand new neighbors from the city who test everyone's patience. From disastrous dye jobs to forced apologies and elderly date tagalongs, you'll laugh 'til you cry as you read the *Confessions of April Grace*!

In Grandma's Attic (JF RIC)by Arleta Richardson

A young girl's discovery of her grandmother's keepsakes inspires heartwarming tales of her grandmother's childhood and the lessons learned on a nineteenth-century farm. In these refreshed classics *In Grandma's Attic* and *More Stories From Grandma's Attic*, for girls ages 8 to 12, Arleta Richardson weaves tales of a simpler time, stories that have touched more than two million lives. Buttons and quilt squares, a slate and skirt hoop. Every keepsake found in Grandma's attic sparks a memory to share and a truth to learn. A shoe button inspires a lesson on honesty while a quilt square draws out instruction on pride.

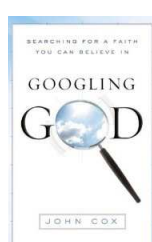
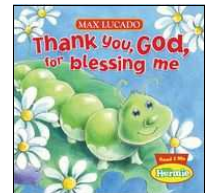


Dark Blue: Color me lonely (YF CAR)....by Melody Carlson

Kara Hendricks and Jordan Ferguson have been best friends since kindergarten. That is until Jordan started hanging out with a new "cool" crowd and decided Kara was a popularity liability. Devastated, Kara feels betrayed and abandoned by everyone—even God. Yet for all the hurt and insecurity, these dark blue days contain a life-changing secret. Kara has the chance to discover something about herself that she never knew before.

Thank You, God, for Blessing Me (CH LUC).....by Max Lucado

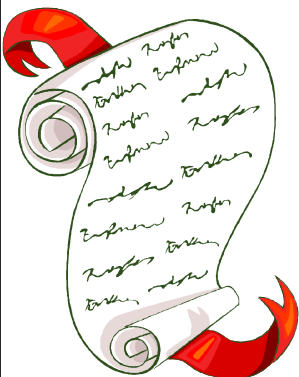
Meet *Little Hermie*—the cutest baby caterpillar in the garden! *Little Hermie's* thankful heart shows toddlers how to be thankful for God's blessings. *Little Hermie* is thankful for everything God has given him. He goes through his day thanking God for his many blessings in this adorable board book with flocking on the cover!



Googling God (NF 230 COX) ...by John Cox

When people search for God:as if they entered His name in Google:they sometimes can't decipher the religious language or get past the inaccurate representations they find. With honesty, clarity, and unfailing hope, this fresh new look at the heart of the Christian message bypasses inaccurate stereotypes and presents the good news in a way that even spiritual cynics and fringe observers will appreciate: God is more wonderful than we have imagined, and He wants to share His life with us. Jesus is the most engaging Person who has walked the planet Faith and science need not be mutually exclusive. The Bible can be difficult to understand, but it is completely relevant to our lives today. Skeptics and seekers alike will enjoy this enlightening exploration of God as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Christmas Lists!!!



No...this isn't *Santa's List*, but the Library does have a few lists for YOU! These are lists of ALL the CHRISTMAS ITEMS on our shelves. Because it would take copious amounts of ink and many pages to print them for the **Christmas Librarian**, we have posted up 'larger' lists for you to look at when you come into the library. Please check these lists if you are looking for **Christmas books, music or movies**. (or ask a librarian for help...) **MERRY CHRISTMAS, everyone!**