Plain and Simple

By Sue Bender

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Plain and Simple by Sue Bender is Christianity "I had an obsession with the Amish. Plan and simple. Objectively it made no sense. I, who worked hard at being special, fell in love with a people who valued being ordinary." So begins Sue Bender's story, the captivating and inspiring true story of a harried urban Californian moved by the beauty of a display of quilts to seek out and live with the Amish. Discovering lives shaped by unfamiliar yet comforting ideas about time, work, and community, Bender is gently coaxed to consider, "Is there another way to lead a good life?" Her journey begins in a New York men's clothing store. There she is spellbound by the vibrant colors and stunning geometric simplicity of the Amish quilts "spoke directly to me," writes Bender. Somehow, "they went straight to my heart." Heeding a persistent inner voice, Bender searches for Amish families willing to allow her to visit and share in there daily lives. Plain and Simple vividly recounts sojourns with two Amish families, visits during which Bender enters a world without television, telephone, electric light, or refrigerators; a world where clutter and hurry are replaced with inner quiet and calm ritual; a world where a sunny kitchen "glows" and "no distinction was made between the sacred and the everyday." In nine interrelated chapters--as simple and elegant as a classic nine-patch Amish quilt--Bender shares the quiet power she found reflected in lives of joyful simplicity, humanity, and clarity. The fast-paced, opinionated, often frazzled Bender returns home and reworks her "crazy-quilt" life, integrating the soul-soothing qualities she has observed in the Amish, and celebrating the patterns formed by the distinctive "patches" of her own life. Charmingly illustrated and refreshingly spare, Plain and Simple speaks to the seeker in each of us.

More Recommended Books

The Bible History, Old Testament, Volume 5: Birth of Solomon to Reign of Ahab

By: Alfred Edersheim

Alfred Edersheim was a Jewish convert to Christianity who wrote a massive multi-volume tome on the history of the Bible. From the preface: "THE history of Israel, viewed as the Theocracy, or Kingdom of God, consists of three periods: First, that under the guidance of Prophets (from Moses to Samuel); Secondly, that under the rule of Kings (from Saul to the Babylonish Captivity); and, Thirdly, that under the reign of High-Priests (from Ezra to the birth of Jesus Christ). Thus the Theocracy had passed through its full typical development in all its stages, when He came, to Whom they all pointed: Jesus Christ, the Prophet, King, and High-priest of the Kingdom of God. The period
described in the present volume closes one of these stages, and commences another. The connecting
link between them was Samuel - who alone fully realized the mission of the Judges, and who was
also Divinely appointed to inaugurate the new institution of royalty in Israel. That royalty next
appeared in its twofold possibility - or, as we might express it, in its negative and positive aspects.
Saul embodied the royal ideal of the people, while David represented the Scriptural ideal of royalty
in its conscious subjection to the will of the Heavenly King. Saul was, so to speak, the king after
Israel’s, David after God’s own heart. But with the actual introduction of monarchy the first period
had come to an end, and a new era begun, which was intended to continue till the third and last
preliminary stage was reached, which prepared the way for the Advent of Him, Who was the
fulfillment of the typical meaning of all. From what has been said it will be inferred that the period
about to be described must have witnessed the birth of new ideas, and the manifestation of new
spiritual facts; otherwise spiritual advancement would not have kept pace with outward progress.
But it is in the rhythm of these two that the real meaning of Scripture history lies, marking, as it
does, the pari passu inner and outer development of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, the
appearance of new ideas and spiritual facts would necessarily bring out in sharper contrast the old
that was passing away, and even lead to occasional antagonism. Of course, these new ideas and
facts would not at first be fully understood or realized. They rather pointed towards a goal which
was to be reached in the course of history. For nothing could be more fatal to the proper
understanding of Holy Scripture, or of the purposes of God in His dealings with His ancient people,
than to transport into olden times the full spiritual privileges, the knowledge of Divine truth, or even
that of right and duty, which we now enjoy. It is not to do honor, but dishonor, to the Spirit of God to
overlook the educational process of gradual development, which is not only a necessity of our nature,
but explains our history. A miracle of might could, indeed, have placed the age of Samuel on the
same spiritual level with that of the New Testament, at least so far as regards the communication of
the same measure of truth. But such an exhibition of power would have eliminated the moral
element in the educational progress of Israel, with the discipline of wisdom, mercy, and truth which
it implied, and, indeed, have rendered the whole Old Testament history needless."

KatastrophenGlück

By : Tamara Hinz
Vom Glück der Katastrophen - wie man Krisen bewältigt und wieder ins Leben zurückfindet. Die
meisten Menschen werden im Laufe ihres Lebens mit schweren Zeiten und Schicksalsschlägen
konfrontiert. Mitten in einem geregelten Leben scheint plötzlich die gesamte Existenz in Frage
gestellt. Auch Tamara Hinz hat das erlebt und erzählt ihre Geschichte mit Schwung und Humor. Sie
fragt, wie man wieder Boden unter den Füßen und neue Perspektiven für Alltag und Glauben
gewinnen kann. In der Neuauflage werden die damaligen Erkenntnisse reflektiert und ergänzt.
Außerdem erzählt die Autorin, wie es weiterging.

Exploring the Divine

By : Lance Thollander
From the beginning of time God intended to have a deep communication with his beloved creation, a
communication so personal that its end result would be the dispensing of God himself, through
Christ, into you and me. To that end throughout Scripture, the Lord introduces us to wondrous
truths, full of meaning and carrying an invitation to realms of experience found only in God himself;
thrusts captured in words like Life, the Word of God, the Cross, Heaven, the Church, and the Spirit.
These profound words and the meanings they carry were designed to bring us into an ongoing
relationship with God. But do they? Exploring the Divine takes a fresh look at concepts of faith
central to a vibrant Christian experience. These concepts have suffered years of trite use, cultural
attack, and shallow interpretation thus sapping the vitality of Christian faith in America. These
words are sung, prayed and used everyday without deep meaning. As a result their ability to bring
believers to a loving relationship with their Lord has been weakened. The book recaptures the depths of these concepts encouraging committed believers and energizing those whose faith has become legalistic or boring. It kindles love for Christ and a desire to pursue him with others of similar passion. Believers from 18 to 80 and beyond will find encouragement in its pages.

**Run the Race**

By : Sy Newitt

A life of faith is a race for life. A race that can sometimes be tough, hard and lonely. A race where it seems we are surrounded by storms and nothing is going right and in those dark and lonely places a word of encouragement or reading of what God has done for others can renew our determination to fight the battles facing us and run the race to the finish line. Over the last nearly nine years I have had the privilege of being led by God on an spiritual journey through the fire of affliction and suffering to a place of being totally transformed from the inside out and deep healing, peace and contentment. This journey was the toughest, hardest and most brutal thing that I have ever done and where tears, fear, sadness and despair were everyday emotions. But so all-consuming is the love of God for His precious Children that the rewards are not just waiting for us when we reach the finish line of our race but are showered down upon us in abundance as we run that long hard road if we are prepared to fight our way through the darkness and the storms. In Run the Race I share some of the stories of how God really encouraged with amazing blessings even in times of deepest despair and fear and gave me the encouragement that I needed to battle on to the end of my marathon. I hope that this book will bless and encourage you in your own spiritual race.

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**Battered to Blessed**

By : Brenda Walsh & Kay D. Rizzo

The Brenda Walsh Story   Known to thousands of 3ABN viewers as “Miss Brenda,” the smiling children’s program host remembers a time when smiling wasn’t easy. As a busy nursing student and “Miss Kentucky” beauty contestant, Brenda, at age 18, had a promising future of success, love, and happiness. But soon Brenda found herself at the mercy of a deceptive, cruel, and out-of-control man - threatening her very life. Brenda Walsh, with the help of gifted author Kay D. Rizzo, makes her gripping and powerful story come to life. Battered to Blessed is Brenda’s amazing journey from pain to peace and to loving again, trusting again, and living a whole new life of incredible joy in Jesus!

**Ninety-Six Sermons; Volume Five: Certain Sermons Preached at Sundry Times, Upon Several Occasions**

By : Lancelot Andrewes

The present volume completes the “Ninety-six Sermons,” the only authentic Sermons of Bishop Andrewes which had been so far finished under his own hand as to be considered by those to whom his papers were entrusted, Bishops Laud and Buckeridge, in a fit state for publication. The Funeral Sermon, preached by one of these, his friend Bishop Buckeridge, is appended in the place which it has usually occupied in former editions of the Ninety-Six Sermons, being as it were the seal of their
authenticity, and marking the boundary between Andrewes’s finished and authenticated and his imperfect and less authenticated Sermons and Lectures. Of this latter class are the Sermons on the Lord’s Prayer and on the Temptation, The Exposition of the Moral Law, and the Orphan Lectures on Genesis; of which it is as certain from their matter and manner that they had no other author than Bishop Andrewes, as it is from other circumstances that they were not, strictly speaking, from his pen. The account to be given of these publications is probably this.—In a Preface to the first edition of the work on the Moral Law, which was printed in a very negligent imperfect way in the year 1642, it is said that “he was scarce reputed a pretender to learning and piety in Cambridge (during Andrewes’s residence there) who made not himself a disciple of Bishop Andrewes by diligent resorting to his lectures, nor he a pretender to the study of divinity who did not transcribe his notes;” and that these “had ever after passed from hand to hand in many hundreds of copies.” To the labours of these “disciples” and students, whether they were transcripts surreptitiously made from his MSS. or notes taken down in short hand from his lips as he delivered them, we owe the imperfect and unauthenticated Sermons and Lectures of Bishop Andrewes. It is on record that King Charles the First, with his characteristic reverence for holy subjects, and a tender jealousy for the reputation of the Bishop, gave his special charge to the Bishops of London and Ely, on confiding his papers to their care, that none should be committed to the press but such as they found perfected by his accurate hand. It seems to have been his desire to put a stop perhaps to the currency of those imperfect draughts or broken notes which had already crept into print, and to prevent a style at once so striking and so familiar from becoming, in less delicate and reverent hands, unlike itself. At the same time it seems to have been evident all along, nor indeed is it denied by those most concerned, that in the “undigested chaos” put forth in 1642, there were many good materials, and those originally from the mind of Andrewes. It is only insisted upon, that they were but ruins and fragments. With these remarks, and this caution as to the probable amount of their authenticity, it has seemed desirable to print the Sermons on the Lord’s Prayer and on the Temptation, both of which are early works, the former most probably to be assigned to the period during which Andrewes occupied the office of Catechist at Pembroke Hall. They were both appended to the above-mentioned edition of the work on the Moral Law, but had both appeared before, and had been uniformly ascribed to him. The Sermons on the Lord’s Prayer had been published originally in a small 12mo. in 1611, under the title of “Scala Coeli,” and subsequently, in a very improved state, in 1641, an edition extremely rare. Of those on the Temptation, there does not appear to have been more than one original edition, and that as early as 1592, marked a in the present edition.

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Seven Lies about Catholic History

By : Diane Moczar
The world hates the Church that Jesus founded, just as He said it would (John 15:18). It reviles her doctrines, mocks her moral teachings and invents lies about her history. In every age, but especially in our modern day, historians and political powers have distorted the facts about her past (or just made up novel falsehoods from scratch) to make the Church, and the civilization it fostered, seem corrupt, backward, or simply evil. In Seven Lies about Catholic History, Diane Moczar (Islam at the Gates) tackles the most infamous and prevalent historical myths about the Church popular legends that you encounter everywhere from textbooks to T.V. and reveals the real truth about them. She explains how they got started and why they’re still around, and best of all, she gives you the facts and the arguments you need to set the record straight about The Inquisition: how it was not a bloodthirsty institution but a merciful (and necessary) one, Galileo’s trial: why moderns invented a myth around it to make science appear incompatible with the Catholic faith (it’s not), The Reformation: why the 16th-century Church was not totally corrupt (as even some Catholics wrongly believe), and how the reformers made things worse for everybody and other lies that the world uses to attack and discredit the Faith. Written in a brisk style that’s fun and easy to read, Seven Lies
about Catholic History provides the lessons that every Catholic needs in order to defend and explain not just apologize for the Church's rich and complex history.

**5 Things Christians Must Do**

By: **F. B. Meyer**

*Original Title: Five "Musts" of the Christian Life, and Other Sermons*

This book is a refreshing, interesting, and yet challenging look at five essential aspects of healthy Christian living. These are not new, of course, as nothing can be added to what's been already recorded in scripture. Rather, the topics as they are written are a breath of fresh air in simplicity of presentation, yet striking to the core of what is necessary in order to truly follow Christ.

1. The “Must” of the New Birth
2. The “Must” of Sacrifice
3. The “Must” of the Decreasing Self
4. The “Must” of Service
5. The “Must” of Spiritual Worship and of the Holy Spirit

Included are chapters on the Holy Spirit, God's faithfulness, and more.

**About the Author**

Frederick Brotherton Meyer (1847–1929) was a Bible teacher, pastor, and evangelist of German descent, born in London. He attended Brighton College and Regent's College, and graduated from the University of London in 1869. Meyer influence giants of the faith like Charles H. Spurgeon who said, “Meyer preaches as a man who has seen God face to face.” Meyer led a long and fruitful life, preaching more than 16,000 sermons, before he went home to be with the Lord in 1929.

**Effective Prayer Life**

By: **Chuck Smith**

In print for over 25 years, this incredible book has touched countless lives worldwide and is now available on iBooks. Prayer is the most joyous privilege in the world! Discover the full, beautiful experience of prayer, and be refreshed by the simplicity of having a close relationship with God.
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