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**Elim** Mar 15 2022 "Founded in 1948 by the Dutch Reformed community of Chicago, Elim Christian School was the first within the vaunted Christian Reformed educational system nationwide to provide educational services to those with developmental and physical limitations. It remains the only Reformed residential school in North America for special needs children, and its workshop, Oasis Enterprises, provides occupational training and meaningful employment for nearly two hundred adults after they "aged out" of school. In the past fifty-five years, this unique institution has been an "oasis in the desert of disability" for more than 5,000 persons ages three to sixty-five." "Elim, the first history of the institution, relies on the minutes of the administration and its publications to describe the astounding rise of the school from seven students in an Englewood church basement to the hundreds currently served on a 34-acre campus in Palos Heights, Illinois. While the official records provide the view "from the top," the book keeps a focus on the students and their achievements, which, after all, is the real story. The nearly 200 photographs and illustrations of students and staff bring the story to life. The vital fundraising role and encouragement of the "Women's army" - the Women's Service League, Mothers' Clubs, and Key Ladies, is also told in detail, based on the minutes of the League Board."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

**The Case for Hope** Nov 23 2022 Can you really trust in hope? Lee Strobel proves that you can! Lee Strobel's trademark investigative style paired with an uplifting message of the hope found in Jesus Christ. Lee's timeless message walks readers through why holding on to hope is so crucial, why we can trust in the hope of Jesus Christ, and how that hope can change our lives for the better. Lee Strobel has already helped millions delve deeper into their faith and investigate the how and the why of what they believe. His cases for a creator, Christ, and faith are air-tight and convincing to even the most stalwart skeptic. The Case for Hope is sure to inspire and ignite hope into the hearts of those who thought they were without hope.

**Who Is My Shelter?** Feb 14 2022 Gabby knows God is the God of second chances. But can she give one to the man who betrayed her? When she was thrown out of the penthouse she shared with her husband and their sons, Gabby didn't know if she'd ever find a soft place to land. But after seeking refuge at the shelter where she works, extraordinary things happen as she is reintroduced to God. From the ashes of her marriage comes the House of Hope—a safe haven for homeless moms and their children. But now those ashes of her destroyed marriage are being stirred again. When her long-gone husband's life hits rock bottom, he reappears and asks for one more chance. And Gabby faces what feels like an impossible choice. Take him back. Or keep moving forward without him. Toward someone new who hasn't betrayed her. Is God redeeming what Gabby thought was gone forever? Or is He leading her down a different path and giving her something—and someone—new?

**Jesus Above School** May 05 2021 All of us deeply need Jesus - not only for salvation, but in every area of our lives. This is why the gospel is good news; because there's real hope for real need. Clinging to this conviction, Jesus Above School unpacks and applies the umbrella question, "What difference does the gospel make?" within the Christian school context, even though this will likely put many of our prevailing assumptions at risk. Jesus Above School provides Christian educators with a clearer understanding of what it means to "do school" in light of a profound commitment to the radical gospel of Jesus. Tragically, many Christian educators are ill-equipped to adequately articulate and apply the implications of a biblical worldview in their thought and practice. As a result, many Christian schools struggle to set themselves apart as truly distinctive because they're not aligned with the wonderfully unique truths of God's gospel. To help, Jesus Above School offers a framework of categories and questions which guide an organized approach to becoming more gospel-centered by shaping both what is taught and the way the school goes about teaching throughout the entire ecosystem of the Christian school culture. These categories are broad enough to recalibrate philosophies and commitments while still being nimble enough to capture the myriad issues facing Christian schools in the day-to-day. "Private Christian schools play a vital role in American Christianity today. However, as Noah Brink observes in this important book, too many schools recognize Jesus in name more than they engage him in the educational process. Brink's use of orthodoxy, orthopraxy, and orthopathy offers a particularly helpful insight into worldview education to help Christian schools do just what the book says: place Jesus above school." Ed Stetzer, Ph.D. Dean and Professor, Wheaton College "Noah Brink has issued a much-needed clarion call for all Christian schools. In this post-Covid era when many schools are experiencing enrollment growth, it is critical for all Christian educators to thoughtfully align all practices in concert with biblical truth - and we all fall short of that goal. 'What difference does the gospel make' is an ungirding theme in this excellent resource - a must read for all Christian educators for such a time as this. You will be challenged, enlightened, and encouraged." James L. Drexler, Ph.D. Dean of the Covenant College Graduate School of Education

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**Ethnographies of Waiting** Mar 03 2021 We all wait - in traffic jams, passport offices, school meal queues, for better weather, an end to fighting, peace. Time spent waiting produces hope, boredom, anxiety, doubt, or uncertainty. Ethnographies of Waiting explores the social phenomenon of waiting and its centrality in human society. Using waiting as a central analytical category, the book investigates how waiting is negotiated in myriad ways. Examining the politics and poetics of waiting, Ethnographies of Waiting offers fresh perspectives on waiting as the uncertain interplay between doubting and hoping, and asks "When is time worth the wait?" Waiting thus conceived is intrinsic to the ethnographic method at the heart of the anthropological enterprise. Featuring detailed ethnographies from Japan, Georgia, England, Ghana, Norway, Russia and the United States, a Foreword by Craig Jeffrey and an Afterword by Ghassan Hage, this is a vital contribution to the field of anthropology of time and essential reading for students and scholars in anthropology, sociology and philosophy.

[The Hope of Liberation in World Religions](#) Jun 06 2021 Liberation theology emphasizes the Christian mission to bring justice to the poor and oppressed. As a part of Christian theology, liberation theology has been most frequently associated with the Catholic Church in Latin America. This groundbreaking work seeks to identify how the theological concepts of liberation theology might be manifested within other world faith traditions. This is thus the first book that attempts to find a "common ground" for liberation theology across religions. All of the contributors are scholars who share the religion or belief system they describe. Throughout, they

endeavor to articulate liberationist concepts from the perspective of those who have been marginalized.

Citizens of Hope Jul 27 2020 Hope is central to our identity as Christians. Just as our bodies need food, our souls need hope, and the supreme hope is found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. How does that relationship become real to us? In this book and 4-week study, readers are guided on a formative path of understanding who God is and who they are as God's children. Citizens of Hope is part of The Basics Series. An invitation into a more faithful and profound understanding of Christian hope. An excellent resource for small groups, Sunday school, individual meditation, and both new and maturing disciples of Jesus. —Janice Riggle Huie, Bishop of the Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church A hope-filled description of what it means to be followers of Jesus Christ and a reminder of how God is at work in every aspect of our Christian journey. I commend this book to individuals and groups seeking to know how to walk as a citizen of hope in our Twenty-first-century world.—Amy Valdez Barker, Executive Secretary, Connectional Table of The United Methodist Church

**Though the Fig Tree Does Not Blossom** Dec 12 2021 This book charts a course through the equally inadequate options of despair and optimism to a responsible understanding and practice of Christian hope.

*A Foot in Two Worlds* Apr 23 2020 After the untimely death of his son, a pastor learns he must find a balance between grief and Christian hope, ultimately discovering that embracing one does not diminish the other. He learns grief is not an illness one must recover from, but a journey one must walk. *A Foot in Two Worlds* examines the intense grief that accompanies tragic loss and demonstrates how it interacts with our perception of goodness, innocence, and God. Each chapter explores the conflicting life experiences that tragedy or loss often forces onto people who trust in a good God. Grief is a nondiscriminatory offender, striking the hearts and homes of its victims. This story welcomes the grief-stricken to a place of middle ground, where faith, doubt, hope, and loss coexist--starting the move from innocence to a hopeful reality. Of the many books on grief, few offer permission to the bereaved to develop a new normalcy by embracing both grief and hope. *A Foot in Two Worlds* targets several significant needs. It compassionately reaches out to the entire community of the bereaved with special grace offered to brokenhearted parents. It gives a deeper look into the heart of grief and mourning. Finally, through stories and scripture, the book offers direction and understanding to those who provide care to family members and friends who suffer tragic loss.

**The Season of Hope** Jan 01 2021 Advent and Christmas are a time of mystery and wonder. During these days we are reminded that we live in a "now, and not yet" time. *The Season of Hope* is a book of devotions offering daily readings, meditations, prayers, and reflections through this time of anticipation. The Advent scriptures invite us to live with expectancy and hope, as we prepare to greet the one who comes to us again and again. The wonder and awe of the Christmas story affirms afresh God's presence in uncertain times. The readings through the 12 days of Christmas help us recognize the ways in which we gather strength from being grounded in God's wisdom. The 40 personal meditations contained in this book provide a wise and insightful guide through the days of Advent and Christmas, encouraging an opening of self to a deeper intimacy with God, and fresh insight into God's promises and faithfulness.

Far from Ordinary Feb 02 2021 Your Journey to Extraordinary Starts with One Word—Yes If you have a desire deep inside your heart to be sold out to the Lord and do amazing things for Him, you are not alone. Lysa TerKeurst and her daughter Hope have felt that passion too, and they've learned that only God can satisfy the craving to go beyond just making it through the day. Why? Because God is the one who created that need inside of you and He's using it to draw you closer to Him! As you begin your journey to extraordinary, this book will help you overcome your fear of saying yes to God by focusing on the life-changing results of obeying Him understand that you have been uniquely designed by the Lord to play an important part in His plans learn how to grow in your relationship with Him by digging deep into encouraging Bible verses listen for what the Lord wants to speak to you with practical ways to recognize His voice in your everyday life When you say yes to God, you will see your faith grow and bloom. Will you accept His invitation and start your journey today?

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**Sweet and Blessed Country** Aug 08 2021 In *Sweet and Blessed Country* John Saward takes an altarpiece from fifteenth-century Provence as his starting-point for a theological exposition of the Christian hope for Heaven. The altarpiece, Enguerrand Quarton's *Coronation of the Virgin*, was painted for Carthusian monastery, and so its monastic theologians, and principally Denys the Carthusian, who guide Saward in his exploration of the 'sweet and blessed country' in which the angels and saints contemplate the face of God. John Saward's book breaks new ground not only in content but also in style and method. He discusses a subject, eschatology (the doctrine of last things), which is generally neglected today, and though he observes the disciplines of scholarship, he also reaches out to a readership beyond the academy. This theology of Heaven, faithfully rooted in the Catholic tradition, offers enlightenment to every Christian who seeks understanding of his hope, and encouragement to every human being who yearns for ultimate fulfilment.

**Why Christian Kids Rebel** Jan 21 2020 Author of *Grace-Based Parenting* and the best-selling *Little House on the Freeway*, Dr. Tim Kimmel helps Christian parents avoid the potential problems their well-meaning parenting styles could create. This book offers a new way to look at the "ideal" Christian home and shows why "cocoon-style" Christian homes don't always work. Many parents have "done it all" when it comes to the checklist of good Christian parenting, only to see their son or daughter step away from their belief system and embrace other lifestyle choices. Dr. Kimmel helps to increase the chances that your children will develop a vibrant faith early in life and stick with it on into adulthood. It will also provide help and hope for those already dealing with a rebellious teen and teach them how to lead the child back into a walk of faith.

When It Feels Like the Sky Is Falling Aug 28 2020 I'll Never Forget That Day The unexpected strikes each of us at some point in our lives. Those days when the sky feels as though it's closing in and our world is crumbling around us. A loved one dies... We survive a natural disaster... We witness a horrific event or act of terrorism. And we live in fear of what might happen as we step onto an airplane or watch as someone we love is admitted into the hospital. How can we best respond to such shock and grief? Is it possible to feel safe again or to make sense of life in the aftermath? Christian counselor H. Norman Wright has helped individuals cope in the wake of 9/11; Hurricane Katrina; the mass shootings at Aurora, Colorado and Las Vegas, Nevada; and other traumatic events. Here he offers compassionate guidance on facing—and growing from—the circumstances you fear most. You'll discover practical ways to prepare for the unexpected, and find a path to real hope and peace—even in the midst of tragedy.

**Covenant and Hope** Sep 21 2022 *Covenant and Hope* centers around two main themes in Jewish-Christian dialogue: "Covenant, Mission, and Relation to the Other" and "Hope and Responsibility for the Human Future." In the first section scholars from both faiths analyze the idea of covenant, how it determines their religious commitments, behavior, and theology, and how their covenantal theology shapes their relations with people outside their religious communities. The second section focuses on the foundation for religious hope, how belief in the future can be nourished, and on our practical and philosophic responsibility to work for a better human future.

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We Are All Alike We Are All Different Mar 23 2020 Kindergarten children describe the likenesses and differences among themselves.

*Born from Lament* Jan 13 2022 Profound reflection on lament and hope arising out of Africa's immense suffering There is no more urgent theological task than to provide an account of hope in Africa, given its endless cycles of violence, war, poverty, and displacement. So claims Emmanuel Katongole, a recognized, innovative theological voice from Africa. In the midst of suffering, Katongole says, hope takes the form of "arguing" and "wrestling" with God. Suchlamentis not merely a cry of pain it is a way of mourning, protesting, and appealing to God. As he unpacks the rich theological and social dimensions of the practice of lament in Africa, Katongole tells the stories of courageous Christian activists working for change in East Africa and invites readers to enter into lament along with them."

**Spiritually Parenting Your Preschooler** Jul 19 2022 Grow them in God's image! Seventy-five percent of a child's character is developed by the time he is five years old-which means that parents of preschoolers have

a big responsibility (and a lot of fun!) ahead of them. A warm and delightful book, written in parent-to-parent style with splashes of "close to home" humor, *Spiritually Parenting Your Preschooler* helps parents to: -Teach your infant, toddler or preschooler to encounter God in a real way -Win the two-year-old "no-no war" without emotional scars -Build Christ esteem in your adopted child -Raise your child alone -Experience spontaneous praise and worship with your toddler -Select the school that is right for your child and holds fast to your values -Discover exciting tools to help your child model God's life and words -Hear your child pray, expecting answers...and then see the miracles! In addition to the humor, sensitivity and helpful information found in these pages, your entire family will be blessed with these practical and godly guidelines for parenting.

Well...you need to read this book from cover to cover! Right? You've heard all the practical parenting advice-now here's the wisdom that you need to spiritually parent your preschooler.

*Always Have Hope* Sep 28 2020 I was heartbroken to learn my husband of seventeen years secretly wrestled with a pornography addiction that began when he was just a teenager. Even more shocking was that his obsession had morphed into a physical relationship with an underage girl he met online. His arrest and subsequent prison sentence assaulted my emotions, finances, and sense of reality. With my self-confidence violently shaken and my faith in God seriously challenged, reestablishing a hope-filled existence seemed impossible. Yet I discovered when the hour is darkest, God shines brightest. Suffering may be inevitable, but we do not have to embrace it like a warm quilt on a chilly night or even enjoy wearing it like a highly polished badge of honor. We can choose to trust God in the midst of the truly awful and elect to adopt the words and attitude of the psalmist: "But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more" (Psalm 71:14). Kathie Williams lives in North Carolina where she is working as a church secretary and raising her two sons. She deeply enjoys serving in ministry with children grades K-12 as a Sunday school teacher, pre-teen ministry director, and youth mentor. Her secondary ministry involves her love of music where she occasionally serves as a church soloist and choreographer of creative movements for worship services. Kathie delights in teaching God's Word and helping others discover the incomparable joy found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. You can learn more about Kathie and her availability for speaking and singing engagements at her website: [www.kathiewilliams.com](http://www.kathiewilliams.com).

**Hope for Your Church** Nov 30 2020

*Baby Babbles B* Oct 22 2022 See the baby? What's baby's name? Say . . . BABY. How can we help our smallest readers go from baby babble to pronouncing everyday words? The Baby Babble Series will gently encourage babies and toddlers to use their first words and sounds as building blocks for new vocabulary. The first book in this series introduces the "B" sound with words like book, blanket, and bye bye. Filled with mirrors, textured material, and flaps, this interactive board book invites babies to touch and feel each new word, providing kinesthetic, visual, and auditory sensory experiences that will develop their language skills and delight their hands, eyes, and ears with every turn of the page.

*A Heart for the Future* Sep 09 2021 Apart from impressive liturgical expressions every year in Advent and one stirring statement called "The Christian Hope," which concludes the Prayer Book Catechism, the Episcopal Church is not known for its formation and application of eschatology--the doctrine of last things. *A Heart for the Future: Writings on the Christian Hope* may change that. The distinguished and diverse contributing authors--including Robert M. Cooper, Robert D. Hughes, Harold T. Lewis, Fredrica Harris Thompsett, Paul F. M. Zahl, and Robert Boak Slocum (who is also the general editor)--differ widely in method, meaning, and approach. They are very much alike, however, in the rigor with which they profess their faith in the Christian future, avoiding the simplistic eschatology that would cleave the Body of Christ in two by creating a false dichotomy between walking with God in this world and walking toward God in the next. The choice Christians must make is not between the now and the external; it is between being forward-looking and being backward-looking. Unless we look with eagerness and longing toward the future, we will stay stranded in the past. To live the Christian life today, we need *A Heart for the Future*.

*Real Hope in Chicago* Feb 26 2023 When Wayne Gordon and his wife started a Bible study for high school kids in North Lawndale, Chicago, people warned them that a white couple moving into a black neighborhood as a recipe for disaster. That was twenty-five years ago. Today, what began as the Gordons' seedling Bible study has become the Lawndale Community Church. It has a staff of 150, has renovated more than 100 local apartments, has helped more than 50 young people graduate from college, runs a medical clinic that treated 50,000 patients in 1994, and has become a vital part of rebuilding an inner-city neighborhood into a community of faith and hope. *Real Hope in Chicago* is Wayne Gordon's inspiring account of how people, white and black, rich and poor, old and young, worked together to transform a decaying neighborhood into a place where love is lived out in practical and miraculous ways. It offers an exciting model for interracial cooperation, urban-suburban church partnering--and real hope for the inner cities of our nation.

*Mother to Son* Dec 20 2019 "I know this wondrous little person has the potential to change the world—and I want him to know it too." In this collection of powerful letters to her young son, Jasmine Holmes shares about her journey as an African American Christian and what she wants her son to know as he grows and approaches the world as a black man.

*His Faithfulness Continues* Aug 20 2022 No Christian school in North America has a book-length history like *His Faithfulness Continues*. Timothy Christian High School recently won the "super bowl of education" as one of only fifty nonpublic schools nationwide to be awarded the prestigious 2019 National Blue Ribbon Award. This recognition is richly deserved for Timothy, which serves eleven hundred students in greater Chicagoland from a campus in Elmhurst, Illinois. This book recounts the story of a school founded on faith alone by a few Dutch Reformed families on Chicago's Old West Side who believed fervently in Christian day school education. The infant school barely survived its beginnings in 1911; it thrived in Cicero amid racial strife in the 1960s, and it has flourished ever since on its west suburban campus. The relocation to Elmhurst, which coincided with the suburbanization of supporting families, came in stages--the high school in 1960, the junior high in 1970, and elementary school in 1972. Since then, Timothy's Dutch Reformed community has embraced students from multiple denominations, with a shared identity in the classroom, chapel services, and interscholastic competition. Notable in this history is a definitive account of the Timothy-Lawndale controversy, a deeply emotional watershed in the school's history, which offers an apologia based on an exhaustive review of all available documents. Sports fans will be inspired by storied regional contests and state championships. Cultural aficionados will revel in details on music and the arts, the famed Picture Lady program, and remarkable Mock Trial triumphs, and the work of the Timothy Foundation, the school's financial arm, is recounted for the first time. Four hundred images add visual interest, and the appendices list staff and board officers, tables of annual enrollment, and operating budgets.

**Created to Flourish** May 25 2020 A compelling call to carry Christ's love and mercy to families in poverty around the world This eminently practical book by two leading experts on poverty alleviation offers a clear plan to help ordinary Christ-followers translate their compassion into thoughtful action. Authors Peter Greer and Phil Smith draw on their personal experiences to discuss proven solutions for effectively alleviating poverty. *Created to Flourish* examines the pitfalls of traditional approaches and outlines a new model of economic development aimed at breaking the cycle of dependency. Through discipleship-based savings groups and small loans, families in poverty are employing their God-given talents to provide for their families and serve their communities. With photographs showcasing the dignity of clients from around the HOPE International network, this book provides straightforward guidance for individuals and groups eager to carry God's justice, mercy, and compassion throughout our world.

*My Jesus, Your Jesus* Jul 07 2021 "I wish I had what you have," people often remark after hearing me speak at Christian events. I usually inch my wheelchair closer, smile, and say, jokingly, "Do you mean a neuromuscular disease?" We laugh, but I'm left to wonder: How can I possibly explain that they already have what I have—but don't know it? —Dr. Beverly Rose

**Can Hope Endure?** Apr 28 2023 The spate of books written recently on Christian higher education highlights a common theme -- how numerous colleges founded by church bodies have gradually lost their religious moorings, often culminating in what historian George Marsden calls "established nonbelief." "Can Hope Endure?" examines the history of Hope College in Holland, Michigan, as it has struggled to find a faithful middle way between secularization and withdrawal from mainstream academic and American culture. Authors James Kennedy and Caroline Simon track Hope College's responses to various social and intellectual challenges through careful analysis of school records, newspaper stories, extant histories, and interviews with faculty members and past presidents. Hope's history reveals that the school is exceptional, having followed the

predictable trajectory, yet changing course in some ways. Given this unusual history, the story of why and how Hope College moved toward reestablishing the role of religion in its institutional life yields important lessons for other schools facing the same challenges. Neither an attack on Hope College nor the kind of celebratory institutional history that so many schools have authorized, this book is instead a thoughtful, instructive study written by two professors who have witnessed firsthand many of Hope's struggles to retain its identity and purpose. The book's narrative is enriched by the "binocular vision" provided by a professional historian and a professional philosopher, and collaboration has afforded Kennedy and Simon the critical distance necessary to ask hard questions about Hope and, by extension, other institutions like it. "Can Hope Endure?" will be of real interest not only to readers associated with Hope College but also to those following or participating in the ongoing conversation about Christianity and higher education.

Hope And a Future Oct 30 2020 Wes Richards is senior pastor, of King's Church International in Windsor. When his wife Carol died of cancer in June 2002 at the age of 51, the whole family was devastated. Yet in the time of their greatest sadness, good news and great healing were coming their way. After Carol's death the three Richards children, Wesley, James and Melody, met and fell in love with two sisters and a brother from the same South African family, resulting in three weddings. The wheel comes full circle; out of despair comes hope; there is a future. This is a simple story, well told, a testament of new horizons from a man who has suffered deeply.

**Hope for the Thinking Christian** Jun 18 2022

**Becoming the Pastor You Hope to Be** Feb 20 2020 Becoming the Pastor You Hope to Be unapologetically urges clergy readers to develop practices that will help them become more excellent ministers. A long-time field educator, now serving as a denominational staff person responsible for ministerial formation, Barbara Blodgett believes excellence is a matter of doing simple things with care and consistency. Ministers who commit themselves to excellence will grow and flourish, and even become happier in ministry. Blodgett urges ministers to resist praise and instead to ask for feedback, to seek the company of mentors who are better than the reader is at what he or she does, to be vulnerable before their peers in order to learn from them, and to define themselves as a leader who does not merely take activist stances but risks entering into deep, transformative relationships. Improvement in ministry, Blodgett argues, comes about not through extraordinary leaps and bounds but rather through adopting simple habits and carrying through on small but thoughtfully made choices. Addressed to ministers, *Becoming the Pastor You Hope to Be* is also a valuable resource for discernment committees, Christian educators, leaders of continuing education and lay education programs, and all those who partner with theological schools to help form ministers, both lay and ordained.

GIVING HOPE AN ADDRESS Oct 10 2021 Two Brothers, One Calling, and a Lasting Legacy. For sixty years, the faith-based ministry of Teen Challenge has been bringing hope to those bound by drug and life-controlling addictions. Since the very first Teen Challenge Center opened its doors in Brooklyn, New York the ministry has grown to 1,400 Centers across 122 nations. Through the doors of every Teen Challenge program, there are testimonies of men and women who have walked out free because of the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

**An Unpromising Hope** May 17 2022 Written in a theopoetic key, this book challenges Christian reliance on the motif of promise, especially where promise is regarded as a prerequisite for the experience of hope. It pursues instead an unpromising hope available to the agnostic or belief-fluid members and leaders of faith communities. The book rejects any theological judgement about doubt and hopelessness being sinful. It also rejects any hope which is grounded in a sense of Christian supremacy. Chapter 1 focuses on Ernst Bloch's antifascist concept of utopian surplus, putting Bloch in conversation with queer theorist Jose Esteban Munoz and womanist theologian M. Shawn Copeland. Chapter 2 explores the saudadic and theopoetic hope of Rubem Alves. Chapter 3 turns to the womanist theologies of Delores Williams, Emilie Townes, and A. Elaine Brown Crawford. Finally, chapter 4 engages the post-colonial eschatology of Vitor Westhelle, framing hope as nearby in space, rather than nearby in time. Each chapter offers an unpromising hope that may be tapped into by those who wish to affirm belief-fluidity in their own communities, and by those who wish to speak of hope honestly, whether or not, at any given moment, they believe in God or in the promises of a god.

*Sustaining Hope* Jun 25 2020 In the Gospels we encounter many people who were shunned by their society because they lived with some form of impairment. In stark contrast, Jesus embraces these people and offers compassion without condescension, relationship without ulterior motive, and provides them with practical help. Subsequent history has rarely matched his ministry, particularly for people living with intellectual impairment and their families. Based on personal interviews with a number of families who have children living with intellectual impairment, two major challenges constantly impacted them--a longing for people to treat their child as a person and to form genuine friendships with them. Written from a Wesleyan perspective, this book seeks to address these two issues from a theological and pastoral perspective. It offers practical help for anyone to initiate and develop healthy friendships with people who live with moderate to severe intellectual impairment, their families, and carers.

*The Sunday school chronicle [afterw.] New chronicle of Christian education* Apr 04 2021

**On Purpose** Mar 27 2023 Best-selling author Samuel Casey Carter showcases a dozen mainstream schools that focus on a culture of character as their foundation and have achieved extraordinary results.

*The Rapture Exposed* Apr 16 2022 The idea of "The Rapture" -- the return of Christ to rescue and deliver Christians off the earth -- is an extremely popular interpretation of the Bible's Book of Revelation and a jumping-off point for the best-selling "Left Behind" series of books. This interpretation, based on a psychology of fear and destruction, guides the daily acts of thousands if not millions of people worldwide. In *The Rapture Exposed*, Barbara Rossing argues that this script for the world's future is nothing more than a disingenuous distortion of the Bible. The truth, Rossing argues, is that Revelation offers a vision of God's healing love for the world. *The Rapture Exposed* reclaims Christianity from fundamentalists' destructive reading of the biblical story and back into God's beloved community.