

Books on Sale this Weekend (25 - 40% off!) – more on backside

All God's Children and Blue Suede Shoes:

Christians and Popular Culture

This is one terrific book. Ken Myers delves deeply into popular culture. He does a great job of grounding his research and findings in a theological framework. He cites everyone from C.S. Lewis to Bob Dylan to G.K. Chesterton to Bo Diddley. Os Guinness calls this "A magnificent and timely book. Fresh, witty, informative, trenchant, and eminently sane."

Ken Myers

Conference Speaker

The Way of the (Modern) World:

Or Why It's Tempting to Live as If God Doesn't Exist.

Craig Gay has penned one of the most penetrating analyses of the mutual reciprocity involved in the interplay between faith and culture. He is especially astute in delineating the subtle effects popular culture has on faith and practice. The author makes suggestions concerning what correctives are needed in order to draw people of faith back from the shores of practical atheism.

Craig Gay

Recommended by Ken Myers

Lost in the Cosmos: The Last Self-Help Book.

Walker Percy's mordantly funny and wholly original contribution to the self-help book craze deals with the Western mind's tendency toward heavy abstraction. This favorite of Percy fans continues to charm and beguile readers of all tastes and backgrounds. *Lost in the Cosmos* invites us to think about how we communicate with our world.

Walker Percy

Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community

This work based on life in an underground seminary during the Nazi years reads like one of Paul's letters. It gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups. Personal prayer, worship in common, work, and service are treated in simple, almost biblical, words. *Life Together* is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God

Willard gracefully weaves biblical teaching, popular culture, science, scholarship, and spiritual practice into a tour de force that shows the necessity of profound changes in how we view our lives and faith. In an era when many Christians consider Jesus a beloved but remote savior, Willard argues for the relevance of God to every aspect of our existence. He captures the central insights of Christ's teachings in a fresh way for today's seekers, he encourages us to know Christ here and now.

D. Willard

Finding God at Harvard: Spiritual Journeys of Thinking Christians

Kelly Monroe presents forty-two fresh, vibrant, and moving testimonies from faculty members, former students, and orators at Harvard University whose reflections explode the myth that Christian faith cannot survive a rigorous intellectual environment.

Kelly Monroe

Becoming Good: Building Moral Character

Becoming good--building character--is what we all want for ourselves and for others. But where do we begin? Becoming good is not simply a matter a few dos and don'ts. In fact we can't begin to do the right things until we build an adequate foundation. His approach is deeply rooted within the Christian tradition and designed for people who want the Scriptures to shape the way they think and act.

David Gill

Space for God: The Study and Practice of Spirituality

Life is hectic--so hectic that we have to make a real effort to stay connected to the things that matter. Don Postema's book is a primer for those who want to include God in their lives. He gently teaches readers how to meditate, pray, and listen to God. Postema draws from art, excerpts from great Christian thinkers, and his own experience as a pastor and disciple of Christ.

Don Postema

The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life

Palmer contends that good teaching comes from the identity and the integrity of the teacher. For Palmer teaching is a spiritual vocation—where quality is found not in methods but in the teacher's heart, where intellect and emotion, and spirit converge.

P. Palmer

Habits of the High-Tech Heart: Living Virtuously in the Information Age

Renowned media studies expert Schultz provides a clear-eyed critique of the perils of being seduced by the flash and glitter of information technology. No Luddite himself, Schultz does not advocate the eradication of the Internet or other such technological services. Rather, he argues, we must focus as much on the quality of our character as we do on technological innovation.

Q. Schultze

Reel Spirituality: Theology and Film in Dialogue

Reel Spirituality is a perceptive and provocative survey of why and how Christians should take film seriously as a cultural force and as a vehicle for understanding how God keeps showing up in life-and in the movies. Reel Spirituality helps Christians interpret movies through the eyes of faith. It provides the theological underpinnings for this art form and fosters both dialogue and discipleship.

Robert Johnston

(More books on backside!)

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society E. Peterson

For 20 years this IVP classic has contributed to the spiritual formation of several generations of InterVarsity students. Eugene Peterson provides an exhilarating and convicting reading of the "Psalms of Ascent"--those psalms sung by Hebrew pilgrims in preparation for and on the way to Jerusalem. This book truly reveals the incredible (and neglected) riches of the psalms.

A Long Obedience: Journal

This journal is designed to help you reflect on what you learn as you read through *A Long Obedience*. (See above.)

Myth of Certainty: The Reflective Christian and the Risk of Commitment Daniel Taylor

In these extremely thought-provoking essays, Taylor manages simultaneously to prod at his reader's false certainty (i.e., presumption) even while he reassures the believer who is wrestling with serious doubts and fears. Despite its title, the book is incredibly hope-filled.

Never Mind the Joneses: Building Core Christian Values in a Way That Fits Your Family Stafford

Stafford suggests ways that parents can form family habits--a "family culture"--based on Christian values. In a clear, conversational style, discusses such issues as making church attendance a priority or setting aside money for the offering plate—all basics that might enlighten new Christians and/or new families. But there's much here for veterans of faith and family as well.

Companions for your Spiritual Journey: Discovering the Disciplines of the Saints M. Harris

Mark Harris makes available the wisdom of many great Christians of the past in this very practical guide to Christian growth. He focuses on difficult issues and shows what to do (or what not to do) during times of spiritual dryness, prayerlessness, temptation and discouragement.

A Peculiar People: The Church as Culture in a Post-Christian Society Rodney Clapp

Clapp argues that Christians need to reclaim our heritage as a peculiar people, as unapologetic followers of the Way. Within a society that no longer sees Christ as necessary to its culture, we need to become a sanctified, subversive culture that develops Christian community as a truly alternative way of life. Christians must learn to live the story and not just to restate it.

The Challenge of Jesus: Rediscovering Who Jesus Was and Is N.T. Wright

Wright's lectures and writings have been widely recognized for providing a fresh, provocative and historically credible portrait of Jesus. This book poses a double-edged challenge: to grow in our understanding of the historical Jesus within the Palestinian world of the first century, and to follow Jesus more faithfully into the postmodern world of the twenty-first century.

Foolishness to the Greeks: The Gospel and Western Culture Lesslie Newbigin

Newbigin attempts to look at modern Western Culture through the eyes of an outsider and ask, "What would it mean to confront this culture with the gospel?" Unlike other studies of the gospel and culture that look at Western culture from within, or studies of cross-cultural mission that emphasize to the so-called "Third World," this book treats the "First World" itself as a mission field.

The Gospel in a Pluralist Society Lesslie Newbigin

What is the Christian message in a society marked by religious pluralism, ethnic diversity, and cultural relativism? How does the prevailing climate of opinion affect, perhaps infect, Christians' faith? Newbigin addresses such questions in this incisive analysis of contemporary culture, and he suggests how Christians can more confidently affirm their faith in such a context.

The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind Mark Noll

Noll sets out to trace the reasons for what he sees as the great divorce between intellect and piety in North American Evangelical Christianity. In a breathtaking panorama of evangelical history from the Great Awakenings to the present, Noll shows that early Evangelicals like Jonathan Edwards embraced the use of reason as an expression of faith in the Creator of the natural world.

Anatomy of a Lie Diane Komp

Anatomy of a Lie offers a close-up look at lying, the moral epidemic that affects our faith, our marriages, our children, our relationships, our careers, and every aspect of our lives. With surgical precision, Yale Medical School physician and best-selling author Diane Komp probes the human soul to uncover the causes of our lies—and the cure.

The Wounded Healer Henri Nouwen

What does it mean to be a minister in the world of today, to a rootless generation, to people who suffer much loneliness and alienation? Nouwen proposed that the wounds of the "wounded healer" can be a source of healing for others. He both challenges and invites the Church to be a fellow wounded traveler in and through the darkness of our wounded world.

The Return of the Prodigal Son Henri Nouwen

Inspired by Rembrandt's painting of the Gospel story, Nouwen reflects on homecoming, affirmation, reconciliation, and forgiveness while probing the complexity of the father-son relationship. Nouwen has a way of making us look into the places that we would rather not look. When we are drawn into this study of the painting we move from darkness to great joy and hope.