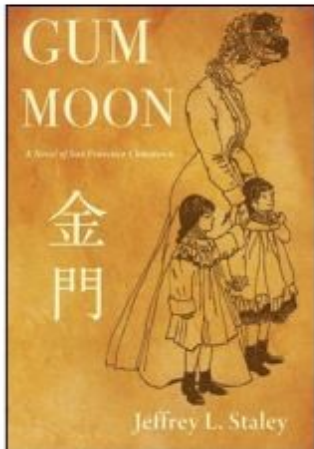


United Methodist Women Reading Program 2021

Carson Valley United Methodist Church



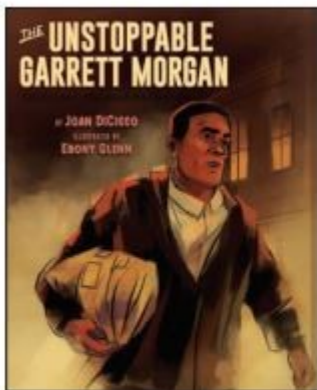
EDUCATION FOR MISSION



GUM MOON: A NOVEL OF SAN FRANCISCO CHINATOWN

JEFFREY L. STALEY
SELF-PUBLISHED (2018)

In 1898, three-year-old Chinese-American girl Mei Chun Lai is sold to a cruel brothel keeper, where a sympathetic prostitute befriends her. Two years later, at the height of a plague quarantine, a young Methodist woman rescues Chun and places her in a home for abused and trafficked girls. The home is destroyed in the 1906 earthquake and fire. Chun (aka "Maud") and a group of seven other Chinese children embark on a cross-country singing tour to raise funds to rebuild. When their home matron suffers a breakdown, 13-year-old Maud must lead the band of children home. Based on a true story.



THE UNSTOPPABLE GARRETT MORGAN

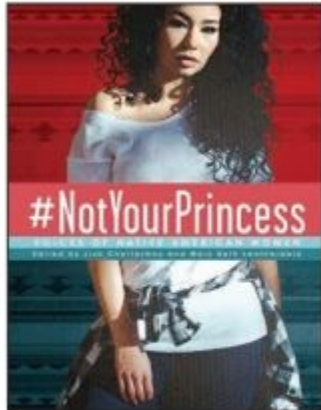
JOAN D'ICICCO
ILLUSTRATED BY EBONY GLENN
LEE & LOW BOOKS (2019)

"If a man puts something to block your way, the first time you go around it, the second time you go over it, and the third time you go through it." Living by these words made inventor and entrepreneur Garrett Morgan unstoppable. Growing up in Kentucky, the son of freed slaves, young and curious Garrett was eager for life beyond his family's farm. This compelling picture book tells the story of his ingenuity and tenacity that overcame racial barriers as he forged a career as a successful businessman and inventor.

Suitable for youth.



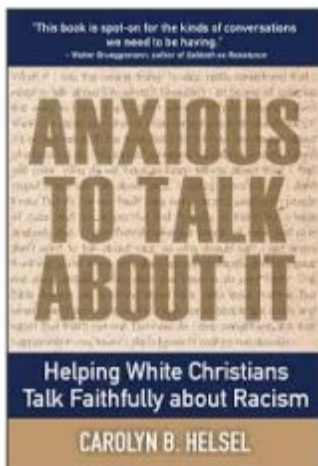
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



**#NOTYOURPRINCESS:
VOICES OF NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN**
EDITED BY LISA CHARLEYBOY AND MARY BETH LEATHERDALE
ANNICK PRESS (2017)

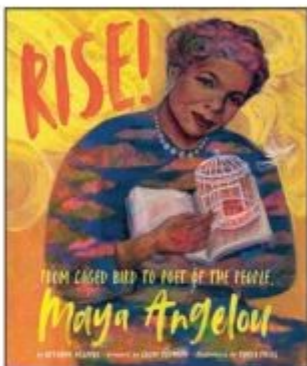
Whether looking back to a troubled past or welcoming a hopeful future, the powerful voices of Indigenous women across North America resound in this eclectic collection of poems, essays, interviews and art. Stories of abuse, humiliation and stereotyping are countered by the voices of passionate women making themselves heard and demanding change. Sometimes angry, often reflective, but always strong, the women in this book will give readers insight into the lives of women who, for so long, have been virtually invisible.

Suitable for youth.



**ANXIOUS TO TALK ABOUT IT: HELPING WHITE
CHRISTIANS TALK FAITHFULLY ABOUT RACISM**
CAROLYN B. HELSEL
CHALICE PRESS (2017)

Talking about race can make us anxious. Professor and pastor Carolyn Helsel draws on her experiences with white congregations to offer tools and practices to explore the anxious feelings that can come up when talking about racism. Learn how to join the hard conversations and move forward with less fear, more compassion and more knowledge of self, others and the important issues at stake.



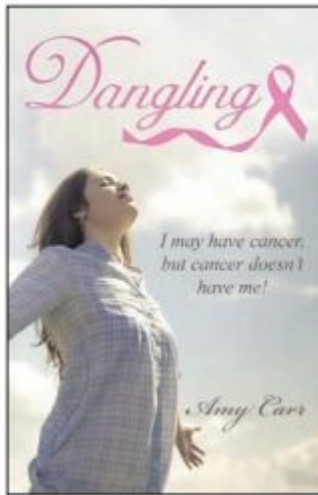
**RISE!: FROM CAGED BIRD TO POET OF THE PEOPLE,
MAYA ANGELOU**
BETHANY HEGEDUS
ILLUSTRATED BY TONYA ENGEL
LEE & LOW BOOKS (2019)

Writer, activist, trolley car conductor, dancer, mother and humanitarian—Maya Angelou's life was marked by transformation and perseverance. This comprehensive and beautifully illustrated picture-book biography geared towards older readers traces Maya's life from her early days, through her work as a freedom fighter, and to her triumphant rise as a poet of the people.

Suitable for youth.



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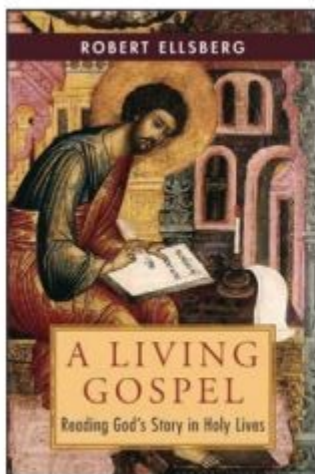


DANGLING: I MAY HAVE CANCER, BUT CANCER DOESN'T HAVE ME!

AMY CARR

WESTBOW PRESS (2016)

Are you or someone you love facing cancer? Perhaps you are coping with a chronic illness or facing one of the biggest disappointments of your life. Have you ever wondered how such a trial could change your life for the better? This is a personal story about how sometimes God teaches life-changing lessons that we otherwise would not have learned.



A LIVING GOSPEL: READING GOD'S STORY IN HOLY LIVES

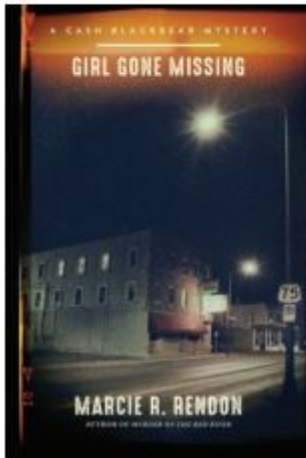
ROBERT ELLSBERG

ORBIS BOOKS (2019)

These reflections on the lives of saints, prophets and spiritual masters draw particular attention to models of holiness that speak to the needs of our time. Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen and Flannery O'Connor are among those examined, as well as holy people who charted their own paths. In learning how to read the "living gospel" in their stories, we may learn to read our own lives in the same light.



SOCIAL ACTION

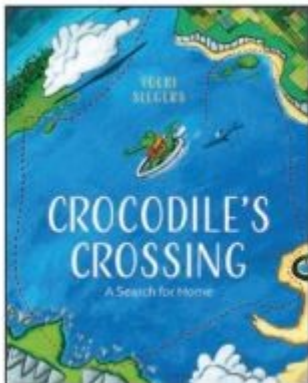


GIRL GONE MISSING: A CASH BLACKBEAR MYSTERY

MARCIE R. RENDON

CINCO PUNTOS PRESS (2019)

Nineteen-year-old Anishinabe woman Renee “Cash” Blackbear hears about a blonde girl in her English class who has gone missing. And then another. She begins to dream about blonde girls calling for help; they’re in Minneapolis. She’s never been far from the Red River and she’s never heard of white slavery. Then, suddenly, she’s locked inside a room with the lost girls. She needs to find a way out.



CROCODILE’S CROSSING: A SEARCH FOR HOME

YOERI SLEGERS

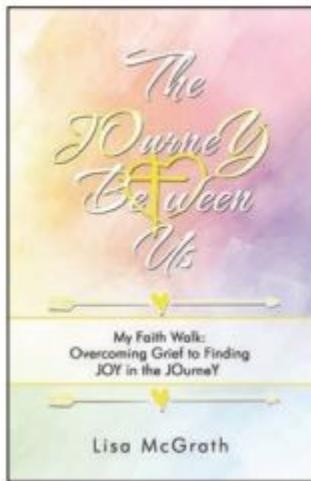
FLYAWAY BOOKS (2020)

Crocodile is tired, scared and hopeful as he searches for his new home. “Everything will be better where I’m going!” he thinks. Featuring bright artwork, this thoughtful tale sensitively introduces children to the complex topic of immigration and portrays the challenges faced by refugees and other newcomers.

Suitable for children.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH



THE JOURNEY BETWEEN US: MY FAITH WALK: OVERCOMING GRIEF TO FINDING JOY IN THE JOURNEY

LISA MCGRATH

WESTBOW PRESS (2018)

The JOurneY Between Us tells the inspiring story of how the author's faith guided her through several unthinkable events that shook her world to its core. That same faith allowed her to grow as she learned to trust God's plan and perfect timing. In their darkest hours, she and her family turned to God, and that has made all the difference on their path together.

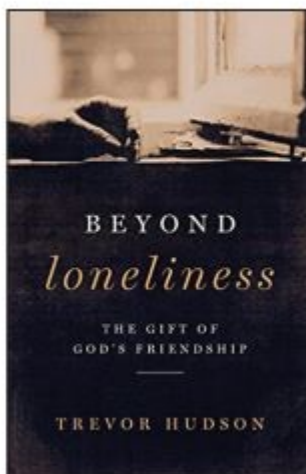


SLEEP, PRAY, HEAL: A PATH TO WHOLENESS AND WELL-BEING (HEALING MEMOIR BOOK 1)

DONNA FADO IVERY

ADVENTURES IN HEALING (2019)

A 200-pound glass partition fell on Donna Fado Ivery's head, resulting in brain injury, disability and chronic pain. How would she care for her infant, her preschooler, her husband and herself? How would she continue to serve as pastor? With humor and humility, this inspirational memoir speaks to Donna's struggle and the abiding support of family and the Holy Spirit.



BEYOND LONELINESS: THE GIFT OF GOD'S FRIENDSHIP

TREVOR HUDSON

UPPER ROOM BOOKS (2016)

Loneliness touches everyone, and it can be one of the most painful experiences of life. People long for relationship with others, but what may surprise them is that God longs to be friends with them. This book provides guidance for building a close friendship with God and easing the ache of loneliness.