



Off The Shelf

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REVERSED THUNDER: The Revelation of John & the Praying Imagination by Eugene Petersen reviewed by Cal Timmer

With all the speculation that goes on about the book of Revelation, this is a very good explanation and summary by someone who has interpreted the entire Bible. I appreciated Peterson's approach, dealing with topics as opposed to a chapter by chapter interpretation... With the viewpoint that Revelation is a summary of the whole Bible, he examines the Last Word on: Scripture, Christ, the Church, Worship, Evil, Prayer, Witness, Politics, Judgment, Salvation and Heaven. I thought that it was a very good read. Young adults-adults

HAVE A LITTLE FAITH by Mitch Albom

In this true story, Albom tells of two men of God who reach out to others and share their faith. Albert Lewis is an aging Rabbi who asks him to write his eulogy and Henry Covington is a pastor of an inner city church with a hole in the roof. It is an eight year journey. Both men are of different faiths and different backgrounds but the message is clear. Faith ties us together and gives us the chance to accomplish things we never dreamed were possible. We are to refocus on the important things in life, whether it is family, friends or faith. In a time when the world seems to be in a frenzy, loving one another doesn't seem like a bad thing. It is a story about these two men but it is also everyone's story, including yours and mine. This book is a joy to read. Young people and adults.

INTERVENTION by Terri Blackstock

If your child has a drug addiction, it is a nightmare for all involved. A family crisis like the death of a parent is also traumatic. From her own past experience, this author informs us as to where drug abuse can lead. Barbara Covington decided her daughter needed extra help with her problem and then hires an Interventionist. Emily reluctantly goes along with this young woman to the treatment center but before getting there the Interventionist was murdered. Finding her daughter and solving the murder drives her to unbelievable situations. This stand-alone novel grabs you in the beginning and will never let go. Young adults

SEEING THINGS by Patti Hill

Birdie is very active in spite of AMD (Age-related Macular Degeneration) which is a disease of the retina of your eye causing blindness. She leads an active life of dancing, skiing, cooking and hiking but when she falls and breaks her ankle problems surface. Her son asks her to move in with his family which she did with her dog Bee. Things became shaky but her grandson, Fletcher, became close to her. Her imaginary, literary friend, Huck Finn, also becomes a factor and she began to wonder about her sanity. I admired Birdie for not giving in to her AMD but for her family there were big issues. It's an interesting story for older people and the boomer children caring for them.

SHADES OF BLUE by Karen Kingsbury

It's a stand-alone novel that touches on abortion and gives us forgiveness and hope. Young people-adults

UNDER THE CAJUN MOON by Mindy Starns Clark

In New Orleans, in the light of the Cajun moon we have secrets a-circulating. Chloe moved away but when she hears that her father is shot, she returns home. Secrets that were long hidden about her family arise. Then a mysterious man appears leading her on a cat and mouse chase. Clark gives us another good stand-alone novel involving mystery and suspense. We also have her other book, **WHISPERS OF THE BAYOU** in the library to enjoy.

SNOW! SNOW! SNOW! by Lee Harper

The wind howled and the snow fell all night long. Next day the father and his two sons went sledding. What an exciting ride as they flew down the hill until they went SLPLOOMPH. Playful, watercolor illustrations and big action complement the story. Ages 2-5

DVD-Gifts

LITTLE EINSTEINS: Our Huge Adventure by Disney

SUMMER OF THE MONKEYS by Fremantle

Reviewed by the Zuidema Family

It looked a little bit like a documentary from the case, which didn't appeal to us. However, when we watched it we were entertained by the escaped circus monkey. A young boy was the main character who devoted his summer to catching the monkeys. This movie focused on relationships and how we need to look beyond ourselves. Juniors

The following CD and DVDs have been donated by a friend in memory of Grace Kennedy Busscher

DOWN BY THE RIVER BANK CREEK by Dottie Rambo
Requested by Kathy Busscher

We have a 25th anniversary edition of this favorite CD that perhaps some of you may remember. With fun easy-to-learn songs, it includes the same gang as before, now in digital sound tracks. Grab a fishing pole and join the fun! Children

GREAT WORSHIP SONG FOR KIDS by Brentwood Music

You have ten sing-a-long songs kids love to sing, worship and have fun. Full lyrics are included in color on the screen. *Awesome God (with He Reigns)* and *Here I Am to Worship* are included. We also have #3 in this series of **GREAT WORSHIP SONGS FOR KIDS**.

SHOUT PRAISES KIDS: I AM FREE by Integrity Media

Twelve top praise songs with energetic, colorful graphics, on-screen lyrics with an exciting environment where kids will interact and express themselves. It makes you want to shout, dance and praise.

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