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The Upper Room Mama Ruby Singing Mary's Song The Lord's Prayer Where the World Meets to Pray Soul Reset God Was with Me All Along Whom Shall I Fear? Unrevealed Until Its Season The Living Nativity Christ Beside Me, Christ Within Me Lost Daughters Blue Christmas God Don't Like Ugly Brave Church Meeting the Messiah Red Light Wives A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God Healing from Divorce Meditations in the Upper Room Crazy White Girl Come to the Waters One House Over We Are Beloved Live Intimately God Ain't Through Yet Prayers for Life's Ordinary and Extraordinary Moments The Power of a Focused Heart A Guide to Prayer for All God's People Family of Lies The Upper Room Disciplines 2021 Gonna Lay Down My Burdens Over the Fence Upper Room Realities Study Guide The Children's Minister Across the Way Companions in Christ From Lament to Advocacy: Black Religious Education and Public Ministry Classified Tongues

Journey through this Advent season with a purposeful focus on the Christ child. Meeting the Messiah encourages you to slow down and pay attention to the real meaning of Christmas. Six weeks of short readings and guided reflection will enrich your celebration of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. You will be filled with joy and thanksgiving as you think about scripture passages from the perspectives of the Holy Spirit, John the Baptist, Mary, the shepherds, the magi, and Jesus himself. This year, look closely at the Christ child as if you were meeting him for the first time. For individual or group study. Many of us feel intimidated about our prayer life—we look at other Christians, and prayer seems to come naturally to them. But somehow we feel that we just don't "get it." Author Mary Lou Redding reminds us that the disciples were with Jesus continually, and still they had to ask him for help in learning how to pray. That should reassure us, she says. Because the Lord's Prayer is so familiar, we run the risk of praying it by rote without really thinking about the meaning of the words. Redding explores this ancient prayer phrase by phrase and helps us see how it can be a model for all of our praying. This insightful, practical study of the Lord's Prayer features six brief chapters that can be read in 10 to 15 minutes brief daily scripture passages reflection questions for each chapter suggestions for weekly group meetings Rather than approaching scripture from a scholarly standpoint, Redding invites us to consider passages with our hearts. She encourages us to make connections between the scriptures and our daily lives. As an added benefit, Redding leads us through several classic Christian spiritual practices, such as examen, journaling, and reflective reading of scripture. This book is a great resource for a congregational study on the Lord's Prayer. It will help anyone enrich their faith and deepen their relationship with God. 6 weeks • Includes Leader's Guide Vera Lomax uses

every gold-digging trick in the book to land a rich, older husband. Now she balances a life of shopping and affairs with younger men with a major secret: the 16-year bribery of one of her husband's mistresses to keep her pregnancy under wraps. Unfortunately for Vera, Sarah Cooper is the child Kenneth Lomaz always wanted. When the father she never knew shows up to claim her, it's a fairy tale journey from the ghetto to a mansion on the hill. Neither woman can be sure who will win Kenneth's heart and fortune. "A spicy mixture of family scandal, mother-daughter betrayal, and good-for-nothing men" from the New York Times bestselling author of *God Don't Like Ugly* (Publishers Weekly). Everyone from Louisiana to Florida knows Mama Ruby—a small-town girl who became one of the South's most notorious and volatile women. Now Mary Monroe reveals how Mama Ruby's past haunts the family she's left behind . . . Mama Ruby has died, and Maureen Montgomery is finally taking charge of her own life. With her beautiful teenage daughter, Loretta, by her side, she returns to Florida and settles into a routine any other woman would consider bland. But for Maureen and her brother, Virgil, after Mama Ruby's hair-trigger temper and murderous ways, bland is good. Yet Loretta has other ideas . . . Set on becoming rich and famous, Loretta convinces Maureen to let her start a modeling career with the help of a Miami photographer. But even as they move in promising new directions, they can't escape Mama Ruby—including Virgil, who's concealed one of her most shocking acts for most of his life. To make a future that's truly hers, Maureen will have to take on a bit of Mama Ruby's strength, forge new bonds—and face down the past. Praise for Mary Monroe "An exceptional writer and phenomenal storyteller!" —Kimberla Lawson Roby, New York Times bestselling author "A remarkable talent." —Chicago Sun-Times "Monroe is a masterful storyteller." —Philadelphia Inquirer In this captivating Depression-era set novel by New York Times bestselling author Mary Monroe, two couples find their grudges endangering more than their Alabama small town's deceptive peace . . . When good-time couple Milton and Yvonne Hamilton moved one house over from the respectable-but-restless Odell and Joyce Watson, it was a fast friendship of shared secrets—and secret jealousies and betrayals. Their alliance was bound to crash and burn, but the Hamiltons won't quite let the flame die out, even after scandalous accusations get them arrested . . . Odell would do anything to be free of his bootlegging, blackmailing, money extorting neighbors and recover the peaceful—and financially prosperous—life he and Joyce once had. But Milton and Yvonne seem to always bounce back from bad luck, and this time they've returned angrier, and greedier, than ever. Determined to get what Odell "owes" them, the Hamiltons have a big surprise for Joyce too, one that shows how far they will go to get revenge . . . Now pushed past his breaking point, Odell is sure he's got a foolproof plan to end the scheming once and for all. But it soon spirals into lies, shattering violence, and permanent damage that will roil their tranquil community, and alter his and Joyce's world forever . . . PRAISE FOR THE NEIGHBORS SERIES "Monroe brings the Deep South Prohibition-era world to life." —Booklist "Monroe convincingly portrays a time and place where desperation is the norm." —Library Journal New York Times bestselling author Mary Monroe presents an unforgettable tale featuring the rebellious early years of Mama Ruby, the indomitable heroine of her acclaimed novel *The Upper Room*. Growing

up in Shreveport, Louisiana, Ruby Jean Upshaw is the kind of girl who knows what she wants and knows how to get it. By the time she's fifteen, Ruby has a taste for fast men and cheap liquor, and not even her preacher daddy can set her straight. Only Othella Mae Cartier, daughter of the town tramp, understands what makes Ruby tick. When Ruby discovers she's in the family way, she's scared for the first time in her life. After hiding her growing belly, Ruby secretly gives birth to a baby girl at Othella's house. Othella talks Ruby into giving the child away—and with the help of a shocking revelation, convinces Ruby to run off with her to New Orleans. But nothing can erase Ruby's memories of her child—or quell her simmering rage at Othella for persuading her to let her precious baby go. Someday there will be a reckoning. And Othella will learn that no one knows how to exact revenge quite like Ruby Jean Upshaw. . . In this page-turning novel set in the Depression-era South, New York Times bestselling author Mary Monroe transports readers to a small Alabama town where home is not always a sanctuary, and two neighboring families let pleasantries mask increasing resentment. . . Bootlegging was Milton and Yvonne Hamilton's ticket out of poverty, prison time, and plain bad luck. Now they've moved on—to a bigger, richer pool of clientele—right in their own respectable new middle-class backyard. And their growing friendship with seemingly-perfect couple Joyce and Odell Watson is proving golden in more ways than one . . . As Milton soon learns, Odell is hiding an outside family and dubious business dealings. It's the perfect recipe for a blackmail scheme that will help Milton hide his own dirty secrets—even from Yvonne. Better yet, he can take ever more dangerous risks to ace out his liquor-smuggling rivals—and add a lucrative temptation to his illicit services. And Yvonne, emboldened by her husband's new gravy train, delights in tormenting Joyce about everything the snobbish matron doesn't have—especially children. But even a winning hand can be played too far. Pushed past their limits, Odell and Joyce will play on Milton's careless boasting—to get him and Yvonne out of their lives for good. And soon, a devastating frame-up will plunge one couple into a living nightmare—and set the stage for explosive retribution . . . Churches are not immune to violence, as we have seen from shootings at houses of worship across the nation. The challenge for faith communities is how to respond to potential violence. *Whom Shall I Fear?* asks congregational leaders to examine whether their operational and security policies are consistent with gospel values. It raises common themes in approaches to church security and looks at them in the light of scripture. *Whom Shall I Fear?* provides thought-provoking reflections on topics such as locked doors, living faithfully in an unfaithful world, the question of armed security in a church setting, and the duty of Christians to extend hospitality to their neighbor. It includes stories from survivors of gun violence and wisdom on how churches can work to transform an anxious and fear-driven world. *Whom Shall I Fear?* helps the church thoughtfully wrestle with what it means to be a church of grace, welcome, and love when confronted with acts of cruelty, division, and hate. This is it. After three years of ministry, traveling the countryside, encountering thousands of desperate people, delivering a radical new message, Jesus has one last night to spend with His disciples. And He knows it. What does Jesus say? How does He say it? What can we learn from his final words? Put yourself in the Upper Room, there with Jesus and his closest companions as he gave

them his final instructions (John 13-17). Imagine what it would have been like to hear his voice, mere hours before his death, in this Fresh Life Bible study by authors Lenya Heitzig and Penny Pierce Rose. The Fresh Life series was created by women, for women, who crave a profound experience of God's Word without an overwhelming commitment of time. With each lesson, you will come to a deeper understanding of the truths of the Bible and develop a deeper intimacy with God. They all called her Krazy... Fourteen-year-old Nicole Adams of South Florida awakes from a coma and finds her life changed forever. She has to testify at the trial of her mom's boyfriend, Ricaldo, who brutally beat her upon discovering her shameful secret – cutting. After moving in to live with her Aunt Lori and cousin Johnny in New York, Nicole becomes “Niki,” and encounters friends like Blondie and Lo, and a new crush, Blake, who help her face her deepest fears. Through teachers Ms. Parker and her P.O.W.E.R. group and Ms. Gonzalez and her Poetry Slam Club, Niki is beginning to heal – until Ashley Williams publicly humiliates Niki, tailspinning her lower than ever. *Krazy White Girl* is Nicole's story, including her battle with cutting – up front, personal, gripping. Free materials available at...

[www.marymonroebooks.com](http://www.marymonroebooks.com) *Krazy White Girl* is the second book of the exciting trilogy about students from Mr. Martin's Drop Out Prevention Class, by the author of *Miracle at Monty Middle School*. Using Jesus' sayings that we call the Beatitudes, *The Power of a Focused Heart* will guide users in simplifying their life by finding ways to say no to people in order to remain free to say yes to God. Brief chapters may be read in fifteen minutes followed by daily exercises in responding to Scripture. Guidance for one-hour small group meetings includes a detailed session plan for eight weekly meetings and a "Moving Deeper" exploration. The book also includes "Suggestions for Service" and "For Additional Reading." This study of the Beatitudes provides a strong basis for learning to live out of one's own particular spiritual gifts. Eight chapters examine one beatitude each week with daily Bible readings, daily exercises and with complete teaching directions for the leader for one-hour small group sessions. The Advent and Christmas season is often associated with joy, love, generosity, and unity. But for many people, this time of year magnifies loneliness, anxiety, grief, and despair. While others are enjoying celebrations with their friends and families, those who are hurting often feel even more lost, abandoned, and alone than ever. "Not all Christmases are white; some are blue," Todd Outcalt writes. *Blue Christmas* is a devotional book for the 28 days of Advent and Christmas Day. Each devotion includes a scripture selection, meditation, prayer, and suggested Advent action. The book also features additional prayers, a "Blue Christmas" worship service, and reflection questions. In these honest devotions, readers will find their fears and realities named and brought into the light of God's love. They will be led to sit with their experiences, acknowledge their losses, and remember Jesus' promise "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." *Blue Christmas* reminds us that all of our Christmases, even the darkest ones, can be filled with honesty and hope if we are first willing to sit in silence and bring our deepest fears to God. Includes excerpt from *Bad blood* (p. [415]-424). Soon after the angel Gabriel announced to Mary the astonishing news that she would bear the long-awaited Messiah, Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was also expecting a child. As Mary greeted Elizabeth, the child in

Elizabeth's womb (John the Baptist) leaped inside her. Elizabeth exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you among all women. Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Mary responded by singing a song of praise to God, commonly known as the Magnificat. Her song, recorded in Luke 1:46-55, was not a sweet lullaby sung in anticipation of the baby Jesus' birth, Stroman says. Instead, it was a message of deliverance and hope. Mary's song proclaimed deliverance and hope to a dark and fearful world. It continues to bring challenge and hope to us today. Singing Mary's Song provides scripture readings, meditations, and prayers for each day of Advent. Each week's readings focus on various lines of Mary's song. Reflection questions are included each week. This Advent study will give you new insight into the life of Mary. Listen closely to Mary's song and discover its message for you today. A great study for individuals or groups! Sets forth a cultural imperative and the contextual nature of a public theology and ministry of Black religious education, which connects faith formation and action in addressing profoundly difficult, unjust, and wounding experiences of Black people in the U. S. Contributors: Joseph V. Crockett, Sarah F. Farmer, Annie Lockhart-Gilroy, Cynthia P. Stewart, Nathaniel D. West, Nancy Lynne Westfield, Richelle B. White, Anne E. Streaty Wimberly, Mary H. Young

Many churches provide many planned activities and learning experiences of a child, but those who work with children often fail to see themselves as pastors to these children. Indeed, the potential pastoral care for children is not usually addressed in seminary or in much of the literature concerning caring for the church. Rita Hays offers a warmhearted challenge to those in children's ministry to become pastors to those who are a part of their folk. Her vision encompasses all congregations who interact with children. She examines the needs of children and the ways in which they are most often neglected. The sensational small groups series Companions in Christ is now being offered in a new 5-piece participant book set as well as the traditional 1-piece participant book set. With the same great daily devotional material and group conversation, the two different participant book styles allow each group to create a study that best fits their members. The new 5-piece participant book set will allow groups to take initial breaks between modules. The new Leader's Guide will allow the leader to facilitate Companions groups that use both types of participant books. The Leader's Guide will also include the "Getting Started" guide as a part of the appendix and the Weekly Needs at a Glance will be added to beginning of the text. It is our hope with these new resources, past Companions in Christ participants will feel encouraged to lead their own groups in a way that is both challenging and comfortable. Sometimes our prayers flow easily, and we talk to God just as naturally as we would to a dear friend. But sometimes we can't find words to express our thoughts, no matter how hard we try. What can you do when you can't pray, or when you need a prayer for a specific occasion but don't know where to begin? You can turn to the prayers of other Christians to carry you into God's presence. Prayers for Life's Ordinary and Extraordinary Moments is a unique collection of prayers that give you words to pray in those times when you can't find words of your own. The honest, heartfelt prayers, written by staff members of The Upper Room and the General Board of Discipleship, address such categories as: For the People We Love Birthdays and Milestones The Cry for Justice

Loss and Grief In Uncertain Times Asking for Healing Facing Our Own and Others' Imperfections Spiritual Searching Gratitude for Ordinary Miracles "Being able to pray is a privilege and a gift," Mary Lou Redding writes. "This collection is a gift to us for the times we need someone to help us say what we want to say to God." Through this book, you will learn how to touch the heart of God when you can't articulate your own prayers. In the 21st century, churches must become missionary congregations, helping people find belonging, meaning, and God. This series gives you and other leaders resources for evangelism rooted in worship, Scripture, prayer, and service. An invitation to make the transforming power of God in Christ accessible to all persons. Part 1: Welcoming and the journey of conversion. Part 2: Model services and commentary. In this guide to writing a spiritual autobiography, the author guides readers to reflect on their lives, its meaning, and how God has been present in it. Do you wonder where God is present in your day? Let Beth Richardson help you learn to bless the life you have and experience the sacredness of every moment. Christ Beside Me, Christ Within Me guides you to be present in the moment and find God in your everyday circumstances through the use of blessings. Use the blessings in this book as touchstones throughout the day—a calm center to focus on despite whatever is happening around you. In typical Celtic style, the blessings encourage us to notice God's presence in each moment—especially through nature. A sense of joy and gratitude for ordinary moments pervades this book. Beth Richardson leads us to realize the richness of the gifts of life, express our feelings about special moments and times of struggle, and find ways to pray for the world and all its people. This book of personal reflections are the result of a silent retreat I made at Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA, in July 2019. While sitting one morning in the Dahlgren Chapel on campus, a stained-glass window caught my eye and my religious imagination. Titled "The Eucharist," it was a spectacular triptych of the beloved disciple St. John and it led me to a meditation on Mary and her role in forming beloved disciples. It is my hope these meditations in the Upper Room will open for you a new portal through which to encounter Christ. In today's deeply divided world where discussions can quickly become heated and uncivil, churches need to learn how to talk about sensitive issues. Our society needs brave churches where people can talk about the real struggles they are experiencing without fear of being dismissed, shamed, or judged. Brave Church helps congregations talk about controversial topics with sensitivity to those who see the world and have experienced life differently from themselves. It guides readers to think through how they can foster conversations about such challenging topics as infertility/miscarriage, mental health, domestic violence, racism, and sexuality. In this 6-week small-group study, pastor Elizabeth Hagan weaves personal and theological reflections with scripture, discussion questions, and real-world examples to move readers from exploration to action. Brave Church includes a Leader's Guide and suggests resources for further reading and action. A collection of photos, stories, and devotions, which celebrates the rich history of The Upper Room daily devotional guide over the past 75 years. In 1935, The Upper Room began as a way to connect individuals to a larger community through their daily devotional activities. Today the personal stories of faith from all across the world are shared with over 2.5 million subscribers in over 40 countries in more than 70 languages.

Where the World Meets to Pray encapsulates the unique moments of significance from each decade through sample devotions, stories, photos, and illustrations, bringing to life the inspiring journey of a Christian devotional resource to this moment in history. This book is a unique testimony of how ordinary people's prayers led to extraordinary blessings from God. Carmen Taylor finds her life spinning out of control when her best friend Desiree begins dating Chester Sheffield, the man Carmen has loved for years, and when Desiree gets pregnant with his child, Carmen commits a reckless crime of passion that forces her, along with Desiree, to make some difficult choices that will change their lives forever. 50,000 first printing. Christians often have the head knowledge that we are beloved, but deep in our hearts do we truly believe it? When we encounter Jesus in scripture, we tend to hear Jesus' words with judgment, thinking we cannot be beloved because we will never measure up to God's standards. Author Kristen Vincent takes us on a journey alongside Jesus that helps break this false understanding and allows us to discover how deeply beloved we are. This 6-week Lenten journey follows stories of Jesus' experience of God's love. The incarnate Son of God was made fully human, which means that Jesus had to fully mature in strength and wisdom to learn that he was beloved. Just as Jesus learned of his belovedness, we, too, can cultivate the wisdom and knowledge that we are deeply loved. Each week begins with a scripture passage, a weekly devotion, reflection questions, an optional prayer bead experience, and a listening meditation. A Leader's Guide for small-group study is also included. Be transformed by God's love this Lenten season. This book, the fourth in The Upper Room's bestselling "Guide to Prayer" series, offers a simple pattern of daily prayer built around weekly themes and organized by the Christian church year. Each week follows this pattern: Affirmation Psalm Psalm Prayer Daily Scripture Readings Silence Daily Reading Reflection (Silent or Written) Prayers Offering of Self to God Blessing The daily readings are drawn from the history of Christian spirituality and feature such writers as Francis of Assisi, Teresa of Avila, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Henri J. M. Nouwen, Sue Monk Kidd, Douglas Steere, Jan Richardson, Trevor Hudson, Wendy M. Wright, and many others. Beautifully bound in a leather-like cover, A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God makes a perfect gift and a reliable companion for anyone seeking to deepen a steady life of prayer. Mama Ruby's known for taking things that aren't rightfully hers, like her best friend's stillborn infant, who she brought back to life and christened Maureen. She's also rumored to have done away with her husband. Some fear her, others try their best to avoid her. But Mama Ruby doesn't pay them any mind. Not when she's got the one gift God gave her--her precious baby girl. Prepare for a Visitation of Gods Power! How would you like for your family and others to have a visitation of Gods power right in your living room? In the Gospels and the book of Acts, we find that Pentecost and these happenings occurred in living rooms of families over and over again. Because they opened their homes to God, the power of God came Jesus came, and the disciples came and God worked wonders inside those homes. Pentecost is waiting to happen again and can happen right in your own living room! In this five-part series taught by Rick Renner, you'll learn: How to prepare your home and family for an eruption of Gods power. How to have a divine visitation at your private address. How to throw open the doors for

supernatural experiences at home. How to prepare your heart to be flooded with heavenly power. Heaven knows your address and wants to flood your home with power, but only you can open the door and welcome it into your life. In this series, you'll learn how to roll out the red carpet to welcome God's power right into your private space! How important is it to have a daily spiritual routine? "When we engage in daily spiritual formation, we deepen our roots . . . and grow our capacity to handle any season of life," Junius Dotson wrote in the 2018 edition of *The Upper Room Disciplines*. Daily devotional reading helps keep our faith alive. *Disciplines* invites readers to spend unrushed time with God, reading a lectionary-based scripture passage, reflecting on the author's insights, and thinking about how to apply the truths from the readings to their daily life. This devotional book features 53 authors from diverse backgrounds, including some of the leading Christian thinkers of our time. Among the writers for 2021 are J. Dana Trent, James A. Harnish, Enuma Okoro, Jean-Claude Masuka, George Donigian, Beth A. Richardson, Kenneth H. Carter Jr., D. L. Mayfield, Stephane Brooks, Rachel Hackenberg, Rosalind Hughes, Memory Chikosi, Liz Magill, Charity Kiregyera, Joe Pennel, and Beth Taulman Miller.

Everything was going fine . . . until it wasn't. For Reverend Junius B. Dotson it took an actual breakdown during a funeral for him to realize he needed a reset. As he recalls his own journey through grief, depression, burnout, and emotional breakdown, Dotson is passionate about calling for a Soul Reset for pastors, church leaders, and all disciples of Jesus Christ. This is a 6-week churchwide study for everyone who moves at breakneck speed through their daily lives, often relying only on their own strength to bring God's kingdom on earth. Jesus shows us a different way, an easier, unforced rhythm of what kingdom work looks like. It's a balance of work, rest, play, worship, exercise, and eating well—spiritual practices that keep our souls hydrated and healthy as we do the work of the church in the world. *Soul Reset: Breakdown, Breakthrough, and the Journey to Wholeness* includes a book; a DVD; downloadable video segments; age-level discussion guides for children, youth, and adults; sermon starters; and more. *Soul Reset* is a call for the church and all of Jesus' disciples to reset and reorder their lives around spiritual practices, to learn to walk through our difficult seasons with our souls connected to the source of Living Water so that we don't burn out or break down. And if we do burn out or break down, we learn to lift one another up and point one another back to Jesus.

Introduction Chapter 1: Watch How I Do It – Jesus Chapter 2: Knocking on God's Door – David Chapter 3: It's Not All on Me – Mary and Martha Chapter 4: Eat Something – Elijah Chapter 5: Life in Crisis – Job Chapter 6: Living in the Light – Judas and Peter

New York Times bestselling author Mary Monroe returns to the 1930s era of her acclaimed novel *The Upper Room* with a dazzling portrait of two very different couples whose fast friendship is no match for shattering betrayal . . . A solid marriage, a thriving business, and the esteem of their close-knit Alabama community—Joyce and Odell Watson have every reason to count their blessings. Their marriage has given well-off Joyce a chance at the family she's always wanted—and granted Odell a shot to escape grinding poverty. But all that respectability and status comes at a cost. Just once, Joyce and Odell want to taste life's wild side, without consequences . . . When their new neighbors, Milton and Yvonne Hamilton, turn out to be bootleggers, the Watsons plunge

headlong into good times and fast living. . . . Until revelations of Milton and Yvonne's seedy past make the Watsons think twice about how much time they spend together. But the Hamiltons won't be dismissed so easily. The Watsons soon find them invading every area of their lives, even discovering their long-held secrets. Now, the Watsons must tread carefully to keep the neighbors from destroying their perfect world . . . "Monroe convincingly portrays a time and place where desperation is the norm." —Library Journal "Impossible to put down." —Susan Holloway Scott, author of *I, Eliza Hamilton* "Monroe reveals sympathetic aspects and complex motivations for each character in this engrossing setting." —Booklist

Mary Golda Ross designed classified airplanes and spacecraft as Lockheed Aircraft Corporation's first female engineer. Find out how her passion for math and the Cherokee values she was raised with shaped her life and work. Cherokee author Traci Sorell and Métis illustrator Natasha Donovan trace Ross's journey from being the only girl in a high school math class to becoming a teacher to pursuing an engineering degree, joining the top-secret Skunk Works division of Lockheed, and being a mentor for Native Americans and young women interested in engineering. In addition, the narrative highlights Cherokee values including education, working cooperatively, remaining humble, and helping ensure equal opportunity and education for all. "A stellar addition to the genre that will launch careers and inspire for generations, it deserves space alongside stories of other world leaders and innovators."—starred, Kirkus Reviews

Author James Howell believes in the power of song to teach spiritual truths. "Hymns embed faith into the marrow of the soul," he writes. In *Unrevealed Until Its Season*, Howell takes us on a 40-day journey through well-loved hymns. A meaningful Lenten devotional guide for individuals and small groups, *Unrevealed Until Its Season* is also a valuable resource and perfect gift for musicians as they prepare for worship, and for ministers as they lead worship. Weekly themes include Praising God, Hymns About Jesus, Hymns of Forgiveness, Hymns of Vision, Hymns of Beauty, Hymns of Holy Week, and Hymns of Easter. Howell ponders phrases from old and new hymns, such as "Be Thou My Vision," "Hymn of Promise," "All Creatures of Our God and King," "For Everyone Born," "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," "Lift High the Cross," and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." *Tongues: Beyond the Upper Room* looks at common objections to and misconceptions about tongues, scriptural purposes of speaking in other tongues, common excesses, praying out God's plan, pressing into greater depths in prayer, guidelines to receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and much more! New York Times bestselling author Mary Monroe sweeps readers back to the streets, porches, and parlors of civil rights-era Ohio to bring to life the first steps of an enduring friendship between two girls from opposite sides of the track. . . . Annette Goode is a shy, awkward, overweight child with a terrible secret. Frightened and ashamed, Annette withdraws into a world of books and food. But the summer Annette turns thirteen, something incredible happens: Rhoda Nelson chooses her as a friend. Dazzling, generous Rhoda, who is everything Annette is not--gorgeous, slim, and worldly--welcomes Annette into the heart of her eccentric family, which includes her handsome and dignified father; her lovely, fragile "Muh'Dear;" her brooding, dangerous brother Jock; and her colorful white relatives--half-crazy Uncle Johnny, sultry Aunt Lola, and scary, surly Granny Goose.

With Rhoda's help, Annette survives adolescence and blossoms as a woman. But when her beautiful best friend makes a stunning confession about a horrific childhood crime, Annette's world will never be the same. "A coming-of-age journey depicted with wit, poignancy and bite." --Publishers Weekly From New York Times bestselling author Mary Monroe comes a powerful novel about the hopes, dreams, laughter--and limits--of six unique women surviving on the streets of San Francisco. . . They're about as different as six women can be--haughty and humble, beautiful and plain, young and not-so-young, black, white, Latina, and origins unknown. But aside from a gift for laughing hardship in the face, they have one very important thing in common--Clyde Brooks. You might say that Clyde is their "manager." And you might say that Lula Mae, Ester, Megan, Rosalee, Helen, and Rockelle are colleagues--in the world's oldest profession. Clyde likes to refer to them as his "wives." Maybe it's their love for the high life--and for each other--that makes the bond between Clyde's ladies so unbreakable. Maybe it's their private demons that keep them so loyal to Clyde--or so he thinks. For hard as they try to distract themselves, nothing can quell the women's longing for a life free from Clyde and what he represents--until one daring act of defiance changes everything. . . Praise for Mary Monroe "Reminiscent of Zora Neale Hurston." --Publishers Weekly "Watch out Toni Morrison, there is a new sister in town." --Rapport "Mary Monroe is a masterful storyteller." --Philadelphia Inquirer A compilation of scripture, prayers, and spiritual readings, this inexhaustible resource contains thematically arranged material for each week of the year and for monthly personal retreats. Its contents have made it a sought-after desk reference, a valuable library resource, and a cherished companion. Includes excerpts from such writers as Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, Carlo Carretto, Evelyn Underhill, Albert Schweitzer, Eugene Peterson, Esther de Waal, Thérèse of Lisieux, and many others. 1. Second in the series. 2. Uses Common Lectionary 3. Daily arrangement is as follows: Invocation, Psalm, Reading and Reflection, Daily Scripture Reading, Reflection (silent and written), Prayers (for church, others, self), Hymn, and Benediction 4. The "Readings for Reflection" reach back to early Christian classics and include voices from contemporary spiritual writing. Who came up with the idea of using nativity scenes to celebrate Christmas? Many might be surprised to learn that Francis of Assisi, the well-known thirteenth-century saint, is credited with creating the first nativity scene. The Living Nativity introduces readers to Saint Francis and his joyous reenactment of the birth of Jesus, complete with a manger and animals. The Living Nativity explores how nativity sets, Advent wreaths, candles, carols, Christmas cards, and other traditions help prepare our hearts for the God "who bends low to enter our world and our lives." Prayer poems for each day of the season lead readers to deepen their spiritual journey, and the book provides a guided pattern for individuals and small groups to share reflections and experience activities that open their hearts to the Christ child. The Living Nativity provides a prayer, meditation, and reflection questions for each day of Advent. The Leader's Guide includes suggestions for worship, discussion questions focused on the readings, and guidance for a mini-retreat on a theme of the week. The sixth book in the 28 Days of Prayer series, Healing from Divorce offers meditations that will lead you on a journey of healing. Whether you anticipate divorce, are in the midst of the process, or are

living life after divorce, each meditation suggests a Bible reading and quotes a Bible verse. Each also includes a story, along with a question or exercise for reflection. Weekly Themes: Broken Dreams, Broken Hearts (mourning the loss) The Buck Starts Here (taking responsibility) The Road to Freedom (forgiving self and others) God's New Thing (looking into the future)

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