



Off The Shelf

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THE GREAT OMISSION: reclaiming Jesus' essential teaching on discipleship by Dallas Willard reviewed by Brian Stephenson

In this audio CD (6) of his latest book, Dallas Willard puts a challenge out there to all who call themselves Christian. The great omission from the great commission is discipleship. He has yet to find one sect of Christianity that calls its followers to be disciples, and do little more than minimally required to get into heaven. This book calls us to rise above and become active disciples of Him, to find ways in today's world for us to become more Christ-like. Adults.

HOMELIFE: A fresh take on faith and family by LifeWay

For a while we have been considering several different magazines since Today's Christian Woman has stopped its publication. LifeWay came out on top. It has one for teens, women and mature readers. We have chosen the one for women to begin with. It has a variety of articles. If you feel you are too busy for a book, this is a good choice. Articles are on marriage, friendship, parenting and it also emphasizes special days. It gives helpful hints and ideas in many areas, all with a Christian perspective. And don't forget all those little nuggets of wisdom that zap us once in a while. Gary Chapman is the executive editor and Beth Moore's ministry is also a part of it. Be sure to give it a try.

SO LONG, INSECURITY by Beth Moore

Reviewed by Marcia Ebels

Beth Moore is a great writer, teacher and speaker whom God has used to touch lives and help us understand that we all have our insecurities in some way or other. For example, too fat, too skinny, funny laugh, talk too much, talk too little and the list goes on and on. The longer the list-the happier Satan becomes. Once we realize these insecurities, she helps us say: "So long" Insecurity. It gives us an understanding that it can be both curable and freeing. Marcia also tells us that it is not a beach book but one that you need a quiet time when you can read and meditate on what she has written. Adults

HERE BURNS MY CANDLE by Liz Curtis Higgs

Liz loves to write about her native country. She captures the excitement and stress of the 18th century when England and Scotland were at war. Bonnie Prince Charles was trying to capture the throne of England. Lady Elizabeth was a seamstress and lived in the Scottish Highlands. She moved up socially when she married Prince Donald. Her mother-in-law had another son whose marriage she planned and that daughter-in-law was her favorite. Besides she had a bad secret that her family didn't know about. She stashed gold under the floor and used it to keep up with high society which was very important to her. When Prince Charles and his soldiers came into their town, their lives were turned upside down. In this historical novel we have a parallel to the life of Ruth in the Bible. I was intrigued by how these two stories were woven together. Enjoy! Young women and adults

PLAIN PURSUIT by Beth Wiseman

Book #2 continues the Daughters of the Promise series of one women's journey into an Amish community where she discovers new meaning to the words faith, hope and love. We have also added. #3 Plain Perfect and #4 Plain Paradise. Young women and adults

TAKE THREE: the story of broken hearts, brilliant success and second chances by Karen Kingsbury. It is #3 in the Above the Line series. #4 **TAKE FOUR** completes the series and also is in our library.

THE TELLING by Beverly Lewis

3 in the Seasons of Grace concludes the series. #1 is The Secret, #2 is The Missing. It tells a powerful story of the Amish by a favorite author of Amish inspirational fiction.

THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD by John Burrows.

Classic Starts is a series of books that are timeless stories for juniors. It is abridged for easier reading and is carefully rewritten giving you all the magic of the original story. After shooting one of the sheriff's men, Robin Hood must either join forces with the outlaws of Sherwood Forest or face certain death. Experience the excitement as they steal from the rich, give to the poor and fight for justice. Ages 8-12

MOUSE AND MOLE: FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS

By Wong Herbert Yee

Mouse and Mole are very excited because they are going bird watching. They want to make bird books. Soon they find out that those birds are not easy to watch. Splashing in puddles and crunchy leaves scares them away. Together they make a plan that includes glue and feathers. Join Mouse and Mole on this high-flying adventure where they learn that teamwork, brain storming, and good ideas make for a fun day. We have also added **A BRAND-NEW DAY WITH MOUSE AND MOLE**. In it they learn that friendship helps make a brand new day-one to look forward to. Easy readers

DVDs

VeggieTales: PISTACHIO-The Little Boy That Woodn't

By Big Idea

A lonely toymaker decided to carve a little boy out of wood. What a surprise when he found out this little boy could walk...and talk...and had a mind of his own! When Pistachio tries to do things his own way, he lands in a 'whale' of a situation. If he doesn't listen to his loving father, he and his whole family may become fish food-WOW! Children on up

THE BLIND SIDE by Alcon Entertainment

Families are people who love you unconditionally, who see the best in you and want you to grow and develop into the person God has made you to be. They help you by staying with you, encouraging and pushing you to do your best. Michael Ohur was a boy from the streets of Memphis. He came from a dysfunctional family with no intention of changing until a close knit family took him into their home. Through their influence and acceptance of him, he found himself and became an outstanding football player and a respectable person. The best part of all is that it is an incredible true story of lives changed and a family winning. Rated PG 13 Adults and young adults

STACKING UP OUR THANKS



Thanks to Lori Byrna for her years of service in our library as she is leaving for Trinity College. She will be missed! Mackenzie Dykstra will be joining our staff. We are thankful for all the wonderful people we have who are willing to help us each week.