

Choosing and Using Resources

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Building a home library will ultimately save you a tremendous amount of time and effort. A well-equipped home library to a homeschooler is like a well-equipped kitchen to a cook. How much time and effort is saved by having the right ingredients and not having to substitute or stop what you're doing to go get the right ingredients?(Is there no end to these food analogies?) Explain this to your husband by comparing it to having the right tool for a job in his toolbox.

A large part of the appeal of unit studies is flexibility. Choosing resources should be as individual as choosing your home décor—it will vary from family to family depending on homeschool budget, time available, the number of children that will be using this program, and personal interests.

Many lessons in Heart of Wisdom unit studies contain enough resource materials in themselves which negates the need for further research. However, several recommendations are included for those who desire to branch out and learn more. We provide hundreds of resources (and a select number of key resources) to choose from. Don't think of this choice as overwhelming—think of it as an opportunity to learn more about your students' interests (delights).

I have been homeschooling for many years with many children and I have used many of the same books over and over through the years. I began using books like the *Kingfisher History Encyclopedia*, *Reader's Digest ABCs of the Human Body*, and *Usborne Book of Science*, with all my children 15+ years ago, and I continue to use them through the year. I've used *The Narrated Bible*, *Nelson's Illustrated Bible Encyclopedia* and/or *Victor's Journey Through the Bible* almost daily since they became available.

A \$30 investment in a good reference book comes out to pennies per child per year. For example: as of the writing of this book I have four boys at home, ages 13, 11, 5, and 3. I purchased *Dorling Kindersley's Animal Encyclopedia* eight years ago for about \$30.00. This wise investment has paid off over and over. I used it as the key resource for an animal unit study with my 13- and 11-year-old eight years ago. Now, my three- and five-year-olds climb on the couch together with this giant book every day, and they ask me to read to them from it every night. It would not be an overstatement to say they spend three to four hours a week looking at pictures in this book. I have not done a formal study on animals with these two boys they can each name more animals and know more about animal classifications and geography than most children their age.

Good homeschool resources are great investments and can be used over and over for generations. Eventually my resources will be used by my grandchildren. One of my daughters married a homeschool student and her mother-in-law gave her many of the books she now uses to teach her three boys! Resources are great investments.

Utilizing the Library and/or Purchasing Resources

Utilizing the library can save you a ton of money and you'll also find lots of interesting resources you may not have thought about. When I first began creating my own unit studies I had four school-aged children and one preschooler. We went to the library often and brought home baskets of books each week but now that we have an extensive home library we don't go have to go to the library as often.

Remember, library books are only free if you return them on time. I could have bought a few good books for my home library with the money I spent in fines. Try to keep books you check out in one location so they are easy to collect for the return. We use a large wicker basket in the family room. If your library books have cards in the back, remove

all the cards when you get home and place a rubber band around them. This helps you know how many books you need to return as well as the date they should be returned by.

I have a one important guideline about using the library—I never go to the library with a crawling baby or a toddler because they are too difficult to manage and keep quiet in a public library. (Library trips are doable with small babies though; you can place them in a sling or a stroller to help keep them quiet). Once my older children were old enough to baby-sit, I would leave the toddlers at home with them and run to pick up books by myself.

How do you decide when to use the library and when to purchase the resource you need? First you need to ask yourself, "Do I have enough in my home library to cover the topic adequately?" If you don't have what you need on hand, make a decision about purchasing a book based on the following questions:

1. Can we afford it within our current budget?
2. Is this a book we will use again?
3. Is this a book on a topic that delights my child? (if so, the answer to the second question will be Yes.)
4. Is this resource critical to this unit, but not available from the library or inter-library loan? If so, is there another alternative?
5. Can I borrow the book?

If you don't have enough resources on hand, you can visit the library for resources. If you can't find what you need at the library, ask for an inter-library loan. Also, look in the video section for related videos, and use the library computer to find articles in journals and magazines.

Media resources, including movies, television shows, (available on TV or videos), the Internet, and computer software can enhance your home library.

Reading the Classics

The Heart of Wisdom teaching approach recommends immersing your children in living books, commonly known as classical literature, but we believe you should read the greatest classic—the Bible, which is the only real, literal living book—daily, and attempt to read several classics throughout the year.

What is a classic? The answer depends on who you ask. In a broad sense, the term classic is applied to anything accepted either as a model of excellence or as a work of enduring

cultural relevance and value. The books are very different in Heart of Wisdom's classical literature list compared with the classics recommended by classical education.

Classics According to Classical Education

Encarta Encyclopedia defines classical education as the study of Greek and Roman literature, one of the oldest forms of education known. In classical education a classic is any ancient Greek or Roman literary work of the first or highest quality.

The modern classical education approach focuses on "the Great Books of the Western World" (GBWW). Virtually every book in this collection is required reading in liberal arts programs, which include works of art, science, philosophy, poetry, prose and history from the time of the Greeks until the early 20th century. Plato, Herodotus, Virgil, and Aristotle are some of the main authors. This list was originally compiled in 1952 by an editorial board headed by Britannica Editors' Editor in Chief, Mortimer J. Adler. They believed these books to be the core of Western learning and culture. The list includes both the Bible and Quran (Koran). Most of the books in this list were written by non-Christians, men like Aeschylus, Apollonius, Aquinas, Dewey, Euclid, Euripides, Freud, Hippocrates, Homer, Marx, Plato, Ptolemy, Thoreau, etc.

We need to ask ourselves, "Do we want to immerse our children with the ideas and beliefs in books men who promote false gods?" One popular proponent of classical education suggest that students at six years of age listen to a reading of Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*. The *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* are two major epics that have survived from Greek antiquity. In the *Odyssey* Odysseus battles with gods and goddess and one eyed Cyclopes monsters. I see absolutely no value and a good possibility of nightmares in this suggestion. I see no difference in reading the *Odyssey*, *Harry Potter*, Edgar Allen Poe's or Stephen King's works. Would Jesus read the *Odyssey* to a six-year-old? Exodus 23:13 says *Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips*. Choosing a book for your child is as important as approving of a friend your child will spend time with. Would you allow your child to spend time with a person practicing and promoting witchcraft?

A book labeled a classic by society does not automatically warrant reading it to our children. God's Word says it is wrong for believers to be yoked together with unbelievers. The very nature of the Christian demands that he be separated from that which is unholy. We must not be involved with that which will compromise our testimony or lead us into disobedience.

....come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord...—2 Corinthians 6:17

...choose for yourselves today whom you will serve...as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."—Joshua 24:15

When you make compromises to lower your standards, usually due to fear (fear of not meeting someone else's standards) you are teaching your children to make the same type of compromises. Such compromises usually start small and insignificant, but then lead to a slow slide to more serious compromises resulting in a weakened conscience. This kind of educational compromise may develop a well trained mind, but what does it have to do with training our children to have mind of the Christ?

I'll repeat here what I said in an earlier chapter: There is one worthy reason to study the "Great Books"—from a critical viewpoint—like a doctor studying to be able to recognize disease. Mature students should learn of the historical implications of the classics from a biblical worldview. You can use *The Great Conversation: A Biblical Analysis of the Great Books of Western Civilization* to incorporate the study of classical authors into the Heart of Wisdom plan; see page 384.

See Three Approaches to Classical Education and Our Alternative on page 99–100.

Classics According to Heart of Wisdom

William Thayer addressed the importance of making wise choices in *Gaining Favor with God and Man*. He begins by quoting Henry Ward Beecher, nineteenth-century author as saying, "Books are the windows through which the soul looks out. A home without good books is like a room without windows. No man has a right to bring up his children without surrounding them with books, if he has the means to buy them. It is a wrong to his family. He cheats them. Children learn to read by being in the presence of books. The love of knowledge comes with reading and grows upon it, and the love of knowledge in a young mind is almost a warrant against the inferior excitement of passions and vices. But to select the books—that is the difficulty. Their number is legion." Thayer comments, "Here is an opportunity to exercise judgment, wise discrimination, and criticism, supplemented by all the good advice parents, guardians, and other friends can bestow. Under these circumstances the choice of books is not easy, but is one of the most important and difficult duties imposed upon the young or old. Yet it must be done, or reading will prove a curse."¹

Our book selection should be based on Philippians 4:8: *whatsoever is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things*. Some would say Philippians 4:8 teaches against fiction but the word *true* in this passage refers to being honest or having integrity. The Hebrews in Bible times and Jesus used fictional parables to teach about God and integrity.

John Foster said, "Useless books we should lay aside, and make all possible good use of those from which we may reap some fruit."² Louisa May Alcott said this about reading: "Reading is a mental trip through an author's mind. Literature allows us to experience many things through the development of imagination. It allows us to go places we might

not ever go. It expands the horizons of the mind and heart. It increases our awareness of time—past, present, and future.” How well is your “house”—your mind furnished? Do you, like Louisa May Alcott, “enjoy your mind?” Literature helps us furnish our mental homes with permanent fixtures, with things 'wise and wonderful,' with scriptural objects of the beauty, which are the result of study and reflection on God's Word. What do we have in our house? Does it enrich ourself and others?"³

Reading Aloud

I strongly encourage reading aloud together daily with all children. Students are never too old to be read to. You should be reading the Bible together daily. Reading aloud is bonding. It strengthens vocabulary, language, grammar and writing. It makes us aware of other places and other lives. It creates life-long readers. Children understand at a higher level than they can read, and listening stimulates growth and understanding of vocabulary and language patterns.

Make reading time a daily habit like brushing your teeth. Hopefully, you have already committed to reading Bible aloud each morning. Choose another time of the day to read other books together. Most books for preschool to age six or so are short and can usually be read in one setting. Short-chapter books can be read in a few settings.

Make reading aloud time fun time. Add sound effects when appropriate, ask questions, etc. My son-in-law makes story time special. He tells my grandchildren Bible stories with different accents (Mexican, Indian, etc.). The accents aren't accurate but they are memorable.

Pre-readers listen to stories with enthusiasm and will ask you to read it again and again. Sometimes they memorize the story. Our family room and bedrooms each have a wicker laundry basket jam-packed with picture- and short-chapter books. We have a set reading time twice a day (before nap time and before bedtime) in which I read aloud five to ten books or stories to my younger children aged 3 and 5: the older children usually listen in. In the afternoon, we usually read aloud from a biography or novel from a theme we are studying.

If you are just starting to read to older children you may get a few groans. Start with something simple and short, reading 15 minutes or less, and increase the time according to the children's response.

Fiction or Nonfiction

For most people the term literature is often considered synonymous with stories. Stories are superb, exciting teaching tools. Historical fiction can make a time period real to a child. But don't discount non-fiction information books.

Boys tend to be reluctant readers more often than girls. According to a 1999 survey of more than 3,000 teens aged eleven through eighteen, fifty percent of girls said they read most often "just for the fun of it," as compared with only thirty-two percent of boys. Eighty-one percent of girls said they would read more if they had the time, as compared with only sixty percent of boys. Twelve percent of girls said they only read for school, as compared with twenty-two percent of boys, [which is] almost double.

My oldest son was a reluctant reader, or so I thought. I invested a huge amount of time trying to get him involved in fiction. I read aloud, I bought books on boys' topics, I took him to the library. I could not interest my son in a novel but he would spend hours in heavily illustrated nonfiction books. I finally realized that he just wasn't interested in fiction and that it was OK. Heavily illustrated information-type books are obviously educational but are almost never found in a classroom. It surprised me that most children prefer nonfiction. Studies dating from the 1950s onward show that most children often prefer nonfiction to fiction (Carter, 1988; Monson & Sebesta, 1991; Norvell, 1950; Purves & Beach, 1972). In *Information and Book Learning*, Margaret Meek stated:

Critics of children's literature are apt to exclude nonfiction texts from their accounts of what children read. Yet for many young readers, these picture and caption books are their preferred texts. We know too little about how children actually read books with titles like *Roman Britain*, *Stars and Planets*, or *Light*. We need to know much more about how texts teach children about learning. We need critics who are prepared to judge the nature and quality of the engagement required by the nonfiction offered...

For many students, reading per se is not the problem. What is the problem is the fact that they are forced to read materials that they have no interest in and no voice in selecting. They regard such school reading as an imposition, inconvenience, and interference with current reading interests.

Utilizing the Internet

The Internet has revolutionized education and will be a major part of our future. Students will be using the Internet in almost any profession they choose. The Internet is an open door to an enormous, exciting library. Not only is text information available, but also video clips, audio clips, and entire books.

The wealth of information available on the Internet can be overwhelming because a search for a single topic can lead to thousands of links; but Heart of Wisdom unit studies guide you to the best and most appropriate Web sites for each lesson. Internet addresses, also known as URLs, change frequently, so we have added a special feature on our Web site where you can report dead links and enable us to update them in our files.

Utilizing the Internet can create engaged, involved, and active learners. But remember, sitting in front of a computer reading through Web pages is only part of learning. Studies show that seventy-five percent of students need more than reading to retain information. Heart of Wisdom incorporates the Internet into the four-step process in each lesson. This process motivates students to learn, guides them to activities that help them organize the information that they have learned, and to use it for developing communication skills through writing assignments.

Avoiding the Dangers of the Internet

As wonderful as the Internet is for education, it can also be extremely dangerous. Pedophile predators lurk on children's Web sites looking for prey and pornographic and cultic Web sites are a simple click away. Strictly enforcing the rules below should curtail any potential problems.

Internet Rules:

- The number one rule—Never allow any child access to the Internet in a bedroom or private area. All computers in the home should be in view of all family members.
- Always monitor your child's Internet usage, either in person or with a monitoring device (explained later in this chapter)
- Draw clear guidelines so that children know it is not acceptable to visit sites you consider offensive.
- Check your Internet service provider's parental controls. These controls can block access to certain Web pages, chat rooms, newsgroups and other Internet resources that are not fit for children.
- Purchase blocking software for your computer. These programs block access to objectionable sites and prevent children from disclosing personal information. CYBERSitter and Net Nanny are two popular filtering software systems.
- Help your child pick out a screen name or user name. Avoid names that include a name and/or an age, such as Susie12.
- Never allow your child to use Instant messages and/or chat rooms unless you know the person they are speaking with and/or have monitoring devices in place.
- Advise your child not to give out personal information send pictures or make plans to meet anyone over the Internet.

- Warn your child not to join any mailing lists without your permission.
- Encourage your child not to visit Web sites or respond to any messages that seem strange or scary.
- Encourage your child to speak to you whenever he or she encounters anything that makes him or her uncomfortable.
- Install a monitoring device. Show your child how you can view every site he or she visits. This should discourage any curiosity searches.

Monitoring Devices

The dangers of the Internet are too prominent to simply trust your child. A monitoring device lets your child know that you can see every site and chat he has had on the computer. I believe everyone with Internet access should install monitoring software. Several versions are available; at the time of this writing Spector Pro is the best monitoring software available. It was selected as the Editors' Choice by the experts at PC Magazine. Spector Pro provides the equivalent of a digital surveillance tape so that you can see the exact sequence of everything your children have done on the computer. It contains seven integrated tools that record chats, instant messages, emails sent and received, web sites visited, keystrokes typed, programs launched, and peer-to-peer file searching and swapping. We provide a link to Spector Pro's Web site at homeschool-books.com in the Questions section.

In addition to monitoring and recording, Spector Pro has an advanced warning system that will inform you when a PC being monitored has been used in an inappropriate manner. Through the use of keywords that you specify, this program is on alert emailing you an immediate and detailed report of when, where and how a keyword was used—every time it is typed or appears on the PC, on a Web site or in an email.

If you use Internet Explorer or Netscape you might have tried monitoring with the browser's history. It's hard to monitor using this approach because children quickly learn how to erase where they have been. Spector Pro runs in stealth mode and cannot be detected. The only one who can alter the monitoring is the person who has the password.

Using the Internet at the Library

During the writing of this book, I checked out our library's Internet services. I'm glad I did so I can warn you. I was surprised to find two computer rooms. In one room the monitors were upright, but in the other room the monitors were inside a hole in the desk, so only the person using the computer could see the screen. My first thought was,

"How unusual! Maybe they are built like that to avoid neck strain." When I asked the librarian about the rooms, she explained the new situation to me. She said the library is more popular than ever because patrons now flock to public libraries (including the children's sections) to use these computers to access pornography on the Internet. The screens are hidden so as not to expose the pornography to other people visiting the library. Some libraries offer some filtered machines, but I was told that minors are frequently allowed to use unfiltered machines, and parental permission is seldom required.

If you plan to allow your child to use the library's computers for access to the Internet, be sure to find out if the computers have filters and how strict the rules are about allowing minors to use unfiltered machines.

Digital and Personal Video Recorders (TiVo)

Over the years we have tried to control the TV by various means (even getting rid of it) without much success. A new device called TiVo, which is both a DVR (digital video recorder) and a PVR (personal video recorder), is a fantastic resource for doing unit studies. TiVo is a box connected to your computer that records television shows of your choice to a hard drive (anywhere from 30 hours to hundreds of hours). TiVo automatically tunes to the right channel at the right time and records your show. Then you can watch the show whenever you have the time.

TiVo has become the answer for us. It gives you control of your television; you're no longer at the mercy of scheduling (or even commercials). TiVo insulates you from the undesirable features of TV and allows you to automatically record the programs you want for later viewing. We live outside of cable range so we have a satellite dish, and adding TiVo to our regular satellite charge is only six dollars per month—a worthy investment. TiVo also has a season pass option where you can record all the telecasts of a series (such as the *Magic School Bus*, *Assignment Discovery*, Charles Stanley's program, *In Touch*, or programs like *Mysteries of the Bible*) with a click of a button.

National Geographic, PBS, the Discovery Channel, the Learning Channel, the Science Channel, and the History Channel produce shows such as *NOVA*, *Assignment Discovery*, *Newton's Apple*, *Hands On History*, *Bill Nye the Science Guy*, and *Magic School Bus*, but it's been almost impossible to plan a schedule around the viewing times. Since we started using TiVo last year, educational television has become a major part of our school day.

For example, for this section on planning a horse unit study I went to my TiVo and typed in the key word "horse" (you can also search by title, actor or genre). Then I clicked "Upcoming Programs" and found the following shows available in the next ten days.

- *That's My Baby*; documentary; a Clydesdale gives birth.
- *Saddle Club*; series; horse information for kids, various topics.
- *Bend of the River*; 1952 movie starring James Stewart; farmers travel by wagon train from Oregon to California during the Gold Rush.
- *Purchasing a Performance Horse*; documentary.
- *Horse City*; national equine events; health issues, training, etc.
- *Down Under Horsemanship With Clinton Anderson*; documentary about working a cow horse ranch; Clinton teaches his horse, Scooter, his "head and poll" exercises.
- *Aiken: Much Ado About Horses*; horse culture in the town of Aiken, S.C.
- *Animal Miracles*; documentary; a horse helps a disabled girl.

As I previously mentioned, we recently did an unscheduled mini-unit on Africa. A quick TiVo search of Africa revealed the following shows available for viewing in the next ten days:

- *The History Channel: In Search of History: Dr. Livingstone, I Presume*. A thrilling look at Stanley's journey into Africa.
- *Africa, a Special Presentation of Nature*; a father and his son travel through the Sahara Desert to trade salt.
- *Africa's Deadly Dozen*; the black mamba is the most deadly of a multitude of venomous snakes found in Africa
- *Communities Building Community: Journey to South Africa*; Judy O'Bannon and other Indiana residents travel to South Africa to exchange ideas.
- *Discovery Channel: Nigel's Wild, Wild World*. Nigel Marven traveled to South Africa to meet some amazing and dangerous sharks.

Here is what I got from typing in "Egypt." (Remember, this is only what's showing in the next ten days.) You can see how this new technology can enhance any unit study.

- *Discovery Channel: Building the Great Pyramid*.
- *Curses of Ancient Egypt*; about the "mystery" of the "Ten Plagues."
- *Egypt's Golden Empire*; Egypt is united under Ahmose; Hatshepsut becomes the first female pharaoh; Thutmos III creates an empire.

- *Expedition Egypt*; the Temple of Karnak in southern Egypt; the role of religion in ancient Egyptian society.
- *Mummies: Tales From the Egyptian Crypts*; burial sites along the Nile; constructing the Pyramids; embalming processes.

Some of these programs aired at 2 and 3 a.m. but my TiVo recorded them. Once you record a program, you can keep it as long as you'd like. If you need to make space on your TiVo, you can record the show onto a videotape or DVD. This allows you to use TiVo to record resources months before you start a unit study.

Searching for Educational Television Vai the Internet

You can search educational television channels from their Internet sites for TV listing or worksheets and lesson plans to enhance your studies. We've created a list of links to education television channels and educational shows with Internet sites at <http://Heartofwisdom.com/tv.htm>

Videos

You can find a video for almost any topic by using *Learning with the Movies: A Guide to Education and Fun*. Beth Holland, a homeschool mom, created her own movie collection by taping movies she thought would be educational for her children. This comprehensive guide lists over 1,000 movies, divided into curriculum categories. Each movie description includes its release year, with a rating of one to five stars, and a brief description. It includes all historical periods, music/arts, biographies, family films, sports, science/nature, horses, medicine, literature, holidays, and more. Simply flip to the section you are studying to find an alphabetical list of videos.

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Heart of Wisdom Link & Video Library has free links by theme.
Heartofwisdom.com/homeschoollinks

Wisdom



Castle of Wisdom by Rhett Ellis **9-12** ▶◁

The hard-to-put down, fictional, fairy-tale type story is a parable about seeking wisdom. It's full of symbols entertaining. Contains material not suitable for young children (sexual references). ISBN: 0967063108



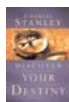
Character in Crisis: A Fresh Approach to the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament by William Brown **9-12** ▶◁

This study demonstrates that the aim of the Bible's wisdom literature is the formation of the moral character of both individuals and the believing community. ISBN: 080284135X



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God's Wisdom for Little Girls: Virtues and Fun from Proverbs 31 by Elizabeth George **K-3** ▶◁

In her first children's book, bestselling author George draws from the wisdom of the Bible's book of Proverbs to encourage young girls to apply the positive traits and qualities illustrated in each verse. Luenebrink's charming watercolors complement the text. ISBN: 0736904271



Heart of the King: Meditations on Psalm 119 by Ron Auch **4-8** **9-12** ▶◁

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How to Handle Adversity by Charles F. Stanley **9-12** ▶◁

When hard times come, we need wisdom to navigate through the shoals of adversity into a safe harbor. And now, in *How to Handle Adversity*, Charles Stanley offers a practical, biblical approach to help us deal with the troubles common to us all. ISBN: 0785264183



How to Listen to God by Charles F. Stanley **9-12** ▶◁

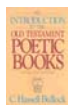
Stanley explains that after salvation, believers discover the joy of hearing God's voice, but often the purity and freshness of that initial experience becomes clouded by the daily routine of life. ISBN: 0785264140



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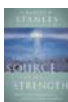
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Proverbial Wisdom and Common Sense by Derek Leman **9-12** ▶◁

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The Source of My Strength by Charles F. Stanley **9-12** ▶◁

Dr. Stanley talks honestly about his own journey through emotional pain and points readers toward the wellspring of strength. He shares his own experiences with grief and shows readers how to overcome pain, understand burdens, confront memories, and discover the courage and strength to live freely in God's love for them. ISBN: 0785205691



A Touch of His Wisdom: Meditations on the Book of Proverbs by Charles F. Stanley **9-12** ▶◁

A collection of 31 transforming principles based on the book of Proverbs. Dr. Stanley explores God's perspectives on money, work, marriage, leadership, family, and other everyday concerns. Applying God's wisdom to each of these areas can change failure into success, chaos into order, and fear into trust. ISBN: 0310545404



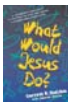
Walking Wisely: Real Life Solutions for Everyday Situations by Charles F. Stanley **4-8** **9-12** 🔑 ▶◁

The lessons in the *Wisdom* unit study follow the chapters in this book. The truly wise person, Charles Stanley writes, is one whose values, perspectives, career goals, and daily decisions are all shaped by the wisdom found in Christ. ISBN: 0785272984



The Way of Wisdom: Essays in Honor of Bruce K. Waltke by J. I. Packer **9-12** ▶◁

A volume of essays on the theme of wisdom written in a scholarly way but with broad appeal to an informed lay reader in honor of Dr. Bruce K. Waltke. ISBN: 0310227283



What Would Jesus Do? by Garrett Ward Sheldon **4-8** **9-12** ▶◁

For more than a century, Sheldon's *In His Steps* has been one of the most beloved Christian novels ever. In this retelling of the original story, updated characters and settings shed new light on the question, "What Would Jesus Do?" ISBN: 080540189X



Wisdom Hunter by Randall Arthur **9-12** ▶◁

This best-selling novel presents the hypocrisy of Christian legalism and a man's search for the only surviving member of his family. This is an excellent and memorable story. It's the only novel that ever gave me reason to use my highlighter pen. Some adult content (rape reference) not suitable for children. ISBN: 1590522591

Virtuous Women



The Art of Tea and Friendship: Savoring the Fragrance of Time Together by Sandy Lynam Clough **9-12** ▶◁
Beloved artist Clough delightfully guides readers in the fine art of blending tea and friendship. Along with her beautiful teaware paintings, she offers a creative variety of ways for friends to gather and savor the fragrance of time spent together. ISBN: 0736910980



Aunt Jane's Hero by Elizabeth Prentiss **9-12** ▶◁
First published in 1871. With vivid pictures of life and character, its object is to depict a home whose happiness flows from the living rock, Christ Jesus. It protests also against the extravagance and other evils of the times, which tends to check the growth of such homes, and aims to show that there are still treasures of love and peace on earth that may be bought without money and without price. ISBN: 1879737345



Beautiful Girlhood by Karen Andreola **4-8** ▶◁
The book deals primarily with the Christian character development, moral virtues and manners of pre-teen and teenage girls. It's designed to encourage both mother and daughter as they discuss awkward topics, as well as inspiring ones. ISBN: 1883934028



Becoming a Titus 2 Woman by Martha Peace **9-12** ▶◁
A book for mothers and grandmothers teaching children. Now more than ever, young women today need to know "what is good...that the word of God may not be dishonored." Peace's in-depth study of Titus 2:3-5 helps you to develop the character that God wants every older woman to have, and fulfill your role as a teacher, counselor, and friend to younger women. Lessons include application questions. ISBN: 1885904177



Becoming a Woman of Beauty and Strength by Elizabeth George **9-12** ▶◁
This Bible study explores God's providential guidance as revealed through the story of Esther. You will see God working powerfully through a woman willing to entrust herself to her Him. ISBN: 0736904891



Becoming a Woman of Excellence by Cynthia Heald **9-12** ▶◁
These eleven Bible lessons by Cynthia Heald will help you understand what excellence means in such areas as: Surrender, Obedience, Discipline, Discretion, Wisdom, Purity, and A Gentle and Quiet Spirit. ISBN: 0891090665



Big Sister and Little Sister by Charlotte Zolotow **K-3**
A small girl runs away from her domineering older sister, only to discover how much she is needed and loved. A heartwarming picture book for small girls. ISBN: 0064432173



Christian Charm Course by Emily Hunter **K-4** ▶◁
With practical guidelines for grooming, dress, politeness, conversation skills, and spiritual growth, this book will help children integrate inner beauty with outer beauty. ISBN: 0890815089



Deal with It!: You Cannot Conquer What You Will Not Confront by Paula White **9-12** ▶◁
Dynamic Bible teacher and national speaker White highlights 10 women in the Bible and shows how God transformed their lives and can transform anyone's life who is seeking Him and the answers He provides throughout Scripture. ISBN: 0785261060



Every Woman in the Bible by Larry Richards and Sue Poorman Richards **9-12** 🔑 ▶◁
Comprehensive coverage of every woman mentioned in the Bible, both named and unnamed. Profiles individual women, considering their roles, relationships, and lessons from their lives. Fresh insights into their historical/social settings make individual women come alive like never before. Also shows Paul's view of women was not chavenistic. Contemporary, easy-to-follow format and writing style. Over 75 maps, charts, illustrations, and sidebars add important information and visual appeal. ISBN: 0785214410



The Excellent Wife: A Biblical Perspective by Martha Peace **9-12** ▶◁
A scripturally based blueprint for the woman who really wants to be the wife God intended her to be. Using the woman in Proverbs 31 as a model, offers detailed practical answers to questions most often asked by Christian wives. ISBN: 1885904088

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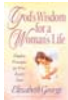
Feminine Appeal by Carolyn Mahaney **9-12** ▶◁

Laying a foundation of sound doctrine, Mahaney teaches women the specifics of practical living that glorifies God. She joyfully explores home as a place to minister, to enjoy, and to manage, plus helps women cultivate their roles as wives, mothers, and mentors. Her personal anecdotes and illustrations from the lives of others add warmth and humor to this book. ISBN: 1581346158



God's Wisdom for Little Girls by Elizabeth George **K-3**

Draws from the wisdom of the Bible's book of Proverbs to encourage young girls to apply the positive traits and qualities illustrated in each verse. Luenebrink's charming watercolors complement. ISBN: 0736904271



God's Wisdom for a Woman's Life: Timeless Principles for Your Every Need by Elizabeth George **9-12** ▶◁

Bestselling author Elizabeth George includes the Bible's answers to timely questions women have about running their busy lives while doing what is right. ISBN: 0736910611



Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver **9-12** ▶◁

This book's fresh approach to familiar Bible stories and its creative, practical strategies are designed to show how readers can draw closer to the Lord, deepening devotion, strengthening service, and doing both with less stress and greater joy. ISBN: 1578562589



A Heart Like His: Intimate Reflections on the Life of David by Beth Moore **9-12** ▶◁

In this in-depth look at the life of David, Beth Moore draws spiritual insight and understanding from a man who slayed a giant and saved a kingdom. ISBN: 0805420355



Hidden Art of Homemaking by Edith Schaeffer **9-12** ▶◁

This elegant and insightful lady, wife of theologian Francis Schaeffer, reveals the many opportunities for artistic expression that can be found in ordinary, everyday life. ISBN: 0842313982



I'd Be Your Princess by Kathryn O'Brien **K-3** ▶◁

This picture book encourages godly character, promotes a healthy father-daughter relationship, and illustrates how God's Word is a model for behavior. ISBN: 0784713502



Just Like Mama by Beverly Lewis **K-3** ▶◁

Charming Amish picture book depicts farm life in Pennsylvania. A book that mothers and daughters of all ages can enjoy, ultimately encourages everyone to be just like Jesus. ISBN: 0736904271



Just Mom and Me Having Tea: A Fun Bible Study for Mothers and Daughters by Mary J Murray **4-8** ▶◁

This easy-to-use devotional covers topics that are important in girls' lives, and helps mothers and daughters take a spiritual journey together. ISBN: 0736904263



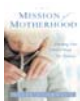
Let Me Be a Woman by Elizabeth Elliot **9-12** ▶◁

The author combines her observations and experiences in a number of essays on male-female relationships. ISBN: 0842321624



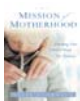
Life Management for Busy Women by Elizabeth George **9-12** ▶◁

The bestselling author turns her life's experience and gift as a communicator to a subject that will resonate with today's women: taking control of too-busy days and building balanced, godly lives. ISBN: 0736901914



A Little Book of Manners by Emilie Barnes **K-3** ▶◁

An introduction to the basics of good manners, from meeting and greeting people to proper telephone and mealtime behavior. ISBN: 1565076788



The Mission of Motherhood by Sally Clarkson **9-12** ▶◁

Author, speaker, and mother Clarkson uses practical examples, her own personal anecdotes, a challenging vision to give mothers exactly the support they need to persevere in cultivating and sharing their hearts for God, for their children, and for their homes. Excellent! ISBN: 1578565812

Virtuous Women continued



Not Even a Hint: A Study Guide for Women by Shannon and Joshua Harris with Brian Smith **9-12** ▶◁
Essential for defeating lust and celebrating purity in your own life, this study guide directly addresses the unique temptations you face as a woman. ISBN: 1590523547



Praise Her in the Gates by Nancy Wilson **9-12** ▶◁
Fulfill your call to Christian motherhood by building a house of grace and joy. Based on the foundation of Proverbs 14:1, Wilson's master plan helps you raise godly children using the tools of love, education, and discipline. Her wise advice will guide you in contributing to God's long-term plan. ISBN: 1885767706



The Princess and the Kiss by Jennie Bishop **K-3** ▶◁
A resource for parents and is a real delight for children of all ages. Join the princess as she discovers the value of her first kiss, and experiences God's provision in a way she never dreamed! Delightful color illustrations add depth and texture to this story about God's gift of purity. ISBN: 0871628686



The Power of a Praying Woman by Stormie Omartian **9-12** ▶◁
Best-selling Stormie Omartian's deep knowledge of Scripture and candid examples of her own struggles and epiphanies in prayer provide reassuring guidance for those who seek a greater sense of God's presence in their lives. Each segment of this book concludes with a prayer that women can use as a model for their own prayers. ISBN: 0736908552



The Remarkable Women of the Bible by Elizabeth George **9-12** ▶◁
Jocbed is an example of a remarkable mother; Deborah's life is an illustration of wisdom; Ruth and Naomi model pure devotion; Hannah demonstrates sacrifice; Esther represents amazing courage. ISBN: 0736907386



The True Princess by Angela Elwell Hunt **K-3** ▶◁
When the King returns from his long journey, he must use discernment to find his daughter among the multitude of girls who claim to be the true princess. He knows that his daughter will be recognized by that one quality that is evidenced by a true princess—a servant's heart. ISBN: 1591856337



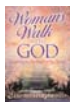
What is a Family? by Edith Schaeffer **9-12** ▶◁
All the moving, changing shapes of a family, ever in need of work, are shown in Edith Schaeffer's imaginative loving reflections on infancy to grandmotherhood. A heartening view of family life. The family:...a center for the formation of human relationships...a perpetual relay of truth...a museum of memories...all of these and much more. ISBN: 0801083656



A Wife After God's Own Heart by Elizabeth George **9-12** ▶◁
The author provides valuable and practical insights on 12 key areas of a marriage. This book can be used alongside *A Husband After God's Own Heart* or as a stand-alone volume. ISBN: 0736911677

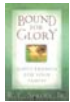


A Woman's High Calling: 10 Essentials for Godly Living by Elizabeth George **9-12** ▶◁
One of the greatest challenges women face is dealing with so many demands and expectations. What are a woman's greatest priorities? How can she make sure she focuses on what really counts? Drawing on Titus 2:3-5, Elizabeth shares the simple steps a woman can take to make essentials a joyous reality. Offers practical, purposeful advice on living in purity, cultivating personal discipline, managing a home, loving a husband, and more. A study guide for this book is available. ISBN: 0736903275



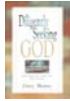
A Woman's Walk with God: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit by Elizabeth George **9-12** ▶◁
Focusing on the gracious habits the Holy Spirit produces, readers discover the attitudes of love and joy; the actions of patience and goodness; and the disciplines of faithfulness and gentleness. ISBN: 0736901884

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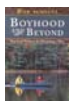
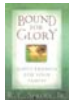
Be Diligent by Warren W. Wiersbe **9-12** ▶◁

In this study, Dr. Wiersbe focuses on Jesus Christ the Servant, always on the move, always doing the Father's will and serving others. Mark is the ideal Gospel for busy people who want to discover how to make their lives count for God. Studying Mark's intensely dramatic account of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ will help you appreciate Him as God's Ideal Servant. You will be motivated and encouraged in your own ministry for the Lord. ISBN: 0896933563



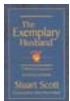
Complete Husband by Lou Priolo **9-12** ▶◁

This ground-breaking, refreshing book encourages men to give honor to their wives as to the weaker (more fragile and valuable) vessel. The author reminds men that wives come with an owner's manual—the Bible! Priolo shows men how the Bible instructs them to know their wives by discovering their dreams, goals, and desires. It is the husband's job to find out what they are, and cultivate his wife so that she becomes spiritually fertile. The author stresses men to understand, pleasing their wives must be in terms of the whole relationship. Priolo encourages correct biblical thinking will leads to tender actions, which in turn leads to complete fulfillment. Priolo's balanced book motivates a husband to really love his wife—with Christ-like sacrificial love. This book primarily deals with communication and attitudes but one chapter is devoted to the physical aspects of marriage. ISBN: 1879737353



Diligently Seeking God by Gary Henry **9-12** ▶◁

The book is divided into 366 daily meditations that challenge the reader to take seriously a daily focus upon God. Each reading focuses on different aspects of the character of God, providing compelling reasons to take the seeking of God seriously. ISBN: 0971371008



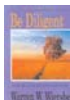
Bringing Up Boys by Dr. James C. Dobson **9-12** ▶◁

Boys are different! But with pressure to be "gender-neutral," many try to mold children into a one-size-fits-all model. Dr. Dobson explains why boys are the way they are, how to understand their emotional and physical development, and the best way to motivate them to become godly men. ISBN: 084235266X



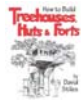
Boyhood and Beyond: Practical Wisdom for Becoming a Man by Bob Schultz **4-8** ▶◁

Bob Schultz, a carpenter by trade, has written a timeless book for boys. Wisdom and common sense are gleaned from short chapters covering topics such as authority, inventiveness, and honesty as well as learning to overcome things like fear, laziness, and temptation. *Boyhood and Beyond* motivates boys to build their lives on a foundation of strong moral principles. Most importantly, these chapters will encourage boys to become the men God wants them to be as they develop a relationship with Him. This is a book designed to be read and lived out in a boy's life, thus becoming one of his building blocks to godly character and, ultimately, manhood. ISBN: 1883934095



The Exemplary Husband: A Biblical Perspective by Stuart Scott **9-12** ▶◁

Who's your model of an ideal husband? Your father? Your pastor? How about Jesus! Scott takes an in-depth and biblical look at God's expectations for husbands—their walk, Christ-like character, responsibilities, and more. ISBN: 1885904312



God's Wisdom for Little Boys: Character-Building Fun from Proverbs by Jim and Elizabeth George **K-3** ▶◁

Following the success of the bestselling "God's Wisdom for Little Girls," this wonderful collection of teachings from Proverbs comes to life for boys ages 4-7. Memorable rhymes play alongside watercolors for a charming presentation of truths by which to live. ISBN: 0736908242



How to Build Treehouses, Huts, and Forts by David R. Stiles **4-8**

Finally, a practical guide to building castles in the air! ISBN: 1592281923



A Little Book of Manners for Boys by Bob Barnes and Emilie Barnes **4-8** ▶◁

An introduction to the basics of good manners, from meeting and greeting people, proper telephone and mealtime behavior, to when it's acceptable to act weird with your friends. ISBN: 0736901280

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Not Even a Hint by Joshua Harris **9-12** †>

The author of *I Kissed Dating Goodbye* now calls a generation bombarded with images of sexual sin back to the freedom and joy of holiness. PG-rated book. ISBN: 1590521471

Not Even a Hint: Guarding Your Heart Against Lust on CD by Joshua Harris **9-12** †>

Harris, author of *I Kissed Dating Goodbye*, calls a generation bombarded with images of sexual sin back to the freedom and joy of holiness in this PG-rated book on 3 CDs. ISBN: 1590522559



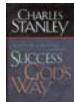
Not Even a Hint: A Study Guide for Men by Joshua Harris with Brian Smith **9-12** †>

Overcoming lust is a process that requires diligent focus and accountability from others—and this in-depth guide helps establish both. It's designed for a variety of settings, from one-on-one accountability partnerships to group study classes. *Not Even a Hint* made the statement that lust is a human problem and that Jesus can free anyone from its power. Going further, this gender-specific study guide features study questions and discussion starters that directly address the unique temptations men face. ISBN: 1590522532



A Passion for Faithfulness: Wisdom from the Book of Nehemiah by J. I. Packer **9-12** †>

Noted author and theologian Packer looks at the dual themes of how Nehemiah led the people and how God led Nehemiah—all to ultimately build up His Kingdom. As Nehemiah testifies to all God has done in and through him and providing a model for renewal within the body of Christ today. ISBN: 1581342462



Success God's Way by Charles F. Stanley **9-12** †>

In this bestselling title, Dr. Stanley shows that God sums up success in terms of relationship, character, and obedience. ISBN: 0785265902



A Sacred Foundation by Michael P. Farris and L. Reed Elam **9-12** †>

Veteran home school parents and authors offer keen insight into the stress points of the home schooling marriage. They guide the reader to a greater understanding of the importance of keeping the marriage bond strong and offer many practical steps that parents can take to keep the foundation of their relationship not merely intact, but strong. ISBN: 0805425888



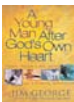
The Squire and the Scroll by Jennie Bishop **K-3** †>

As *The Princess and the Kiss* presented purity of heart for girls, this book does for boys. The squire sets out on a quest to recover the Lantern of Purest Light. The dangers he encounters challenge his purity of heart and teach him valuable lessons for his life. ISBN: 1593170793



Ten Boys Who Made a Difference by Irene Howat **4-8** †>

Would you like to make a difference? These ten boys grew up to do just that—but first they had to change the Church. How did God change them? ISBN: 1857927753



A Young Man After God's Own Heart by Jim George **9-12** †>

Pursuing God is, and ought to be, an adventurous challenge for a young man. Starting with probing a young man's heart as to, "Where are your desires?", Jim George, who has made a lifetime ministry out of discipling younger men, elevates the pursuit of the desires of teens and men in their early 20's to uncommonly lofty aims. Focuses on getting along at home, choosing quality friends, making wise choices about the future, fighting the battle with temptation, building your faith and more. ISBN: 0736914781



What the Bible Says About Being a Man by J. Richard Fugate **9-12** †> f

Fugate explains how we need men who will live by the biblical principles of honesty, courage, loyalty, self-discipline, and above all, godliness. He looks at the past several generations where men have lost a great deal of their masculinity. Parenting, marriage, government, business, and church have been damaged as a result. *Being a Man* explains this demise, the biblical roles of Christian masculinity and the road back to responsible manhood. If you are a Christian man who would like to be a spiritually mature leader, this book is for you. God intends for men to be conquerors in this world. ISBN 1889700290



The Wisdom of Solomon at Work: Ancient Virtues for Living and Leading Today by Charles C Manz **9-12** †>

The author of *The Leadership Wisdom of Jesus* now ponders the timeless lessons, spiritual views, symbols, and icons of the Old Testament and how they relate to readers' professional lives. ISBN: 157675085X

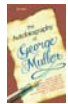


Christian and Missionary Biographies



Amy Carmichael: Rescuer of Precious Gems by Janet Bengé **4-8** **9-12** ▶◁

Driven by love, sustained by faith and determination, this young woman from Northern Ireland defied the cruel barriers of India's caste system (1867-1951). ISBN: 1576580180



The Autobiography of George Muller by George Muller **4-8** **9-12** ▶◁

George Muller persistently depended upon the Lord to provide for the needs of thousands of London orphans on a daily basis. Share his experiences in this thrilling account. Muller's unwavering, childlike dependence upon the Father will inspire you to confidently trust the God of the impossible in every area of your life. ISBN: 0883681595



Betty Greene: Flying High by Renee Taft Meloche **K-3** ▶◁

WWII veteran Betty Greene (1920-1997) combined her love of flying with her love for Christ by helping found the Mission Aviation Fellowship, which still uses airplanes to take the Gospel around the world. ("Christian Heroes: Then & Now"). ISBN: 1576582396



Bruchko by Bruce Olson **4-8** **9-12** ▶◁

What happens when a nineteen-year-old boy heads into the jungles to evangelize a murderous tribe of South American Indians? For Bruce Olson it meant capture and torture, but what he discovered revolutionized the world of missions. ISBN: 0884191338



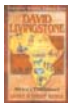
A Chance to Die: The Life and Legacy of Amy Carmichael by Elisabeth Elliot **4-8** **9-12** ▶◁

Elisabeth Elliot, a great admirer of Carmichael produced a balanced biography of this remarkable Christian woman. ISBN: 0800715357



Corrie ten Boom: Keeper of the Angels' Den by Janet Bengé **4-8** **9-12** ▶◁

Relates events in the life of the Dutch woman who survived imprisonment in Nazi concentration camps to become a Christian missionary. ISBN: 1576581365



David Livingstone: Africa's Trailblazer by Janet Bengé **4-8** ▶◁

Braving danger and hardship, David Livingstone crisscrossed vast uncharted regions of Africa to open new frontiers and spread the message of the Gospel to all who would listen (1813-1873). ISBN: 1576581535



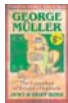
Eric Liddell: Something Greater Than Gold by Janet Bengé **4-8** **9-12** ▶◁

A biography of the Scottish missionary and runner who won a gold medal in the 1924 Olympics and went on to do missionary work in China. ISBN: 1576581373



From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya by Ruth Tucker **4-8** **9-12** ▶◁

An invaluable resource for missionaries, mission agencies, students, and all who are concerned about the spreading of the Gospel throughout the world. ISBN: 0310239370



George Muller: The Guardian of Bristol's Orphans by Janet Bengé **9-12** ▶◁

Sustained by God's provision. George Muller's vision of caring for orphans grew to five large homes that ultimately over ten thousand children would call home (1805-1898). ISBN: 1576581454



Gladys Aylward: The Courageous English Missionary Whose Life Defied All Expectations by Catherine Swift **9-12** ▶◁

This is the true story of the courageous English missionary who fulfilled her desire to reach the Chinese people for Christ and who proved her commitment by enduring the indignities of Japanese internment with her Chinese counterparts during World War II. ISBN: 1556610904



Hearts of Fire: Eight Women in the Underground Church and Their Stories of Costly Faith by Word Publishing

Eight women from eight very different backgrounds. Yet the struggles they each faced rang with eerie similarity. These courageous women from across the globe—Pakistan, India, Romania, the Former Soviet Union, China, Vietnam, Nepal, Indonesia—shared similar experiences of hardship, subjugation, and persecution, all because of their faith in Christ. Yet all of these women have emerged from adversity as leaders and heroines. ISBN: 0849944228

Christian and Missionary Biographies *continued*



Heaven's Heroes: Real Life Stories from History's Greatest Missionaries by David Shibley

"God had an only Son and He was a missionary..." With these words, David Livingstone confirmed that he, too, would spend his life telling people in far-off lands about the love of God. This explorer, doctor, author, and missionary longed to see the smoke of a thousand villages, because huddled around African tribal fires were people who might never hear the story of God's love unless missionaries obeyed God's call to serve Him. ISBN: 0892212551



Heavenly Man by Paul Hattaway

Brother Yun has experienced unbelievable persecution, including torture and imprisonment. He has also experienced unbelievable grace and miracles. And in a paradox that continues to confound, he describes how the true church actually flourishes amidst persecution. ISBN: 082546207X



Hero Tales, Volume 1 by Dave Jackson **K-3** **4-8**

Drawn from the lives of fifteen key Christian heroes, this book is a treasury of 45 exciting and educational readings designed to help foster Christian character in families with elementary-age children. The book presents a short biography and stories of each hero. ISBN: 1556617127



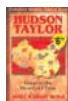
Hero Tales, Volume 2 by Dave Jackson **K-3** **4-8**

Life-changing lessons from the lives of real heroes are profiled in Vol. 2 of *Hero Tales*, including Jim Elliot, John Newton, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Corrie ten Boom, Watchman Nee, and Florence Nightingale. Discussion questions and Scripture verses designed to highlight essential Christian character qualities make this book a perfect tool to teach children ages 6 to 12 lifelong lessons in what it means to live for Christ. Elegantly packaged and illustrated. ISBN: 1556617135



Hudson Taylor: Deep in the Heart of China by Janet Bengé **4-8** **9-12**

A pioneer missionary to China at age 21, Hudson Taylor eventually led 641 missionaries, about half the entire protestant force in China (1832–1905). ISBN: 1576580164



In the Presence of My Enemies by Gracia Burnham

Soon after September 11, 2001, the news media stepped up its coverage of the plight of Martin and Gracia Burnham, the missionary couple captured and held hostage in the Philippine jungle by terrorists with ties to Osama bin Laden. ISBN: 0842362398



Jim Elliot: One Great Purpose by Janet Bengé

"Christian Heroes: Then & Now" series have set a new standard of quality in Christian biography. These thrilling true adventures are the best-written biographies for ages 10 and up. Martyred in Ecuador in 1956, missionary Jim Elliot (1927-1956) lived by his words, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." . ISBN: 1576581462



Jim Elliot Study Guide by Janet Bengé **5-8**

These guides turn great adventure reading into an even greater learning experience. With international breadth and spiritual depth, they provide the Christian school teacher and homeschooling parent with countless ways to teach and reinforce diverse curriculum areas as they relate to the life of a Christian missionary. Each unit study is designed for a wide variety of learning styles, grade levels, and abilities and for both individual and group study. ISBN: 1576582043



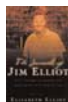
John Newton: The British Slave Trader Who Found Amazing Grace by Catherine Swift **9-12** ><

The amazing story of a converted British slave trader who became a well-loved hymnist and a leading abolitionist. A "Men of Faith" biography. ISBN: 1556613059



The Journals of Jim Elliot by Jim Elliot **9-12** ><

Jim Elliot was part of a team of young missionaries murdered in Ecuador in 1956 by the Auca Indians to whom they were witnessing. Detailing his fascinating missions work this book is a wonderful account of the life of a man who yearned to know God's plan for his life. ISBN: 0800758250



Christian and Missionary Biographies *continued*



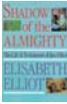
King of the Cannibals: The Story of John G. Paton by Jim Cromarty **4-8** **9-12** ▶◁

John Paton willingly risked everything, even his life, so that he might preach Christ as Lord and Savior in a heathen land. His story tells how God protected and cared for one of His faithful servants in the New Hebrides Islands. ISBN: 0852344015



Lottie Moon: Giving Her All for China by Janet Benge & Geoff Benge **4-8** **9-12** ▶◁

Each true story in this series by outstanding authors Janet and Geoff Benge is loved by adults and children alike. More Christian Heroes: Then & Now biographies and unit study curriculum guides are coming soon. Fifty-five books are planned, and thousands of families have started their collections. After becoming the most educated woman in the American South, Lottie Moon spent thirty-nine years ministering in China. An annual missionary offering in her name is still taken up today (1840–1912). ISBN: 1576581888

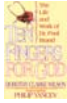


Shadow of the Almighty: The Life and Testament of Jim Elliot by Elisabeth Elliot **9-12** ▶◁

“Elisabeth Elliot’s account is more than inspirational reading it belongs to the very heartbeat of evangelic witness.”—*Christianity Today*. ISBN: 006062213X

Ten Fingers for God: The Life and Work of Dr. Paul Brand by Philip Yancey and Dorothy Clarke Wilson

A biography of Dr. Paul Brand, a leading researcher in rehabilitation for leprosy patients. Dr. Brand’s humility and ability to adapt to different cultural and environmental conditions both stem from his love for God and God’s creation. Philip Yancey’s fine foreword enhances Wilson’s portrait of this great man. Excellent reading. ISBN: 0964313707



Through Gates of Splendor by Elisabeth Elliot **9-12** ▶◁

After several preliminary overtures of friendship, five young missionary men set out on a crucial January day in 1956 for a meeting with the Auca tribesmen who had reacted with apparent tolerance to earlier gifts and messages. This is the poignant story of their martyrdom told by the widow of one of the slain members of the group. ISBN: 0842371524



Valiant Women in War and Exile: Thirty-Eight True Stories by Sally Keeva and Lynn Kessler **9-12** ▶◁

First published in 1987, this profoundly moving collection of women’s personal stories crosses political and cultural boundaries, and include stories from pre-World War I Europe to the jungles of Central America in the 1980s. With her new introduction, Hayton-Keeva connects the book’s poignant testimonies to contemporary issues of war, and describes a voice distinctively different from the traditional experience of men at war: War is not suspended in time, something outside a woman’s experience of life; it is part of life, woven into all the rest. These mothers, daughters, sisters, and wives endured concentration camps, atomic bombs, homeland invasions, terrorism, and guerilla warfare. As nurses, nuns, social workers, soldiers, prisoners, spies, or snipers, they took active command of their lives and did what had to be done. Their accounts convey the lifelong physical, emotional, and spiritual impact of grief, terror, and loss, and reveal that for women, war is not about glory and camaraderie and heroism, but about the quiet valor born of individual suffering and triumph over adversity. ISBN: 087422263X



With Daring Faith: A Biography of Amy Carmichael by Rebecca H. Davis **4-8** ▶◁

This is a biography written for children is about the esteemed missionary, Amy Carmichael, who almost single-handedly fought a battle against the practice of child temple prostitution in India in the early part of this century. ISBN: 0890844143

Classics/Grades K-3



Are You My Mother? by P. D. Eastman **K-3**

A baby bird, fallen from his nest, sets out to find his mother. Full-color. ISBN: 0394800184



The Bears on Hemlock Mountain by Alice Dalgliesh **K-3**

A young boy sent on an errand over Hemlock Mountain is not so sure he likes going alone, because there may be bears on the mountain, but with the help of the big iron pot he borrows, he completes his errand. ISBN: 0689716044



Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey **K-3**

Little Sal and Little Bear both lose track of their mothers while eating blueberries and almost end up with the other's mother. ISBN: 014050169X



The Boy Who Held Back the Sea by Thomas Locker **K-3**

Jan had never done anything more heroic than shout for the guard because he'd imagined he'd seen a sea serpent. But when Jan discovered water trickling through a desolate stretch of the dike that protected his low-lying village, he knew he had to act fast. ISBN: 0140546138



Bravest Dog Ever: Story of Balto by Natalie Standiford **K-3**

Recounts the life of Balto, the sled dog who saved Nome, Alaska in 1925 from a diphtheria epidemic by delivering medicine through a raging snowstorm. ISBN: 039499695X



Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys and Their Monkey Business by Esphyr Slobodkina **K-3**

A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree. ISBN: 0064431436



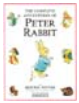
Chicken Little by Steven Kellogg **K-3**

Steven Kellogg's hilarious retelling and irresistible illustrations bring fresh delight to this timeless classic of chain-reaction panic. Full-color. ISBN: 0688070450



The Complete Adventures of Curious George by Margret Rey and H. A. Rey **K-3**

The adventures of the ingenious little monkey who left the jungle to live with the man in the yellow hat. ISBN: 0395754100



The Complete Adventures of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter **K-3**

Beatrix Potter's four stories that feature Peter Rabbit are brought together in one volume, so that Peter's escapades can be read as a continuous saga. The volume includes the complete text and art from *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, *The Tale of Benjamin Bunny*, *The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies* and *The Tale of Mr. Tod*. From Peter's mischievous childhood in Mr. McGregor's garden to the time he rescues a family from Tommy Brock's clutches, Peter Rabbit's story is one children will want to hear again and again. ISBN: 0140504443



The Complete Tales of Beatrix Potter by Beatrix Potter **K-3**

This beautiful, deluxe volume contains all 23 of Potter's "Peter Rabbit" tales. Arranged in the order in which they were first published, the stories are complete and unabridged. Full-color illustrations. ISBN: 0723247609



Corduroy by Don Freeman **K-3**

A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him, he finds what he's always wanted most of all. ISBN: 0140501738



The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh **K-3**

An eight-year-old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in the Connecticut wilderness, and to stay with the Indians when her father goes back to bring the rest of the family. ISBN: 0689715404

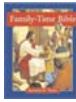


Classics/Grades K-3 continued



The Drinking Gourd: A Story of the Underground Railroad by F. N. Monjo **K-3**

Sent home alone for misbehaving in church, Tommy discovers that his house is a station on the underground railroad. ISBN: 0064440427



Family-Time Bible by Kenneth Taylor **K-3**

This collection of more than 120 classic Bible stories makes it easy for parents to teach young children the best-loved stories of Scripture in a way that is easy to understand. Full-color. ISBN: 0842365761



A Family Treasury of Little Golden Books by Ellen Lewis Buell **K-3**

A selection of forty-six stories and poems, each with their original illustrations, previously published as separate editions of Little Golden Books. ISBN: 0307168506



Five True Dog Stories by Margaret Davidson **K-3**

This collection of true dog stories will fascinate young readers. Dox finds jewels and criminals. Grip picks pockets, and Barry rescues people from the snow. Adventure, suspense, and animals are all here. ISBN: 0590424017



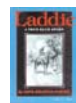
Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel **K-3**

Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends—Frog and Toad. Arnold Lobel has won both Newbery and Caldecott Honor Medals (very unusual for one author) for his books about Frog and Toad. Several teachers guides (some free online) are available to use with this book. ISBN: 0064440206



Henner's Lydia by Marguerite de Angeli **K-3**

An Amish girl living with her family on their farm in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, tries to finish her hooked rug so that she may take her first trip to market with Father. ISBN: 0836190939



The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes **K-3**

A restored edition of a classic, award-winning book about prejudice and understanding. ISBN: 0152052607



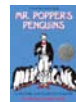
Laddie: A True Blue Story by Gene Stratton-Porter **K-3**

The narrative mode of *Laddie* may prevent an easy suspension of disbelief to some readers. It is told in the first person not by the eight- or ten-year-old Little Sister but from the later position of adulthood. ISBN: 0253204585



The Lion Storyteller Bedtime Book by Bob Hartman **K-3**

A good introduction for younger children to the cultural heritage of many nations. ISBN: 0745946542



Little Visits with God by Mary Manz Simon **K-3** ><

This classic has nurtured children's faith and sown seeds that enrich lives for years to come. These devotions help children not only learn about God, but also to love and trust in Him. ISBN: 0570058090



Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater **K-3**

Mr. Popper trains his twelve pet penguins to become stage sensations. ISBN: 0316058432



A New Coat for Anna by Harriet Ziefert **K-3**

Even though there is no money, Anna's mother finds a way to make Anna a badly needed winter coat. ISBN: 0394898613



The Railway Children by Various Authors **K-3**

Three children, forced to alter their comfortable lifestyle when their father disappears, move to a simple cottage near a railway station where their days are filled with adventure. Beautifully illustrated in color by well-known artists such as Quentin Blake and Michael Foreman. Complete and unabridged editions. ISBN: 1843650509

The Story about Ping by Marjorie Flack and Kurt Wiese **K-3**

A little duck finds adventure on the Yangtze River when he is too late to board his master's houseboat one evening. ISBN: 0140502416

Classics/Grades 4-8



The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain **4-8**
Newly repackaged and featuring a new Introduction, Twain's classic tales of life on the Mississippi capture the complexities of American life while regaling the boyhood adventures of two of the most popular characters in American literature. ISBN: 0451528646



Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery **4-8**
When Marilla Cuthbert's brother, Matthew, returns home to Green Gables with a chatty redheaded orphan girl, Marilla exclaims, "But we asked for a boy. We have no use for a girl." It's not long, though, before the Cuthberts can't imagine how they could ever do without young Anne. Gift box edition with eight titles in this series available. ISBN: 0517189682



Ben Hur: Retold for Today's Children by Anne de Graaf **4-8**
Their inherent Christian themes are highlighted and emphasized in short, simple sentences. ISBN: 8772470038



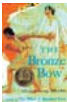
Big Red by Jim Kjelgaard **4-8**
Story of the friendship between a champion Irish setter and a trapper's son. Together Danny and Red face many dangers in the harsh Wintapi wilderness that they call home. ISBN: 0553154346



Black Beauty by Anna Sewell **4-8**
Written over 100 years ago, *Black Beauty* remains one of the greatest children's stories of all time. The story, which takes place in turn-of-the-century London, is narrated by *Black Beauty* himself, and it depicts the horse's prosperity and misfortunes as he relates his owners' whims and his companions' personalities. Featuring full-color illustrations, the tale presents a clear-cut moral about animal treatment and appeals to the sentiments of readers of all ages. It is an ideal and inexpensive way to begin building a classics library. ISBN: 1843650622



The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner **4-8**
No one knows who these young wanderers are or where they have come from. Frightened to live with a grandfather they have never met, the children make a home for themselves in an abandoned red boxcar they discover in the woods. ISBN: 0807508527



The Boxcar Children Volume 5-8 by Gertrude Chandler Warner **4-8**
More adventures. 4 books in one. *Mike's Mystery*, *Blue Bay Mystery*, *The Woodshed Mystery* and *The Lighthouse Mystery*. ISBN: 0807508578



The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare **4-8**
Driven by hatred for the Romans, Daniel has vowed to see their destruction. His leader is amazing an outlaw force to defeat them, but Daniel has doubts when he hears a teacher from Nazareth preach about the Kingdom of God. ISBN: 0395137195



Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink **4-8**
Chronicles the adventures of eleven-year-old Caddie, growing up with her six brothers and sisters on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-nineteenth century. ISBN: 0689713703

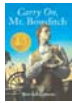


Calico Captive by Elizabeth George Speare **4-8**
In the year 1754, the stillness of Charlestown, New Hampshire, is shattered by the terrifying cries of an Indian raid. Young Miriam Willard, on a day that had promised new happiness, finds herself instead a captive on a forest trail, caught up in the ebb and flow of the French and Indian War. ISBN: 0618150765



The Call of the Wild and *White Fang* by Jack London **4-8**
Two of Jack London's best-loved masterpieces, in their entirety. *Call of the Wild* tells a compelling tale of adventure during the Yukon Gold Rush, and fully captures the unquenchable spirit of Buck, a kidnapped dog trying to survive in the harshest of environments. Also set in Alaska, the powerful *White Fang* follows the often savage life of the magnificent title character, a mix of wolf and dog. ISBN: 0553212338

Classics/Grades 4-8 continued



Carry On, Mr. Bowditch by Jean Lee Latham **4-8**

Winner of the 1956 Newbery Medal, this novel tells the story of 18th-century mathematical wizard Nathaniel Bowditch, whose determination to master sea navigation resulted in *The American Practical Navigator*. Illustrations. ISBN: 0618250743



Charlotte's Web by E. B. White **4-8**

E.B. White has created a classic children's tale of responsibility, courage, friendship and trust. Great for reading aloud to the whole family. ISBN: 0064400557



The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden **4-8**

Chester the Cricket, with his friends Tucker the Mouse and Harry the Cat help bring success to a newsstand in Times Square. ISBN: 0440415632



The Endless Steppe by Esther Hautzig **4-8**

A young Polish girl, her mother, and her grandmother, who are taken prisoners by the Russians during World War II and shipped to a forced-labor camp in a remote, impoverished Siberian village, somehow manage to stay together and alive through near starvation and harsh arctic winters. ISBN: 006447027X



Five Little Peppers and How They Grew by Margaret Sidney **4-8**

In a timeless tale of family and survival, Mrs. Pepper and her five lively children handle their difficulties with great courage and cheer. One day the Peppers meet a wealthy gentleman and his young son. Could this finally be the beginning of the good times the children have been waiting for? ISBN: 0694015822



Freckles by Gene Stratton-Porter **4-8**

Orphaned and maimed, Freckles' bitterness about his fate is lessened when he is hired to guard a stretch of lumber in the wild Limberlost, and, after meeting the beautiful *Swamp Angel*, he determines to find out about his past. ISBN: 0253203635



A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal, 1830-1832 by Joan W. Blos **4-8**

The journal of a fourteen-year-old girl, kept the last year she lived on the family farm, records daily events in New Hampshire, her father's remarriage, and the death of her best friend. ISBN: 0068971419X



Heidi by Johanna Spyri **4-8**

A Swiss orphan is heartbroken when she must leave her beloved grandfather and their happy home in the mountains to go to school and to care for an invalid girl in the city. Illustrated notes throughout the text explain the historical background of the story. ISBN: 0517189674



Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell **4-8**

Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life. ISBN: 0440940001



Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes **4-8**

After injuring his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution. ISBN: 0440942500



King Arthur and His Knights by James Knowles **4-8**

An idealized Middle Ages, a world filled with violent tests of courage, clamorous and raging battle, adventurous quests, and yearning love of knight and damsel unfolds for the reader. ISBN: 0517189690



Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett **4-8**

This was my favorite story when I was a little girl. Sara Crewe, a wealthy young student at a London boarding school, suddenly finds herself at the mercy of the cruel schoolmistress after tragedy strikes. Overwhelmed by terrible trials, Sara must find the strength to survive. Her story is one of perseverance, bravery, generosity, and imagination. Burnett provides readers with a vivid illustration of the biblical principle that true worth is a matter of the heart. ISBN: 0875527272

Literature Resources

Classics/Grades 4-8 continued



Little Women by Louisa May Alcott **4-8** **N**

Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England. ISBN: 0140380221



Newbery Medal Box Set **4-8** **N**

A boxed set of three highly acclaimed, immensely popular Newbery Medal-winning books. Includes *Caddie Woodlawn*, by Carol Ryrie Brink; *A Gathering of Days*, by Joan W. Blos; and *King of the Wind*, by Marguerite Henry. ISBN: 0689718888



Psalm 91 for Children by Peggy Joyce Ruth **4-8** **N** **>**

This book will lay the groundwork for a life of victory over fear, worry and doubt through knowledge of Jesus and His promises to us. Enjoy reading story after story of heart-warming acts of faith by children and the miracles that resulted! ISBN: 089228157X



Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe **4-8** **N**

The life and strange and surprising *Robinson Crusoe* is based upon the experiences of Alexander Selkirk, who had run away to sea in 1704 and requested to be left on an uninhabited island, to be rescued five years later. ISBN: 0141439823



Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan **4-8** **N**

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay. ISBN: 0064402053



Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett **4-8** **N**

Recently arrived at her uncle's estate, orphaned Mary Lennox is spoiled, sickly, and certain she won't enjoy living there. Then she discovers the arched doorway into an overgrown garden. Mary soon begins transforming it into a thing of beauty—unaware that she is changing too. ISBN: 0517189607



Skipper School by Marguerite de Angeli **4-8** **N**

In 1750 in Pennsylvania, mischievous young Eli, recently arrived with his Mennonite family from Germany, tries to adjust to his new life and the teaching methods of his schoolteacher. ISBN: 0836191242



Thee, Hannah! by Marguerite de Angeli **4-8** **N**

Nine-year-old Hannah, a Quaker living in Philadelphia just before the Civil War, longs to have some fashionable dresses like other girls but comes to appreciate her heritage and its plain dressing when her family saves the life of a runaway slave. ISBN: 0836191064



Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson **4-8** **N**

Robert Louis Stevenson's cherished, unforgettable adventure magically captures the thrill of a sea voyage and a treasure hunt through the eyes of its teenage protagonist, Jim Hawkins. ISBN: 0517189631



The Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White **4-8** **N**

Louis, a voiceless trumpeter swan, finds himself far from his wilderness home when he determines to communicate by learning to play a stolen trumpet. ISBN: 0064408671



Uncle Tom's Cabin: Retold for Today's Children by Anne de Graaf **4-8** **N**

Their inherent Christian themes are highlighted and emphasized in short, simple sentences. ISBN: 8772470054



Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls **4-8** **N**

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters. ISBN: 0440412676



The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings **4-8** **N**

A young boy living in the Florida backwoods is forced to decide the fate of a fawn he has lovingly raised as a pet. ISBN: 0020449313

Classics/Grades 9-12



All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot **9-12** **N**

Herriot's heartwarming and often hilarious stories of his first years as a country vet perfectly depict the wonderful relationship between man and animal—and they intimately portray a man whose humor, compassion and love of life are truly inspiring. ISBN: 0312965788



The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain **9-12** **N**

Of all the contenders for the title of The Great American Novel, none has a better claim than *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. More than a century after its publication it remains a major work that can be enjoyed as an incomparable adventure story and as a classic of American humor. ISBN: 0142437174



The Beggar Queen by Lloyd Alexander **9-12** **N**

Chaos reigns in Marienstat as Duke Conrad of Regia, the king's uncle, plots to overthrow the new government of Westmark and bring an end to the reforms instituted by Mickle, now Queen Augusta, Theo, and their companions. ISBN: 0440905486



Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ by Lewis Wallace **9-12** **N** **>**

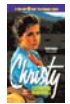
From a thrilling sea battle to its famous chariot race to the agony of the Crucifixion, this is the epic tale of a prince who became a slave, and by a twist of fate and his own skill, won a chance at freedom. An historical classic with illustrations, discussion questions, and an introduction to the story behind the story. ISBN:



01561797456

The Call of the Wild, White Fang, and Other Stories by Jack London **9-12** **N**

Four of Jack London's best short stories are included. ISBN: 0140186514



Christy by Catherine Marshall **9-12** **N** **>**

Story of a nineteen-year-old girl who goes to teach school in the primitive mountain surroundings of the Smokies to look after and teach its mountain people. Explores the strength of her faith. ISBN: 0380001411



The Cross and the Switchblade by David R. Wilkerson **9-12** **N** **>**

A young country preacher ministers to teenage runaways, prostitutes, and gang members. ISBN: 0515090255



David Copperfield by Charles Dickens **9-12** **N**

Intimately rooted in the author's own biography and written as a first-person narrative, *David Copperfield* charts a young man's progress through a difficult childhood in Victorian England to ultimate success as a novelist, finding true love along the way. Jeremy Tambling's provocative Introduction reveals subtle themes relevant today in Dickens' favorite work. 39 illustrations. Map. ISBN: 0140434941



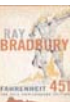
A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Newton Peck **9-12** **N**

To a Vermont farm boy whose father slaughters pigs for a living, maturity comes early as he learns "doing what's got to be done," especially regarding his pet pig who cannot produce a litter. ISBN: 0679853065



A Family Apart by Joan Lowery Nixon **9-12** **N**

When their mother can no longer support them, six siblings are sent by the Children's Aid Society of New York City to live with farm families in Missouri in 1860. ISBN: 0440226767



Fahrenheit 451: The Temperature at Which Book Paper Catches Fire, and Burns by Ray Bradbury **9-12** **N**

A short novel set in the future when "firemen" burn books forbidden by the totalitarian "brave new world" regime. The hero, according to Mr. Bradbury, is "a book burner who suddenly discovers that books are flesh-and-blood ideas and cry out silently when put to the torch." ISBN: 0345342968



Great Expectations by Charles Dickens **9-12** **N**

Great Expectations is at once a superbly constructed novel of spellbinding mastery and a profound examination of moral values. Here, some of Dickens's most memorable characters come to play their part in a story whose title itself reflects the deep irony that shaped Dickens's searching reappraisal of the Victorian middle class. ISBN: 0141439564

Classics/Grades 9-12 continued



Great Stories Remembered II by Joe L. Wheeler **9-12** **N**

Develop values, create empathy and instill kindness in the hearts and minds of children with the second treasury of heartwarming tales from *Focus on the Family*. Each carefully woven story will renew the spirit and provide endearing reminders of the values you treasure. ISBN: 01561796344

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte **9-12** **N**

The classic portrayal of a woman's passionate search for a richer life than that traditionally allowed women in Victorian society continues to endure. ISBN: 0142437204



Joni Eareckson Tada by Kathleen White **9-12** **N**

The remarkable story of Joni Eareckson Tada has become an inspiration to thousands of people around the world. A tragic diving accident when she was a teenager paralyzed Joni immediately. When it was confirmed that she would be a quadriplegic for the rest of her life, she could not understand why God allowed this tragedy. "Men and Women of Faith" series. ISBN: 1556613644



Heart of Darkness With the Congo Dairy by Joseph Conrad **9-12** **N**

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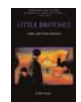
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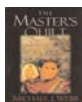


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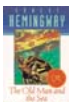
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