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The miracle of Christmas comes alive in this luminous celebration of unconditional love and the joy and hope and promise in every child from Printz Honor recipient Julie Berry! Long ago, in a dusty barn, a mother took a child in her arms, wrapped him snug, made his bed in the hay. He was her gift that Christmas Day. There's no sweeter gift than a life so new. My best gift, little one, is you. In this poignant and lyrical story by Printz Honor recipient Julie Berry, the miracle of Christmas and the promise in every new child come together in a luminous celebration of unconditional love and hope. With tender, incandescent illustrations by Annie Won, the wonder of the nativity story and the marvel of every baby come alive in a wholly extraordinary book for families everywhere. A special, beautiful keepsake storybook to read, share, and cherish every Christmas season with the ones you love. The publication of the King James version of the Bible, translated between 1603 and 1611, coincided with an extraordinary flowering of English literature and is universally acknowledged as the greatest influence on English-language literature in history. Now, world-class literary writers introduce the book of the King James Bible in a series of beautifully designed, small-format volumes. The introducers' passionate, provocative, and personal engagements with the spirituality and the language of the text make the Bible come alive as a stunning work of literature and remind us of its overwhelming contemporary relevance. Jesus Christ is arguably the most famous man who ever lived. His image adorns countless churches, icons, and paintings. He is the subject of

millions of statues, sculptures, devotional objects and works of art. Everyone can conjure an image of Jesus: usually as a handsome, white man with flowing locks and pristine linen robes. But what did Jesus really look like? Is our popular image of Jesus overly westernized and untrue to historical reality? This question continues to fascinate. Leading Christian Origins scholar Joan E. Taylor surveys the historical evidence, and the prevalent image of Jesus in art and culture, to suggest an entirely different vision of this most famous of men. He may even have had short hair. Gentle rhymes and distinctive watercolors set the stage for this unusual take on the birth of baby Jesus. Just pull up the panels tucked inside the pages and watch as an entire nativity scene takes shape. Christmas is not a mystery. People understand Christmas. Who can deny the beauty, simplicity, and gracefulness of the season of the year in which there are lights on the lawns of houses, gifts given and received, and the story of the birth of the Christ Child remembered with readings and reenactments? Essentially, Christmas is a response to a longing for something holy and sacred. The deeper meaning of Christmas promotes the idea that there is something greater than ourselves stirring in our hearts and minds, and the God-likeness is evident in the most unusual places. This book attempts to identify some of those places where the Holy-Other is Wholly inner. Suggesting that it happened in Bethlehem a long time ago is conveying the idea that if it happened there and then, it can happen here and now. This book offers an invitation to look at the secular world and find the sacred within it. It encourages us to look into the lights of Christmas as they confront the darkness and to find the source of that light beyond and within us. This year, spend Christmas in Bethlehem, Maine, as the town prepares for annual living nativities. Will stepping into the roles of Mary and Joseph help empty nesters David and Kate Walters discover the joy of becoming parents again unexpectedly? Can a young pastor and a pretty choir member convince the town to be like three wise men of long ago when a devastating hurricane threatens tradition? Can veterinarian Leesa McElroy survive working alongside a man more at home with camels than Christians? Will the truth about singer Angeline Monroe's abandoned career come to light at Christmas? Actors know about "falling up": a split-second ignition from the wings, propelling entrance as a new character, an unwilling ascent to a different mode of being, an in-body experience that overlays preparation, opportunity, choice, or chance. *Falling Up*, the first and only full-length Floyd study, is a metaphor for humanity's uncanny ability to rise from seeming disaster into rebirth. Floyd's consistent succession of soars, stumbles, slides, or wrenches sings of triumph over odds. A modern Renaissance man, Floyd is our greatest living opera composer and librettist, a trained concert pianist, a master stage director,

and a teacher. In *Falling Up*, Holliday offers an intimate account of the life that shaped the words and music. Combining insights from hundreds of interviews with Floyd, his family, and many of the last half-century's greatest singers, conductors, and opera administrators, *Falling Up* traces Floyd's Southern roots and the struggles and sacrifices that accompanied his rise to operatic stardom. With more than forty photographs, the detailed evolution of Floyd's fourteen operas, and in-depth analysis of his nonoperatic works, *Falling Up* is essential reading for opera fans and professionals alike, a book that moves, informs, and entertains. This interactive pop-up book brings to life the story of the birth of Jesus. *One Night in Bethlehem* draws on a child's imagination and his senses in this beautiful touch-and-feel board book. A young boy carefully considers what he might have done if he were present on the night of Jesus' birth. He sings with the angels in the sky, becomes a spotted cow at the nativity scene, and alongside the Wise Men, he offers his precious teddy bear as a gift. Colorful artwork and a variety of textures allow young children to see and feel the events of the first Christmas. Rediscover the heart of the Advent season. As the year comes to a close and the stress and busyness of the consumer Christmas holiday grows, it can be easy to lose sight of what the season really calls us to: worship. In today's world, is it even possible to slow down, to ponder, to wonder in the coming birth of Christ? This Advent, recapture the mystery and beauty of the season with *The Wonder of Advent Devotional*. In this insightful and thought-provoking book, beloved devotional author Chris Tiegreen brings you into a deeper experience of this integral time in the church calendar. After completing a week of short readings to prepare your heart for the Advent season, you'll journey through December with daily Scripture readings, prompts for reflection, and guided prayer to help you savor this remarkable divine story. With each day, *The Wonder of Advent Devotional* will reconnect you with what happened in Bethlehem long ago--and experience it anew in your life right now. *Why Did Jesus Disappear?* In Scripture, Jesus is born and then disappears for 12 years! Where was he and what was he doing during that time? Are you curious about that missing time? Read about things you may have always wondered about. Why didn't Joseph take Mary immediately into his home after their betrothal? How did Mary's parents react when first learning she was pregnant? Did Mary really travel all those miles alone to visit Elizabeth? Why did Mary travel to Bethlehem if only Joseph needed to register family there? Whatever happened to the gifts from the Three Wise Men? How did Mary and Joseph get themselves to Egypt, and what happened there? Did Jesus have brothers? Who taught Jesus in school? Did every Nazareth kid like Jesus as a child? What did the scholars think or do who were so impressed by Jesus in the Temple when he was just twelve?

What if God used a Roman commander to help out? What if he were the very leader of those ordered to slaughter children in Bethlehem? Who besides Herod could have been jealous of Jesus? Linda Long Radosevich has spent years studying the life and times of Jesus Christ and has put together a story of his life that fills in many of the blank spots of his life. Enjoy a re-telling of one of the greatest stories ever. With the writing chops of Ian McEwan and the story-craft of Lisa Wingate, Karen Kelly weaves a shattering debut about two intertwined families and the secrets that they buried during the gilded, glory days of Bethlehem, PA. "A haunting debut." —Georgia Hunter, New York Times bestselling author of *We Were the Lucky Ones* "Karen Kelly is the real deal." —Mark Sullivan, New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*

A young woman arrives at the grand ancestral home of her husband's family, hoping to fortify her cracking marriage. But what she finds is not what she expected: tragedy haunts the hallways, whispering of heartache and a past she never knew existed. Inspired by the true titans of the steel-boom era, Bethlehem is a story of temptation and regret, a story of secrets and the cost of keeping them, a story of forgiveness. It is the story of two complex women—thrown together in the name of family—who, in coming to understand each other, come finally to understand themselves. *Includes pictures *Includes accounts of the Nativity and Bethlehem's holy sites *Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading

"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity." - The Book of Micah, Chapter 5

Bethlehem is amongst the oldest cities in the world, one that has been conquered and ruled by Caananites, Jews, Romans, Arabs, Crusaders, the Mamluks of Egypt, and the Ottomans. In the last century alone, it has been controlled by various different parties. The British took Bethlehem during World War I and controlled the city from 1920-1948, and in the wake of the 1948 war between Israel and its neighbors, Jordan annexed Bethlehem and controlled it until the Six Day War in 1967. It was during the Six Day War that Israel took control of Bethlehem, remaining in power over the city until 1995, when, in compliance with the Oslo Peace Accords, control of the city and of the surrounding West Bank was handed over to the Palestinian National Authority. The Palestinians continue to administer affairs in Bethlehem to the present day. What was it that caused this one small, unassuming settlement to be the focus of so much attention and strife? The primary reason that Bethlehem is so famous today is the Biblical passages that relate the town as the birthplace of Jesus Christ. Moreover, the oldest continuously used Christian church in the world is the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Like the town itself, the Church of the Nativity has

gone through numerous cycles of creation and ruin. First built above the Cave of the Nativity by Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, in May 339, the church existed for almost two centuries before it was destroyed during the Samaritan revolt in 529 CE. The church was later reconstructed by the Byzantine emperor Justinian in 565, and it is this structure that has largely survived to the present day. Today, the Church of the Nativity is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, alongside the pilgrimage route that led between Bethlehem and Jerusalem. The church and its surrounding complex of convents, monasteries, and chapels are fortress-like in appearance, reflecting the turbulent history of not only Bethlehem but the religious communities connected to the site. It was a focal point in the conflicts of the Crusades, and like many other towns in the Holy Land it fell into decline after the European armies were forced from the Holy Land. Despite being under Arab rule, Greek and Syrian Christian communities have continued to live and operate in the site, which was respected by both the Christian and Islamic faiths. It was also an important site for Judaism, being the location where many events of the Old Testament took place. Bethlehem is the burial place of Rachel, wife of Jacob, and it is where the story of Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi took place. It was also known as the city of David because it was the place where King David was anointed by Samuel. Needless to say, all of its history and religious import make it one of the most important places on the planet. Bethlehem: The History and Legacy of the Birthplace of Jesus looks at the history of the city and its importance in antiquity. Along with pictures depicting important people, places, and events, you will learn about Bethlehem like never before. This wonderful partner song opens with an inspired new melody that gently paints the scene in Bethlehem on that first Christmas Eve long ago. References to the beloved Still, Still, Still foretell the carols appearance in a lush new harmonization. Then, the carol and new melody partner to create an unforgettable Christmas lullaby. Available in both SATB and two-part mixed voicings, it also boasts optional ring and sing handbells or handchimes. An ideal choice for a Christmas Eve service! Imagine that it's Christmas Eve and you're on your way to the store before the annual candlelight service. Suddenly you find yourself transported back in time to the night of the birth of the Messiah! The places you're used to seeing are all gone; the usual trappings of modern society don't work. And, to top it off, you're placed in a situation where you have to help a young couple deal with having a baby -- with no hospital! Yikes! This imaginative chancel drama for Advent or Christmas will make the members of your congregation think about the night of Jesus' birth in a new way. A variety of ages can be used in the production from young children to older adults. The dialogue can be easily modified with local references. Suggested readings and music are

included for use between scenes for additional congregational involvement. Frank Ramirez is the pastor of Everett Church of the Brethren in Everett, Pennsylvania. A graduate of the University of LaVerne and Bethany Theological Seminary, Ramirez is the author of numerous books, articles, and short stories. Frank has been a long-time writer for CSS' online subscription "StoryShare." His CSS titles include "Gabriel's Horn, The Christmas Star," "The Bee Attitudes," "Partners in Healing," " He Took a Towel," "Coming Home," "Lectionary Worship Aids "series, " "and "A Call to Worship." Best-selling author Jeanne Bendick takes us for another informative—and amusing—journey into places and events of long ago. Herodotus and the Road to History, written in the first person, details the investigative journeys of Herodotus—a contemporary of the Old Testament prophet Malachi—as he takes ship from Greece and voyages to the limits of his own ancient world. His persistence, amidst disbelief and ridicule, in the self-appointed task of recording his discoveries as “histories” (the Greek word meaning “inquiry”), means that today we can still follow his expeditions into the wonder and mystery of Syria, Persia, Egypt and the “barbaric” north. Jeanne Bendick’s lucid text, humorous illustrations and helpful maps entertain and instruct as they open the way for readers young and old to once again join Herodotus . . . on the road to history. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each has his own way of telling the Story of stories—an account of the arrival of the Messiah into our world. Each author writes to a unique audience with a specific purpose in mind for addressing them as he does. But in every case, the author’s message connects not only with his specific readers back then, but also with us personally here and now. The Story becomes our story. A Long-Ago Birth in a Right-Now World brings the meaning of Bethlehem from a manger to our doorsteps, where it intersects with our personal needs and fears, hopes and dreams, guilt and grief, priorities, relationships, and spiritual journeys in an oftentimes challenging world. Christmas is a time for family worship and time-honored traditions. Just as the stars lit the sky on that night in Bethlehem so long ago, you can use this study to light your way back to that time. Learn what the world was like at the time of Jesus' birth. This study unit of Christmas will help bring back into focus how the birth of a tiny baby changed the world. Delightfully illustrated by Fred Apps, this is the magical retelling of the birth of Jesus over two thousand years ago. This is the eyewitness account of 15-year-old James, son of Joseph bar Jacob, and the dangerous and heartrending choices his family must make in the days leading to Joseph's relationship with Mary, and the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. A Christmas in Princeton A Christmas in Princeton, is about holly, carols, and joy, but it also celebrates the very reasons for Christmas and its colorful traditions. It is a touching tale of friendship and inspiration, and

the mysterious way in which giving can transform the giver. It is a breezy, little tale about the meaning and history of Christmas, and it is full of unexpected thoughtfulness and wisdom for young and old. Tom Cooper is a young lad obsessed with getting whatever he wants. Not only is he self-centered in all his pursuits but he never reflects on the magic inherent in the world around him. That is, until one very special holiday season when a twist of fate brings him to the door of a rickety old shack. It serves as the home of a reclusive old gent who lives the most spartan existence. A friendship develops, and one that brings about a deep and lasting change in Tom. But Tom never fully understands what has happened to him until many years pass and the shack and its habitant are long gone. Though this story was inspired by an old gentleman whose church provided him with a humble dwelling for his remaining years, the names of individuals and places have been changed, and unconnected events have been intertwined to weave the story. **Jesus: His Story in Stone** is a reflection on still-existing stone objects that Jesus would have known, seen, or even touched. Each of the seventy short chapters is accompanied by a photograph taken on location in Israel. Arranged chronologically, the one-page meditations compose a portrait of Christ as seen through the significant stones in His life, from the cave where He was born to the rock of Calvary. While packed with historical and archaeological detail, the book's main thrust is devotional, leading the reader both spiritually and physically closer to Jesus. Gentle rhymes and distinctive watercolors set the stage for this unusual take on the birth of baby Jesus. Just pull up the panels tucked inside the pages and watch as an entire nativity scene takes shape. Every year, trolls knock down Kyri's door and gobble up her Christmas feast. But this year, the trolls are in for a surprise: a boy and his pet ice bear on their way to Oslo have come in from the cold. And once the ice bear is finished with the trolls, you can bet they won't come knocking next Christmas Eve! Once again, Jan Brett creates an original Christmas story full of warmth and magic. Featuring beautiful borders, intricate illustrations, and a stunning display of the Northern Lights, **Who's That Knocking on Christmas Eve?** will rightfully take its place among Jan's Christmas favorites with the whole family. This 25-minute Christmas Nativity pageant tells the story of Jesus Christ from creation to present day. The birth of Christ is seen as an event with a much wider scope than an incident that occurred long ago in Bethlehem. This drama is unique in highlighting Jesus' birth as part of the greater picture of God's activity throughout history: in creation, in the words of the prophets, in the cross, in the resurrection, and in our world today. **The Word Became Flesh** provides drama that is biblically sound, educational, and thought-provoking. Shirley M. Wickland is an instructor in computer-aided design and materials science for the Trade and Technical

Department of Moraine Park Technical College, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. She is an honors graduate from Milwaukee School of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Her various professions have included lab technician in a hospital, instructor of Adult Education for Hawkeye Institute of Technology, and Development Engineer and Design Engineer for John Deere Company. Wickland is a certified lay speaker for the United Methodist Church, Chairperson of the Wisconsin Conference Board of Church and Society, a Certified Instructor of Disciple Bible Study, a Member of Adoptive Families of America, and a Sunday school teacher of many years. In this delightful version of the Christmas story, children take part in a nativity play and act out the wonderful events that took place in Bethlehem, long ago. Mortimer's Christmas Manger Storybook Greetings This beautifully illustrated book looks at Christmas traditions of the late 19th and early 20th centuries that have become a big part of how Christmas is celebrated today. Topics include how Santa came to be, the use of candles, why angels are a part of Christmas, Santa's workshop, elves and reindeer, parades, and much more. A picture-book version, for young children, of the story of Jesus Christ's birth in a stable in Bethlehem. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each has his own way of telling the Story of stories—an account of the arrival of the Messiah into our world. Each author writes to a unique audience with a specific purpose in mind for addressing them as he does. But in every case, the author's message connects not only with his specific readers back then, but also with us personally here and now. The Story becomes our story. A Long-Ago Birth in a Right-Now World brings the meaning of Bethlehem from a manger to our doorsteps, where it intersects with our personal needs and fears, hopes and dreams, guilt and grief, priorities, relationships, and spiritual journeys in an oftentimes challenging world.

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