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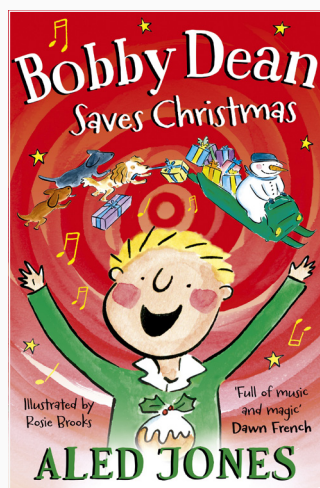
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Bobby Dean Saves Christmas

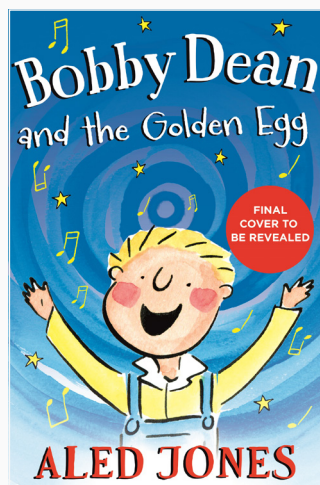
Aled Jones Illustrated by Rosie Brooks

Meet Bobby: an ordinary kid with an extraordinary voice! Sent off to school for the first time in his life, nine-year-old Bobby Dean is busy making new friends, learning lines for the Nativity Play, and trying to not laugh at the head teacher's terrible jokes. But then Bobby Dean discovers that when he sings magical things can happen! From rescuing

kidnapped dogs, helping Santa, and even travelling back in time - Bobby Dean's first term is going to be one full of wonder, adventure, and the magic of song!

Bobby Dean Saves Christmas is a magical and fun packed adventure for kids highlighting the importance of friendship, loyalty, accepting differences and above all being yourself.

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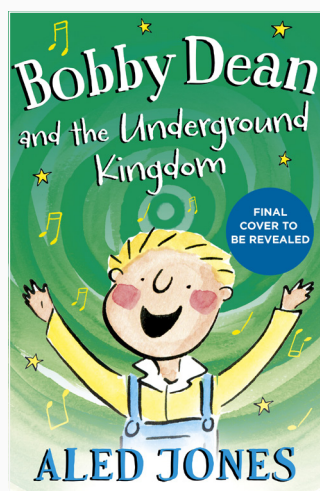
Bobby Dean and the Golden Egg

Aled Jones

Spring Term is here and if Bobby Dean thought his adventures were over, he couldn't be more wrong! He's going to have to deal with a giant Easter Bunny, an evil wizard, and a trip to the zoo - and what is the story behind the strange golden egg? But massive news then comes in and Bobby Dean needs to rescue the school, and his home, from

demolition! With the help of his new pal, Noel the mouse, his fantastic gang of friends, and the magic of his voice, Bobby is in for another rollercoaster ride of a school term!

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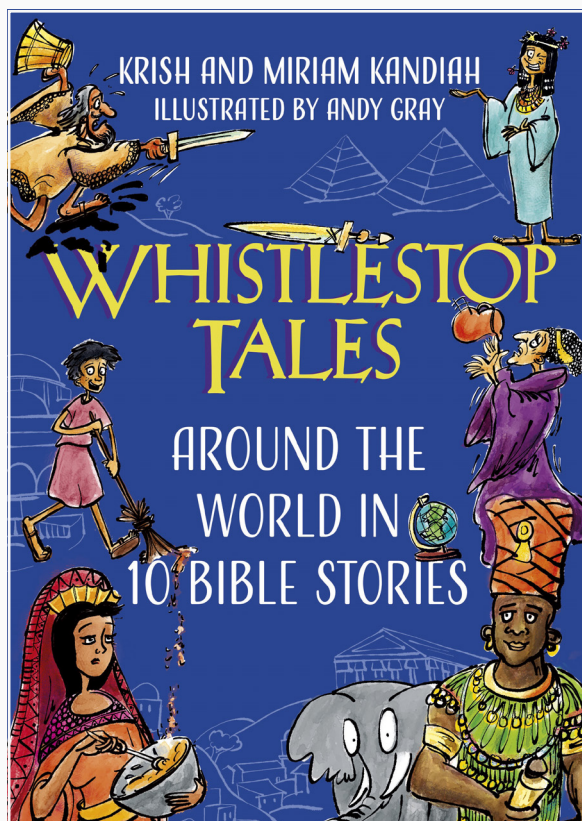
Bobby Dean and the Underground Kingdom

Aled Jones

When Bobby and his friends head off on a school residential trip to the wilds of Yorkshire, he soon finds that more than a little adventure awaits. Because where they're staying is steeped in myth and mystery and around every corner danger lurks! Lives are saved, deep

friendships made, but when Bobby finds himself trapped in another world, is this one adventure too many? One thing is for certain, Bobby is going to need his special voice more than ever!

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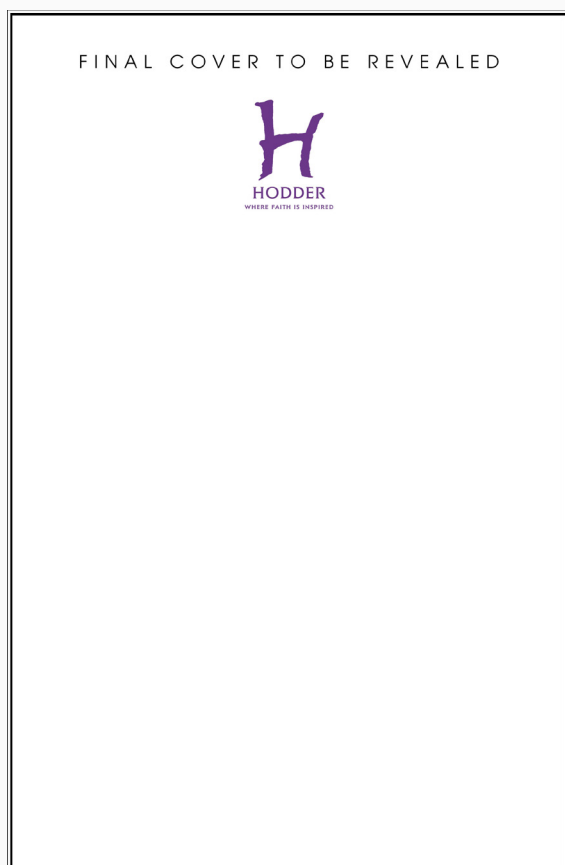
Around the World in 10 Bible Stories
Krish & Miriam Kandiah

Illustrated by Andy Gray

Winner of Christianity Today's 2022 Book Awards

Discover these and other brilliant Bible stories from around the world to inspire you on your own adventure with God! In ten action-packed stories, Whistlestop Tales tells how God uses people from all over the world in his global adventure. From Iraq to Italy, Sudan to Cyprus, each tale begins with a look at a modern-day country to help ground the characters in their original context and cultures. Things may not happen exactly as you'll find in the Bible, a Whistlestop Tales paints a picture of person, their challenges and victories in a new and exciting way to get you thinking. If you're a fan of David Walliams or Roald Dahl, the chances are you'll really enjoy *Whistlestop Tales* and maybe look at the Bible in a whole new way!

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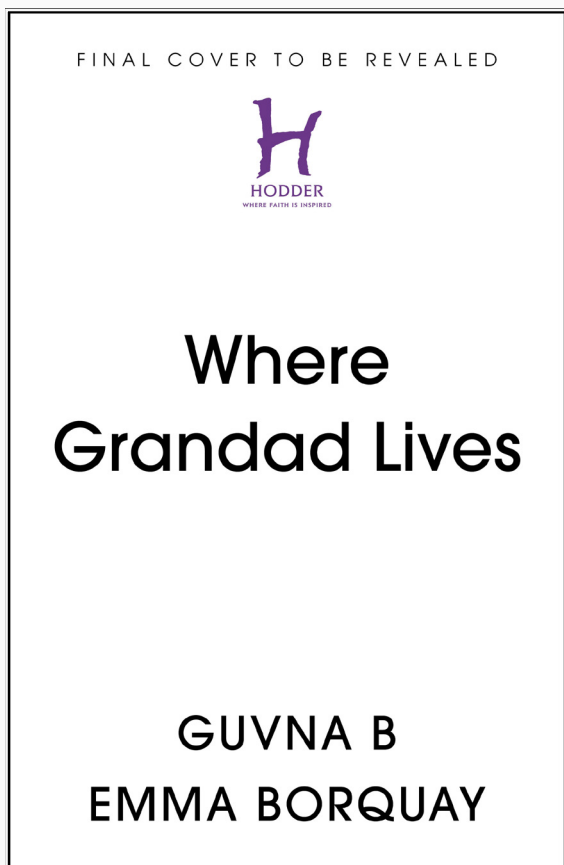
Around the Bible with 10 Extraordinary Children

More Whistlestop Tales
Krish & Miriam Kandiah

Illustrated by Andy Gray

Join Krish and Miriam Kandiah on another adventure through 10 retellings of stories from the Bible! While many people with disabilities, differences and disadvantages are often under-valued in our society, under-acknowledged in history and under-represented, Krish and Miriam Kandiah team up with illustrator Andy Gray to show how God gives people with disabilities a special mention, special honour and very special jobs. Sometimes we can focus on the stories of miraculous healing in the Bible, but this can make people with disabilities and differences feel like they have nothing to offer the world. It's time to remember all the characters in the Bible who do amazing world-changing things - especially those who dare to be different.

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Guvna B has won two Mobo Awards and three Unsigned Music Awards. His last two albums have amassed more than 15 million streams, the latest of which was the UK's highest-charting non-explicit rap album of 2020. Guvna B's previous book was published in 2021, titled, *Unspoken: Toxic Masculinity and How I Faced the Man Within the Man*.

Emma Borquaye is the founder of online platform Girl Got Faith. She is passionate about young people realising their full potential and uses her platform to encourage positive body-image, faith and self esteem.

Where Grandad Lives

Guvna B and Emma Borquaye

In 2019, Guvna B and Emma Borquaye had their first child, Ezra. As they began to navigate the word of parenthood, they soon realised the challenge of having to explain the concept of loss to their young son. After the award-winning rapper Guvna B lost his dad unexpectedly in 2017, Guvna B wanted Ezra to know about his grandad, even though he was no longer with them. *Where Grandad Lives* answers the call to help parents and children discuss grief and loss together. Featuring characters based on Ezra, and friends, Ezra shares that his Grandad lives somewhere really special. When his friend Zadie is unsure she knows where - and when all her ideas of special homes are exhausted - she has to ask Ezra to show her... And Ezra shares what it's like when someone you love lives in your heart: the good, the bad and the hard to explain. *Where Grandad Lives* is a powerful and important book about losing someone you love.



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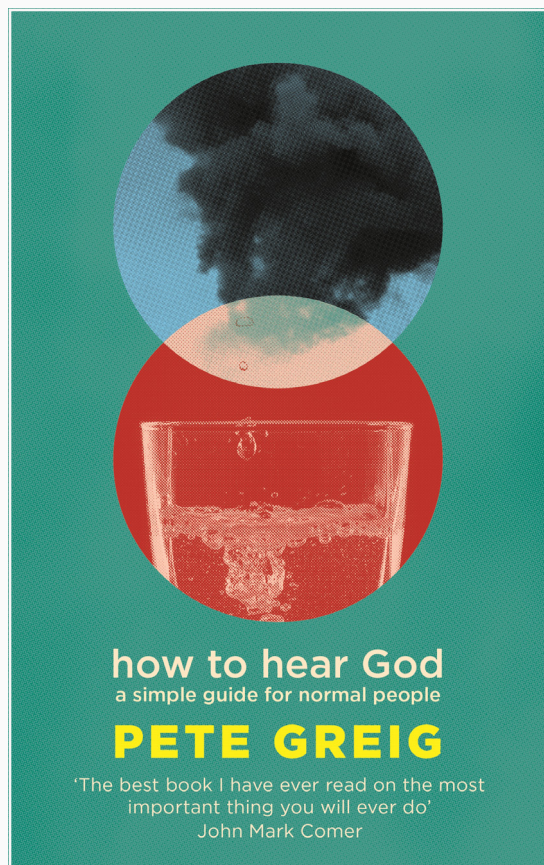
Pete Greig is the bewildered instigator of a 24-7 Prayer meeting that has continued non-stop since 1999, having spread into more than half the nations on earth. He is also the Senior Pastor of Emmaus Rd, in Guildford, England, an Ambassador for the non-profit Tearfund, and a lecturer at St Mellitus Theological College. For seven years he was also a senior leader at HTB, London and the Director of Prayer for Alpha International.

Gemma Hunt presents CBBC's BAFTA award-winning children's programme Swashbuckle. She features in the new video releases of the Alpha Course and the Prayer Course 2. A regular main stage host for Christian events such as Big Church Day Out and Spring Harvest, Gemma is also a children's author and has extensive experience working with children.

How to Pray: A Guide for Young Explorers

Pete Greig
with **Gemma Hunt**

Inspired by the hugely successful *How to Pray*. Pete Greig takes his simple guide to prayer and gives children the same tools and encouragement. *How to Pray: A Guide for Young Explorers* is packed full of real life stories, teaching, fun facts, activities and inspiration to get creative and confident in prayer. With insights and ideas from CBBC presenter and author Gemma Hunt, children's workers and children from around the country, this is the go-to guide for prayer for a new generation.



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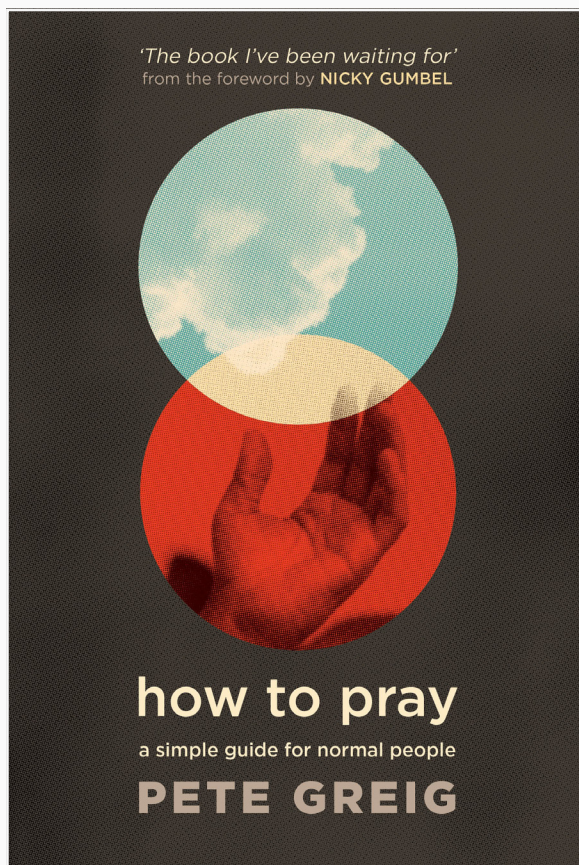
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How to Hear God

A Simple Guide for Normal People

Pete Greig

Nothing could possibly matter more than learning to discern the authentic voice of God, but few things in life are more susceptible to delusion, deception and downright abuse. When life falls apart and we need God's comfort; in moments of cultural turmoil when we need God's clarity; facing formidable decisions when we need God's guidance; desiring a deeper faith when we need God to say something, anything, to turn the monologue we call prayer into a genuine conversation. Having addressed God's silence in *God on Mute*, and then *How to Pray* in his previous bestseller, Pete Greig is back to bring wisdom and guidance to one of the most pressing and perplexing aspects of universal Christian experience - *How to Hear God*. Exploring the story of Christ's playful, poignant conversation on the road to Emmaus, Pete draws deeply from the insights of a wide range of Christian traditions. He weaves together the evangelical emphasis upon hearing God in the Bible, and the charismatic commitment to hearing God in the prophetic, with the contemplative understanding of God's 'still, small voice' within.



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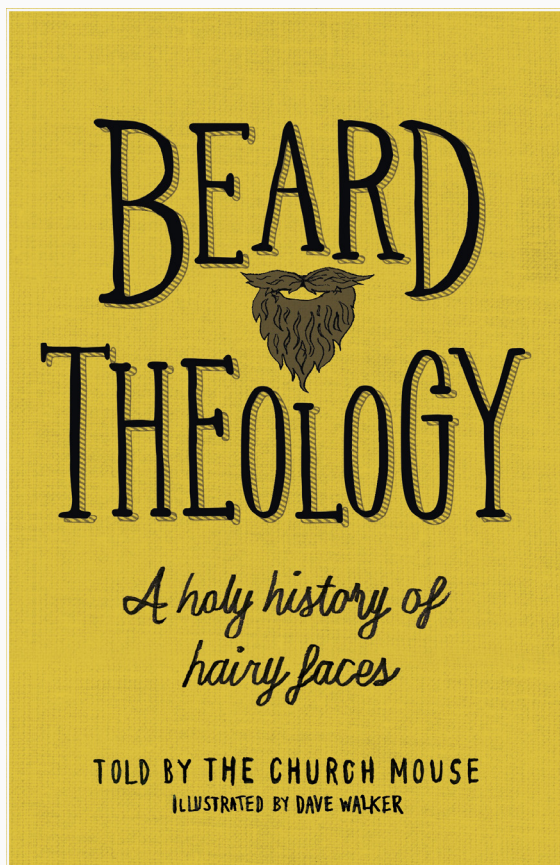
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How to Pray

A Simple Guide for Normal People

Pete Greig

Everyone prays. But no one finds it easy. We all need a little help. Pete Greig has been teaching on prayer - and leading a non-stop prayer movement - for twenty years. Now, for the first time, he puts his life's work into a response to the question everybody ultimately asks: how do I pray? This down-to-earth introduction to life's greatest adventure will guide you deeper in your relationship with God, helping you to become more centred and still, clearer in discerning God's voice, more able to make sense of your disappointments and more expectant for miraculous breakthroughs too. It's full of honest, hard-won wisdom interspersed with real-life stories - some humorous, others moving - to equip and inspire your prayer life. Journeying through the Lord's Prayer, and accompanied by online videos from The Prayer Course, which has been used by more than a million people, it unpacks nine essential aspects of prayer: stillness, adoration, petition, intercession, perseverance, contemplation, listening, confession and spiritual authority. From one of today's most visionary communicators, for those who've been praying for years as well as those who want to pray but don't know where to begin, *How to Pray* is the simple, life-changing guide you've been waiting for.



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BETWEEN 10 AND 20 LINE-DRAWING CARTOONS

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The Church Mouse is a well-known award winning Christian blogger and church commentator. After starting blogging in 2008, he developed the most read religious blog for some time from 2009-2011 and was cited as the No.1 religious blog by the New Statesman in 2011 then retired from blogging. He now comments on social media to his 16,500 twitter followers and writes occasionally for other publications. He has written for The Guardian, Christianity Magazine blog and Christian Today.

Beard Theology

A holy history
of hairy faces

The Church Mouse

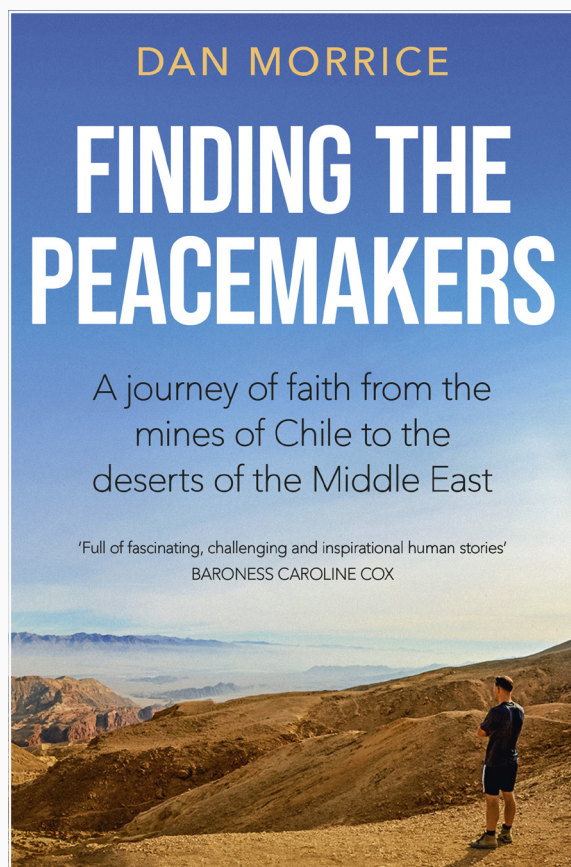
Illustrated by Dave Walker

As informative as it is entertaining - read it, you won't regret it' - Paula Gooder

Beards have had cultural and religious significance for thousands of years. A fascinating story is to be told of the religious significance of beards from the ancient civilisations to today. This book will survey beard theology from ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome and Mesopotamia, to the Jews of Jesus's day and through to the early Church fathers who strongly promoted the beard, the Latin church which outlawed it leading up to and after the Great Schism of 1054. We will pursue the story of the protestant reformers and leaders of the evangelical revival of the 19th century all had plenty to say about the beard. This largely untold and intriguing story of the religious significance of beards and will contain a series of entertaining true historical stories, such as the cardinal who lost the papacy due to his beard, the female pharaoh who wore the fake beard and how beards were cited in the papal bull of excommunication that formalised the split of the Eastern and Western churches in the great schism. As well as providing a unique historical narrative, it also provides a subtle basis for reflection on current theological disputes and debates, gently inviting you to consider what parallels there are to the historical theological disputes which today seem trivial but caused heated passions in their day. It will entertain and inform in equal measure.

**'A profound exploration of the way
beliefs turn to rules . . . smart, funny
and absolutely fascinating'**

COLE MORETON



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LINE DRAWINGS FOR EACH CHAPTER

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Dan Morrice is a non-fiction writer and podcaster from Bristol. A bewildered adventurer, Dan has spent a lifetime wildly out of his depth in mountains and deserts, searching for unsung heroes whose lives hold the power to inspire the current generation. Formerly a teacher of Geography and International Development, Dan has former students serving in communities all over the world, from Iraq to El Salvador. Dan blogs, vlogs and podcasts with fellow writers and explorers at www.lukex.org, sharing stories from followers of Jesus in extreme situations.

Finding the Peacemakers

A journey of faith from the mines of Chile to the deserts of the Middle East

Dan Morrice

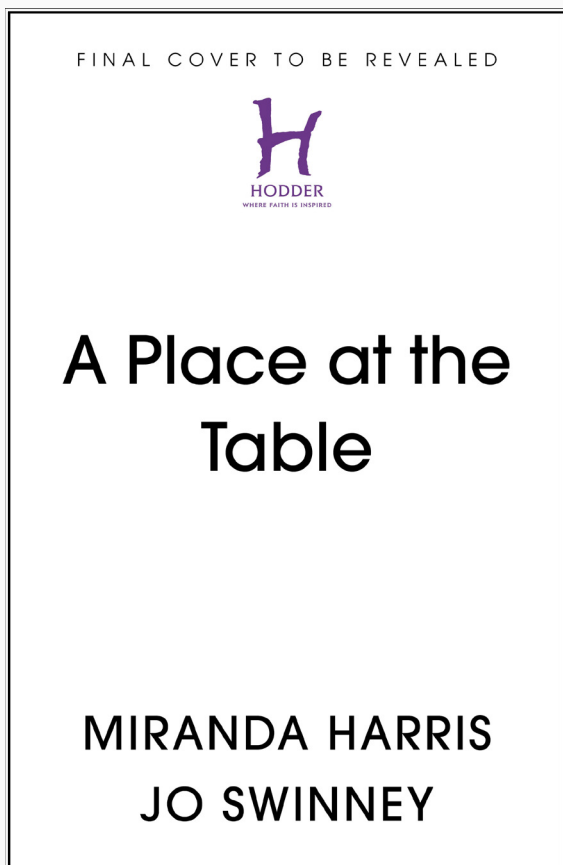
"Dan's book demonstrates that the future will belong to the peacemakers - the true heroes among us."

BEAR GRYLLS

When thirty-three Chilean miners stepped into the light, alive and well, after sixty-nine days entombed in the earth, the world experienced a rare treat - some good news. Was this an anomaly, or are there other untapped glimmers of hope, hidden behind the headlines? Armed with a camera, a notebook, and a perilous sense of curiosity, Dan Morrice embarks upon a global journey to meet the peacemakers - unsung heroes, forging peace in extreme environments, from war-torn nations to disaster zones. From Chilean miners to Syrian refugees, from ex-football hooligans in Britain, to revolutionaries in Israel-Palestine, Dan discovers how the most unlikely people are rediscovering Christian faith and rewriting the fractured history of our time. At the apex of his journey, Dan's interviews lead him on a five-hundred-mile walk across the Negev Desert to find their source of hope first-hand. In a generation tired of divided nations and negative news, *Finding the Peacemakers* tells the unreported story of a global movement overcoming the odds to build peace in troubled times.

"One of the most inspiring books I have read for many years."

BARONESS CAROLINE COX



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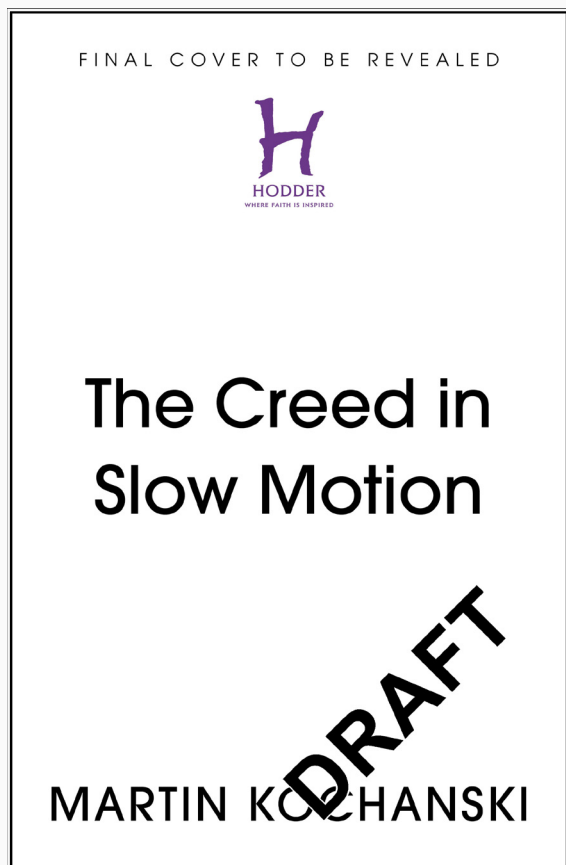
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A Place at the Table

Miranda Harris
and Jo Swinney

A Place at the Table is rooted in the story of A Rocha. Exploring the larger themes of community and hospitality, Jo Swinney writes alongside her mother's writings to explore the transformative way in which sharing food is at the heart of a shared life. So many of Jesus' transformative interactions were around food - the feeding of the five thousand, the last supper, the post-Resurrection appearances, the meal with Mary, Martha and Lazarus - and so there is fertile biblical ground to reflect on themes of belonging, loss and community.



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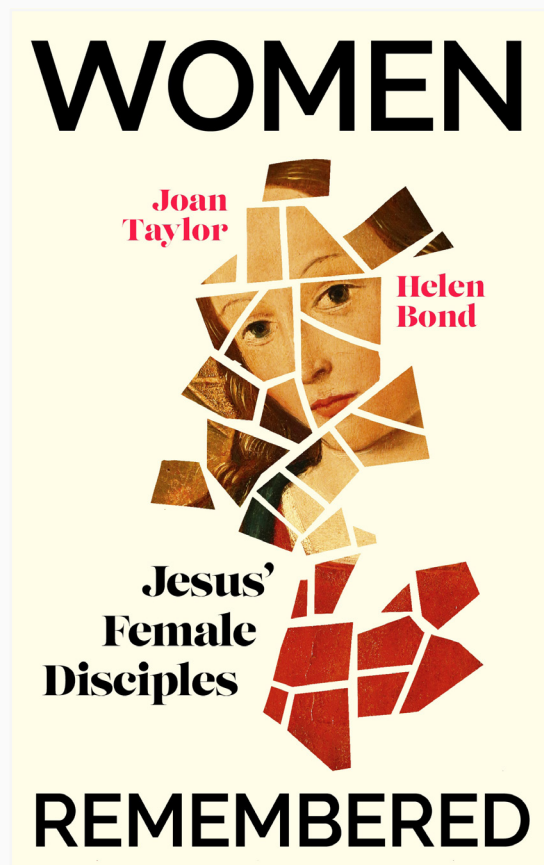
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Martin Kochanski is a Roman Catholic layman and the founder of Universalis, a liturgical app with daily readings and reflections.

The Creed in Slow Motion

Martin Kochanski

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth... The Creed is one of the foundational statements of the Christian faith. It exists in a number of forms, and has been in use since the fourth century, and continues to be prayed privately and recited corporately in all major Christian denominations today. The Creed in Slow Motion is a deep dive into this rich doctrinal text. Phrase by phrase, and even word by word, we are transported through the key doctrines of the faith to help us stop and savour each of its components. We consider what we assent to when we recite each phrase - from the meaning of the begotten Son, to the incarnate Virgin birth, and the affirmation of the living Spirit - and how these spoken truths express the bedrock of Christian Faith. Written in forty-five short chapters, in a lively and approachable volume, this is the perfect gift for everyday Christians who want to dig into the faith to resurface with a new understanding and renewed conviction.



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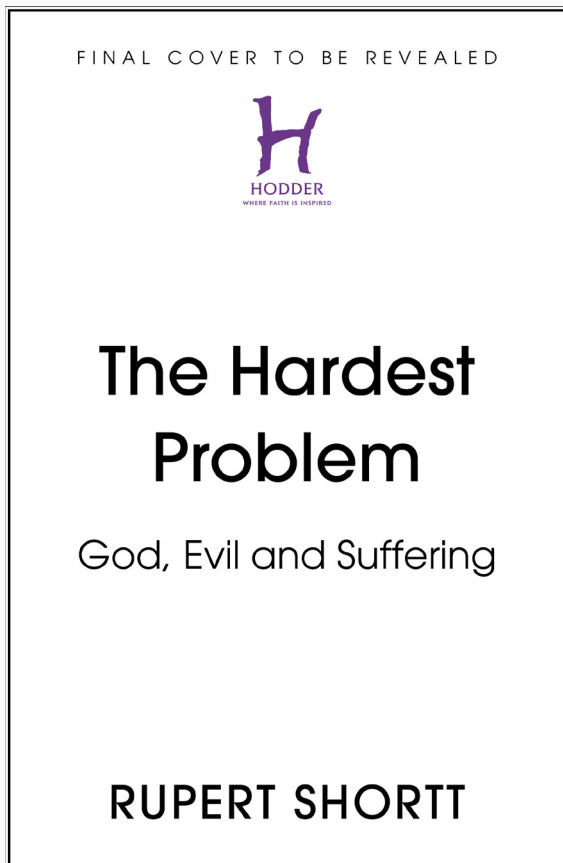
Joan Taylor is Professor of Christian Origins and Second Temple Judaism at King's College London and an author of numerous books and articles about Jesus and his world. She has studied questions of women and gender and is currently writing a *Very Short Introduction to Mary Magdalene* for the Oxford series. She also works in radio, television and film, and co-presented, with Helen Bond, *Jesus' Female Disciples: The New Evidence* (2018) for Channel Four.

Women Remembered

Jesus' Female Disciples

Helen Bond and Joan Taylor

Do you think that Jesus only surrounded himself with men? Think again. Inspired by their popular Channel 4 documentary *Jesus' Female Disciples*, historians Helen Bond and Joan Taylor explore the way in which Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Mary, Martha and a whole host of other women - named and unnamed - have been remembered by posterity, noting how many were silenced, tamed or slurred by innuendo - though occasionally they get to slay dragons. *Women Remembered* looks at the representation of these women in art, and the way they have been remembered in inscriptions and archaeology. And of course they dig into the biblical texts, exposing misogyny and offering alternative and unexpected ways of appreciating these women as disciples, apostles, teachers, messengers and church-founders. At a time when both the church and society more widely are still grappling with the full inclusion and equality of women, this is a must-read for anyone interested in the historical and cultural origins of Christianity.



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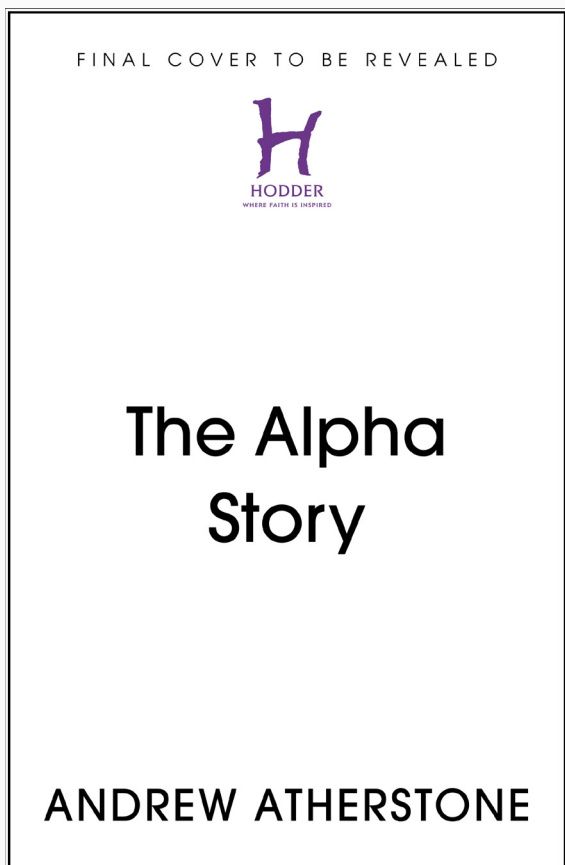
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The Hardest Problem

Rupert Shortt

To many, the problem of evil and suffering constitutes by far the most serious objection to mainstream religious belief. For all its starkness and salience, though, the dilemma is also widely misinterpreted. That visceral feelings often dominate discussion is understandable on one level. But this can displace the clearer-headed thinking needed to shed greater light on the subject. In this brief but broad-ranging book, Rupert Shortt shows that belief in a divine Creator is much more coherent intellectually than many sceptics suppose. Basic misconceptions about core aspects of Judaism, Christianity and Islam can in turn spawn still greater caricatures of subjects including divine power. Having cleared the ground, Shortt goes on to discuss the nature of evil from a classical Abrahamic standpoint and how Christian resources in particular offer guidance in an area where raw emotion, conceptual thought and the deepest trials of the spirit overlap. If the dilemma has no clear solution, that need not discredit sensitive and creative ways of grappling with it. The Hardest Problem is an accessible contemporary reflection on the perennial question of human suffering.



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The Alpha Story

Andrew Atherstone

Alpha is a global phenomenon. It has an established brand across the world, the most important programme in Christian evangelization. Alpha was launched internationally in 1993 and has attracted very wide public commentary over the decades, not only among churches, but in the national media, mainstream newspapers, television, radio, political magazines, and glossy fashion magazines, ranging from *The Economist* and the *New York Times* to *Elle* and *Fabulous*. Its presiding genius, Nicky Gumbel, has won plaudits as a new Billy Graham for the modern age. Alpha has been the inspiration for popular novels and has attracted pop stars like Geri Halliwell and Will Young. Plenty of books, articles, and doctoral theses have analysed and criticized Alpha from sociological and theological perspectives. But there has never yet been an Alpha history. The full fascinating story, from Alpha's earliest beginnings to its global domination, has never been told until now. This is a history of the phenomenon that is Alpha, telling for the first time the full accounts of Nicky Gumbel's conversion and other key figures (Justin Welby, Sandy Millar) and chronicling the genesis of Alpha from its beginnings at the 1970's Kensington dinner parties, turbo charged by the influence of John Wimber and the Toronto Blessing in the 1990s, to what is now an international movement 'to transform society' embraced on every continent in the world and across denominations.



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