

INSPIRATIONAL FICTION

Hideaway (2003)
Alexander, Hannah

Still haunted by the tragic death of her sister, Dr. Cheyenne Allison arrives in the quaint town of Hideaway, Missouri to start over, but her new surroundings are suddenly plagued by terror when she becomes the target of a vicious vandal, forcing her to place her trust in her mysterious neighbor. 2004 Christy Award for Christian Romance.

Israel, My Beloved (1996)
Arthur, Kay

Tells the dramatic story of the Jewish people through the unforgettable characters of the beautiful yet strong-willed Sarah, the endearing couple Enoch and Rebecca, and the devoted Samuel.

Candle in the Darkness (2002)
Austin, Lynn

During the Civil War, Caroline Fletcher, the daughter of a wealthy slaveholding family, is drawn into the abolitionist movement, where she is confronted with the risks and sacrifices her beliefs entail. 2003 Christy Award for North American Historical Christian Fiction

Fire by Night (2003)
Austin, Lynn

In the wake of the Civil War, the wealthy and carefree Julia Hoffman endeavors to bring meaning into her life when she falls in love with abolitionist and reverend Nathaniel Green, eventually serving as a nurse alongside Phoebe, who has entered the army under false pretenses. 2004 Christy Award for Christian Historical Fiction

Trial by Fire (2000)
Blackstock, Terri

Paramedic Issie Mattreaux joins forces with minister Nick Foster to investigate after Foster's church is burned to the ground and a young African-American man is found shot to death in the rubble.

Ulterior Motives (1996)
Blackstock, Terri

The police think Ben Robinson has killed Louise Dubois. He swears he's innocent. Sharon Robinson knows that Ben is capable of trashing human lives but not of taking them. The question is, does Sharon know Ben as well as she thinks she does. This novel is a wrenching portrayal of the cost of forgiveness, of innocence and faith pitted against monstrous evil, and of skepticism's journey to the cross of Christ.

Word of Honor (2000)

Blackstock, Terri

After a bombing at the Newpointe post office, a gunman holds Jill Clark hostage in her hotel room, but after he is apprehended and claims to be innocent, Jill begins to wonder if he is as guilty as he appears.

God on a Harley (1995)

Brady, Joan

Christine Moore, a middle-aged, burned-out woman, finds her life changing when she meets a gorgeous man astride a 1340cc Harley Davidson and begins a spiritual journey that leads her through the six precepts to inner peace and personal fulfillment.

The Amber Room (1992)

Bunn, T. Davis

After WWII, people search for the greatest work of art plundered during the war.

Berlin Encounter (1995)

Bunn, T. Davis

During the Cold War, Jake Burnes works with NATO in Berlin and must find a way to rescue two scientists imprisoned in Stalin's Russia and bring them to the west.

Drummer in the Dark (2001)

Bunn, T. Davis

While investigating a smear campaign against congressman Graham Hutchings, Orlando P.I. Jackie Havilland and businessman-turned-congressman Wynn Bryant stumble upon a dangerous conspiracy aimed at reshaping the world economy.

2002 Christy Award for Christian Suspense

Florian's Fate (1992)

Bunn, T. Davis

When Jeffrey Sinclair takes a job assisting in a high-priced London antique shop, he soon discovers that her employer is acquiring priceless antiques under mysterious circumstances.

Gibraltar Passage (1994)

Bunn, T. Davis

After WW II, French Captain Pierre Servais searches for his lost brother while seeking the help of the woman who once betrayed his trust.

Great Divide (2000)

Bunn, T. Davis

Gloria Hall has gone missing in China, where she went to investigate and expose slave labor conditions. The prison camp she ends up in is a factory for a big American corporation. Marcus Glenwood is a

formerly successful corporate lawyer who has retreated to a house on the wrong side of the tracks after an auto accident in which his two small children are killed. Gloria's sacrifice and Marcus's redemption are the larger themes of the moving and engrossing novel of international trade practices and personal salvation.

2001 Christy Award for Christian Suspense

Istanbul Express (1995)

Bunn, T. Davis

Col. Jake Buines goes into eastern Europe during the Cold War where he confronts spies and double agents while trying to keep Stalin inside Russian.

The Music Box (1996)

Bunn, T. Davis

Angie Picard, struggling to hold on to her faith, is tested when a young girl and her father come into Angie's life whose needs are greater than her own and she must see if her love and faith can help them triumph over sorrow and loneliness.

The Presence (1990)

Bunn, T. Davis

Having taken a stand of integrity that cost him his election, T.J. Case, a N.C. lawyer and politician, soon finds himself propelled into the middle of Washington politics in an effort to help reshape twisted lives and challenge corrupt systems.

The Quilt (1993)

Bunn, T. Davis

Mary is a grandmother whose gnarled, arthritic hands represent so many skills, so many memories, so many stories to be told. She has always been there to listen and comfort and encourage those who were in pain. Now, in the twilight of her days, Mary feels that there is something left undone. She becomes convinced that the task still unfinished is to make one more very special quilt.

Riders of the Pale Horse (1994)

Bunn, T. Davis

Two young Americans find themselves caught up in a deadly high-stakes political and spiritual conflict in the Red Sea port of Aqaba.

Sahara Crosswind (1994)

Bunn, T. Davis

Jake and Pierre risk their lives on the Sahara Desert to save a nation.

Winner Take All (2003)

Bunn, T. Davis

While rebuilding his legal practice, Marcus Glenwood reluctantly agrees to help New Horizons' new CEO, Dale Steadman, whose baby daughter has been kidnapped by his opera diva ex-wife.

Winter Palace (1993)

Bunn, T. Davis

Jeffery Sinclair, an antiques trader, travels to Russia in an attempt to reclaim the winter palace for a Russian nobleman, whose family lost everything during the revolution.

Great Lion of God (1970)

Caldwell, Taylor

This fictional biography of Saul (Paul) of Tarsus makes use of biblical and historical material to provide Saul with a childhood and family. As he matures, Saul is a devout student of the Torah, eagerly awaiting the birth of the Messiah. Refusing to accept Jesus as the answer to his prayers, Saul persecutes those who believe in him. After an experience on the road to Damascus, Saul shows as much zealotry toward Christianity as he has earlier shown against it.

Rebekah (2002)

Card, Orson Scott

Provides a fictional retelling of the story of Rebekah, the wife of Isaac and mother of Jacob and Esau.

Sarah (2000)

Card, Orson Scott

Fictionally explores the life of Sarah, daughter of a king, wife of a prophet, faithful follower of the God of Abraham, recipient of a miracle, and mother of nations.

Faith (1998)

Copeland, Lori

As their guardian aunt nears death, three sisters decide the only way to survive is to become mail order brides. This is the story of the oldest sister, Faith, who goes to Deliverance, Texas to marry rancher Nicholas Shepard. There are obstacles: Faith and Nicholas' inability to agree on anything and Nicholas' unfriendly mother.

Hope (1999)

Copeland, Lori

Leaving Michigan for Kentucky as a mail-order bride, Hope Hallahan is waylaid by bumbling outlaws, gets mixed up in a family feud, and is kidnapped yet again, helping her to learn how God works everything together for good for his children.

June (1989)
Copeland, Lori

June leaves her home in Michigan to become a mail-order bride to a young Washington state pastor and finds herself faced with difficult choices that challenge her faith and her heart.

Ruth (2002)
Copeland, Lori

Spunky, young Ruth Priggish is on the run from an 80-year-old suitor. Her only hope of eluding him is to seek help from unwilling protector U.S. Marshall Dylan.

The Keys of the Kingdom (1941)
Cronin, A.J.

A young priest is sent to China to establish a Catholic parish among the non-Christian Chinese. There he encounters hostility, disease, and a variety of setbacks that humble him, but make him more determined than ever to succeed.

Three (2003)
Dekker, Ted

Kevin, a 28-year-old seminary student, is fascinated with the problem of evil. He begins receiving phone calls from someone called Slater, who is obsessed with Kevin's downfall and the number 3.
2004 Christy Award for Christian Award
2003 Gold Medallion Book Award

The Red Tent (1997)
Diamant, Anita

The story of Dinah, a tragic character from the Bible whose great love, a prince, is killed by her brother, leaving her alone and pregnant. The novel traces her life from childhood to death, in the process examining sexual and religious practices of the day, and what it meant to be a woman.

Tulku (1993)
Dickinson, Peter

The destruction of his father's mission leaves young Theo dazed and questioning his faith. Fleeing the Boxer Rebellion, Theo joins Mrs. Jones, an Englishwoman "botanizing" in China, on a journey to Tibet. In Tibet, the power of the Buddhist's faith transforms all of them.

The Robe (1942)
Douglas, Lloyd C.

Marcellus, a young Roman soldier from a prominent family, is placed in charge of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. He wins Christ's robe shooting dice. Thus begins a journey that will lead to his conversion.

Joshua (1987)
Girzone, Joseph

A modern parable about Joshua, a wood carver, who surprises and frightens the town's church leaders.

Home to Harmony (2000)
Gulley, Phillip

The new pastor in a small Indiana Town experiences one humorous adventure after another as he acclimates to his new congregation and lifestyle.
2001 Christy Award for Contemporary Christian Fiction

Sarah (2004)
Halter, Marek

The story of Sarah (biblical matriarch). The first novel in the Canaan Trilogy.

The Light of Eidon (2003)
Hancock, Karen

In a world of swords, mystical temples, and galley ships, Abramm Kalladorne is transformed from a sickly, head-in-the-clouds youth to a legendary hero of strength and courage who finds a special destiny through his faith.
2004 Christy Award for Christian Allegory

Whispers from Yesterday (1999)
Hatcher, Robin Lee

Karen Butler goes to stay with her grandmother on a ranch in Idaho after the suicide of her father and her own attempted suicide. At the ranch she gets to know her grandmother and Dusty, the ranch hand who runs a summer camp for at-risk boys. Their strong faith plus reading the diaries of her great-aunt and her role in helping Jews in Denmark help her to learn more about herself and her history.
2000 Christy Award for Christian Romance

Danger in the Shadows (2002)
Henderson, Dee

Sara Welsh is under FBI protection and has been for as long as she can remember. She and her sister were kidnapped as children, unfortunately, her sister did not survive. The kidnapper has continued to stalk her and send her threatening notes since her rescue. That means that falling in love with a high profile, rich man, no matter how much she cares for him, could be dangerous. Will Sara take a chance for love and will it endanger Adam's life?

The Guardian (2001)
Henderson, Dee

U.S. Marshall Marcus O'Malley must deal with a variety of problems, including his sister's diagnosis of cancer and protecting a woman who witnessed a murder.
2002 Christy Award for Christian Romance

True Honor (2002)

Henderson, Dee

Having lost friends at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, CIA officer Darcy St. James goes after a man who knew the attacks were coming; while Navy SEAL Sam Houston and his team use Darcy's intelligence to pursue strategic leads.

2003 Christy Award for Christian Romance

Hagar (1978)

Henderson, Lois

Narrative based on the biblical story of Abraham and Hagar, the slave woman who bears his child.

Coming Home (1996)

Hicks, Barbara Jean

In this sweet, simple love story, two childhood friends must overcome an array of obstacles to transform an old and true friendship into a life long romance. Will appeal to Oke fans.

The Captive Voice (1987)

Hoff, B.J.

Honeymooners Daniel and Jennifer Kaine meet singer Vali Tremayne, who has been in seclusion since the death of her fiancé, but her emotional troubles may not be simply because of grief, and the Kaines find themselves in danger when someone tries to kill Vali.

Dark River Legacy (1990)

Hoff, B.J.

When husband and wife sleuths Daniel and Jennifer Kaine go to Derry Ridge, Kentucky, for the Heritage Arts Festival, they become involved with its host, Mitch Donovan, whose close friend becomes the victim of a violent stalker.

The Penny Whistle (1996)

Hoff, B.J.

In the late 1800s, in the small Kentucky coal mining town of Skingle Creek, teacher Jonathan Stuart hovers on the precipice between hope and despair, two young friends plan to give a gift that may save a life, and a one-room schoolhouse provides the setting for a miracle.

Storm at Daybreak (1995)

Hoff, B.J.

Former singer Jennifer Terry arrives for a job interview at a small Christian radio station. To her surprise, she is hired on the spot by station owner Daniel Kaine, a former Olympic athlete, who was blinded in a car accident by a drunk driver. Jennifer soon learns that Daniel is receiving threatening phone calls and that someone appears to want him dead. As she helps him solve the mystery, the two fall in love.

The Tangled Web (1988)

Hoff, B.J.

Daniel and Jennifer Kaine rely on their sleuthing skills and their faith in God to help protect two young children whose father has become involved in organized crime.

The Winds of Graystone Manor (1995)

Hoff, B. J.

On Staten Island, after the Civil War, Roman St. Clare marries but someone murders his wife.

Eternal Journey (2000)

Hutton, Carol

When psychotherapist Anna loses her best friend Beth to cancer, she flees to Martha's Vineyard where she finds that her path keeps crossing with that of a persistent stranger and learns that love never dies.

Electric God (2000)

Hyde, Catherine Ryan

Life has not been kind to middle-aged Hayden Reese, who, although he has lost virtually everything that ever mattered to him, refuses to give up and after years of struggling, experiences a moment of insight that enables him to understand why he has been tested so harshly by a seemingly unfeeling deity. A modern-day retelling of the story of Job.

Soon (2003)

Jenkins, Jerry

In the aftermath of WWII, Paul Stepola, an agent working for the National Peace organization, is assigned to enforce the new ban on religion in order to avoid future wars, but something he discovers changes everything.

2004 Christy Award for Futuristic Christian Fiction

Though None Go With Me (2000)

Jenkins, Jerry B.

Born at the turn of the 20th Century, Elisabeth Grace LeRoy begins a journey of faith that carries her through two world wars, the Great Depression, and personal tragedy.

A New Song (1999)

Karon, Jan

Recently retired Episcopal priest Father Tim and his wife, Cynthia, discover new challenges and adventures when Tim agrees to serve as interim minister of a small church on Whitecap Island.

2000 gold Medallion Book Award

Certain Women (1992)

L'Engle, Madeleine

An interweaving of the stories of the Biblical King David and a modern-day actor.

Surfing the Himalayas: A Spiritual Adventure (1995)

Lenz, Frederick

A young American snowboarder who has traveled to the Himalayas seeking the ultimate high, surfs into a far more transcendent experience after he accidentally plows into a Buddhist monk, who then takes him on as a spiritual apprentice.

The Twelfth Angel (1993)

Mandino, Og

John Harding had a high-powered career, a loving wife, and a beautiful son, but has lost it all. He returns home to New Hampshire, teetering on the brink of suicide. But when an old friend asks him to manage his old Little League team, the Angels, John reluctantly agrees, and meets a hopeless player who bears a striking resemblance to his dead son.

Forgotten (1998)

McCourtney, Lorena

A woman wakes in a hospital, her leg in a cast and with no memory of who she is. All she knows is that there's something important she must do, but she has forgotten what it is. She is identified as Katy Cavanaugh by a Mrs. Lennox, the woman who was her parents' housekeeper before their deaths. Katy returns to their home in Northern California, where she meets Jace Foster, the manager of a nearby Christian school for boys. Katy finds herself falling in love with Jace, until another man shows up, claiming to be her fiancée, and confusing her more than ever. It isn't until an attempt is made on her life that she realizes she is not Katy Cavanaugh – but the truth may have come too late.

A Lovin' Like No Otha' (2003)

Moore, Stephanie Perry

After losing her fiancé on her wedding day to a pregnant girlfriend she never knew he had, Zoe Clark falls deeply into depression and blames God for her troubles until Chase Farr brings love and faith back into her life.

Edge of Honor (2000)

Morris, Gilbert

Quentin Larrabee, a NY doctor who accidentally killed a surrendering Confederate officer during the Civil War, journeys south, plagued by guilt, to comfort the man's widow, finding love, danger, and a test of his faith.

2001 Christy Award for North American Historical Christian Fiction

The Seat Beside Me (2002)

Moser, Nancy

Nancy Moser explores the timely topic of random chance vs. divine will in the gripping story of five passengers and their seatmates who get casually acquainted – then plunge headlong into an icy river in a sudden plane crash. The moments that follow are more intense than any they have ever lived, changing the way the passengers see God and the meaning of life itself. This book reveals the eternal impact a brief interaction can have and the drastic measures it takes for some to reexamine their souls.

Mission Compromised (2002)

North, Oli

U.S. Marine Major Peter J. Newman discovers that a top military official is planning to betray his country by thwarting a mission to eliminate key Middle East terrorist leaders.

The Beloved Land (2002)

Oke, Janette and T. Davis Bunn

Set against the backdrop of the American Revolution, two daughters make a dangerous journey in an effort to see their ailing father.

The Bluebird and the Sparrow (1995)

Oke, Janette

The grandmother of Christian fiction tells a charming tale of sibling rivalry. One sister feels like the family's "ugly duckling" until after a number of struggles she comes to realize that God loves her and that she is unique and worthy of God's love.

The Meeting Place (1999)

Oke, Janette & T. Davis Bunn

British and French settlers in 1753 Canada live in separate villages with no interaction until a chance meeting between two young women, one from each community.

2000 Christy Award for North American Historical Christian Fiction

Return to Harmony (1996)

Oke Janeete and T. Davis Bunn

Around 1915, in Harmony, NC, Jodie and Bethan are best friends, but Jodie loses her faith until she realizes that science, her chosen career, and religion can coexist.

Knowledge of Angels (1994)

Paton Walsh, Jill

How do we come to know of God? On a medieval Mediterranean island a feral child is the center of a theological experiment to determine how one arrives at an understanding and belief in the existence of the almighty. Thoughtful, suspenseful, and beautifully written, this is a luminous, mystical, and unforgettable story of the meaning of faith. It was a Booker Award nomination in 1994.

Revelation (1988)

Payne, Peggy

After Swain Hammond, an aloof minister, hears God speak and attempts a miracle cure for Jakey Miles, a youngster accidentally blinded when Swain heard God, his congregation begins to worry about their minister's peculiar behavior.

In Heaven as on Earth (1996)

Peck, M. Scott

73-year-old Daniel Turpin, a writer and psychiatrist, dies and begins his journey into the afterlife, finding it a place of both wonder and familiarity.

The Oath (1995)

Peretti, Frank

Unconvinced that his brother was really killed by a bear while camping in the Pacific Northwest, Steve Benson, a wildlife biologist, decides to investigate on his own, and discovers a town controlled by evil.
1996 Gold Medallion Book Award

Piercing the Darkness (1989)

Peretti, Frank

In the tiny farming community of Bacon's Corner, an attempted murder, a case of mistaken identity, and a lawsuit against a struggling Christian school all lead Sally Beth Roe to flee for her life.
1990 Gold Medallion Book Award

City of Angels (2001)

Peterson, Tracie

Arriving in the turbulent and exciting city of Los Angeles just at the turn of the 20th century, Kit Shannon dreams of future as a lawyer. Drawn into the upper-class world, Kit feels a burning desire to seek justice for the poor and oppressed, and in the courtroom is forced to confront an attack against the Christian faith she holds dear.

The Chosen (1967)

Potok, Chaim

Danny Saunders and Reuven Malter live within five blocks of each other in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn during WWII, but live in entirely different worlds. Reuven comes from an orthodox Jewish tradition, while Danny belongs to a very strict Russian Hasidic Jewish sect. As Reuven and Danny become friends, they begin to learn about each other's worlds. Danny, who is supposed to follow his father as rabbi of the sect, wants to study psychology. Reuven leans toward becoming a rabbi, even though his father wants him to be a professor. As the boys go to college, their friendship helps them find their own paths.

The Preacher's Boy (1988)

Pringle, Terri

Relates the experiences of a young man growing up in a small Texas town in the shadow of his strict preacher father.

The Last Sin Eater (1998)

Rivers, Francine

In 1850s Appalachia, 10-year-old Cadi Forbes becomes intrigued by the "sin eater" he sees at the gravesite of Granny Forbes and resolves to find him. It doesn't matter that no one knows where he lives. All that matters to her is finding the one man who can set her free from the sin that plagues her, the sin that has stolen her mother's love from her.

1999 Gold Medallion Book Award

Leota's Garden (1999)

Rivers, Francine

Leota is a lonely, elderly lady estranged from her family because of past lies, hurts and misconceptions. Corban, a student writing a paper about the elderly, begins helping her get around in hopes of finding out information about her to use in his paper. Then, Leota's granddaughter, Annie, appears in her life and is a source of joy. These relationships encourage her to try to mend the past and find joy in the day.

Redeeming Love (1991)

Rivers, Francine

This is the ultimate love story, a retelling of the Book of Hosea set in the 1870s. Michael Hosea met the prostitute Angel and was told by God marry her. He did, but she continued to run from him and Hosea continued to chase her and forgive her, just like God forgives each of us.

California Angel (1995)

Rosenberg, Nancy Taylor

After a near-death experience teacher Toy Johnson is haunted by dreamlike memories of children on the brink of death – children she believes she somehow has saved. Despite what anyone else thinks, when Toy sees herself on television rescuing a boy from a deadly fire, she knows she is a purveyor of miracles – a living angel. But this newfound vision of herself is challenged when she is arrested for kidnapping and charged with murder. And her only salvation may be a mysterious transit cop.

In His Steps (1984)

Sheldon, Charles M.

A minister and his church members are transformed into true disciples of Christ as they choose His behavior as their reference point in their day-to-day decisions. Church members pledge for an entire year not to do anything without first asking, "What would Jesus do?" In the light of Christ's example, their choices become much more clear-cut, and yet much more difficult and painful as lives are changed forever.

The Twilight of Courage (1994)

Bodie & Brock Thoene

Among the deeds completed during WWII from the invasion of Poland to the battle of Dunkirk is that of a German soldier who hands a Jewish baby to a female American journalist.
1995 Gold Medallion

Praise Jerusalem! (1997)

Trobaugh, Augusta

Amelia, a genteel Georgia widow, finds herself in the embarrassing situation of being broke and house poor. She is the last survivor of her circle of friends, and, to top it all off, she finds herself saddled with a tacky roommate named Maybelline, after a tube of mascara. Rather than face financial embarrassment in her hometown, Amelia agrees to move to Maybelline's Granddaddy's place in Jerusalem, Georgia. On the road trip, Amelia's mind wanders back to one particular summer of her childhood when she came under the care of elderly, black Aunt Valley. The lessons Aunt Valley taught on compassion and love were never needed more than in these trying times.

The Strand (1997)

Vaughn, Ellen

Anne Lorelli appears to have a most satisfying life, with a wealthy, handsome husband and a beautiful home. On the night of their twentieth anniversary, Paul and Anne stroll from the expensive restaurant and encounter a sneering gunman, who demands watch, wallet and Anne's pearls. As the cord breaks and the pearls scatter, the mugger fires; and Anne watches disbelievingly as Paul bleeds to death in front of her. In the days that follow, Anne discovers that the life she believed in is as fragile as that strand of pearls, as the police gradually uncover the shocking truth about the attack – and its true target. Anne finds consolation and new depths in herself through volunteering at an inner-city church school, but confronts violence again in a shattering event that tests her newfound faith.

The Book of God (1996)

Wangerin, Walter

Retells the major stories of the bible from Abraham and Moses to John the Baptist and Jesus.
1997 Gold Medallion Book Award

Bamboo and Lace (2001)

Wick, Lori

While visiting her brother in Hawaii, strictly raised Lily Walsh develops a close friendship with Gabe Kaaia and a deeper understanding of God, but both relationships are tested when she returns home to her disciplinarian father.

Pretense (1998)

Wick, Lori

Happily married Marrell Bishop adores her family, but feels there is a spiritual void in her life. Will her husband understand he cannot meet all her needs?

The Princess (1999)

Wick, Lori

Prince Nicolai is heir to the throne and to his people's hearts. But agreeing to an arranged marriage for the good of his people, the prince finds that his new bride requires special tenderness if he is to win her heart.

Where the Wild Rose Blooms (1996)

Wick, Lori

Clay Taggart cannot wait until the day comes when he is able to leave his job as a mine surveyor to become a teacher. He meets Easterner Jackie Fontaine whom he begins teasing and eventually becomes attracted to. But, unfortunately, Jackie does not share his beliefs and he doesn't want to get involved with her until she does.

The Outsider (1996)

Williamson, Penelope

Following the hanging death of her husband by a vigilante group, Amish Rachel Yoder struggles to make a life for herself and son Benjo on their sheep farm in Montana. When injured killer Johnny Cain stumbles onto her property, Rachel's life as one of the Plain People changes. She nurses the handsome "outsider" back to health and convinces him to stay and help her with her farm. Rachel fights her attraction to the man who cannot adopt her simple, devout ways. After Rachel and Johnny give in to their passion, Rachel defies her family and friends to renounce her faith. This western romance is the story of faith, trust, and redemption.