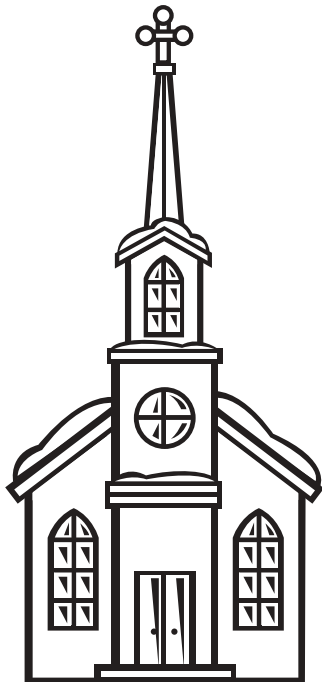


Christian Fiction

for Children and
Young Adults



The following fiction titles are published by Christian publishing houses such as Bethany House, Chariot Books, Crossway Books, William B. Eerdmans Publishing, Focus on the Family, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Tyndale and Word Publishing. Most of these books are located in the library's paperback collection.

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Bly, Stephen A. *The Dog Who Would Not Smile*

When his grandparents die, Nathan travels out west to rejoin his parents. But when he gets to Willow Creek, his parents aren't there—and neither is anyone else! Leaving the deserted town, Nathan sets out to find his parents, aided only by a faithful dog and God. Book 1 in the “Nathan T. Riggins Western Adventure” series. For ages 9–14
J/PB/Bly

Brouwer, Sigmund *Mars Diaries series*

Set in 2040, the Mars Diaries feature fourteen-year-old Tyce Sanders, the only child who has ever been born on Mars. He lives under a dome on the red planet with 200 scientists and tekkies, including his mother. Confined to a wheelchair, Tyce uses virtual reality and robotics to experience life beyond his physical boundaries. He also finds the mysteries of Mars lead him to a new relationship with God.

For ages 10–14
J/PB/Brouwer

Coman, Carolyn *Tell Me Everything*

After her mother dies in a rescue mission on a snowy mountain, twelve-year-old Roz wonders if talking to God, and to the boy for whom her mother died, can help her understand what happened.

For grades 6 & up
J/Fic/Coman

Elmer, Robert *A Way Through the Sea*

In 1943, when the Germans plan to send all Danish Jews to prison camps, Peter and Elise, eleven-year-old twins, face danger trying to help their Jewish friend Henrik escape to Sweden. Other titles in “The Young Underground” series include *Beyond the River* and *Far from the Storm*.

For ages 8–13
J/PB/Elmer

German, Don ***Mattie's Money Tree***

Always in need of money, Mattie and Scott decide to grow it on a grafted tree, but when they set out to spend their first crop they find themselves giving it away instead.

For grades 3–4
J/Fic/German

Gunn, Robin Jones ***Seventeen Wishes***

Working as a camp counselor begins well for sixteen-year-old Christy—she meets a handsome counselor, takes long walks in the woods and splashes in a sun-toasted lake. But soon Christy is up to her ears with kids who won't obey her, camp rules to remember and an embarrassing incident that makes her the camp joke. Other titles in the "Christy Miller" series are: *Sweet Dreams* and *A Promise is Forever*.

J/PB/Gunn

Jackson, Dave ***Abandoned on the Wild Frontier***

His friendship with Peter Cartwright, a Methodist circuit-rider evangelist, enables thirteen-year-old Gil to pursue his dream of locating his mother who was kidnapped by the Sauk Native Americans during the war of 1812. This is "A Trailblazer Book," one of several "thrilling adventure stories introducing young readers (ages 8–12) to Christian heroes of the past." Other titles: *Assassins in the Cathedral* and *Mask of the Wolf Boy*, also by Dave Jackson.

J/PB/Jackson

Jenkins, Jerry B. ***The Vanishings***

This is the first volume in the series "Left Behind: The Kids," a companion to the popular "Left Behind" series for adults. In the children's version, four kids face Earth's last days together.

For ages 10–14
J/PB/Jenkins

Johnson, Lois Walfrid ***Trouble at Wild River***

In 1907 Wisconsin, Kate and Anders discover a timber swindler while visiting their Native American friend Running Deer, and suspect that Uncle Ben, newly arrived from Sweden, may be involved. Book five in the "Adventures of the Northwoods."

For grades 4–6
J/PB/Johnson

Kritlow, William ***A Race Against Time***

Kelly and her brother Tim accompany their uncle, an eccentric computer genius, on a dangerous mission using an advanced virtual reality chamber, where they must rely not only on logic, but on their Christian faith, to survive. Book one in the high-tech series "Virtual Reality."

For ages 10–14
J/PB/Kritlow

Leppard, Lois Gladys ***Mandie series***

In *Mandie and the Secret Tunnel*, Mandie is searching her dead uncle's mansion for a missing will when she finds a secret tunnel and strangers who claim to be her relatives. "A Mandie Book for girls 9–13." Other titles in the series include *Mandie and the Jumping Juniper*, *Mandie and the Foreign Spies* and *Mandie and the Secret Tunnel*.

J/PB /Leppard



Lewis, Beverly ***The Cul-De-Sac Kids*** series
In *Frog Power*, the inclusion of Jason's frog, Croaker, in the Easter pet parade she is planning challenges Stacy's fear of frogs. Other titles in the series include *The Crazy Christmas Angel Mystery* and *No Grown-Ups Allowed!*

For grades 2–3
J/PB/Lewis

Lewis, Beverly ***Whispers Down the Lane***
After being beaten by her father, Lissa, an eighth grade classmate, comes to Merry's house in the middle of the night, and Merry asks God and the family of her Amish friend, Rachel, to help her protect Lissa. First in the series "Summerhill Secrets."

For grades 7 & up
J/PB/Lewis

Montgomery, Paula ***In Grandma's Footsteps***
Hazel Weston trains to be a nurse in a Portland hospital during the Depression. Hazel copes with unusual patients, clowning dormmates, even a mysterious prowler. But then Hazel's whole world crumbles as her lifelong dream slips away, and she must go back to her home in the valley to discover the secret of true fulfillment. Part of "The Adventures of Hazel Weston" series.

For grades 5 and up
J/Fic/Montgomery

Murphy,
Elspeth Campbell ***The Three Cousins***
Detective Club series

In *The Mystery of the Dolphin Detective*, three ten-year-olds investigate a mystery at a dolphin study center. Other titles in the series are *The Mystery of the Eagle Feather* and *The Mystery of the Hobo's Message*.

For ages 7–10
J/PB/Murphy

Myers, Bill ***Bloodhounds, Inc.*** series
Read funny, hair-raising mysteries starring brother and sister, Sean and Misty. This is a fast-paced alternative to the *Goosebumps* series.

For ages 8–13
J/PB/Myers

Myers, Bill ***My Life as a Smashed Burrito***

Twelve-year-old Wally, a computer whiz who is a "walking disaster area," ends up in a competition with the bully of Camp Whacka-Whacka, and when they find themselves fighting for their lives, Wally realizes that even his worst enemy needs God. Other titles in "The Incredible Worlds of Wally McDoogie" series include: *My Life As Crocodile Junk Food* and *My Life as a Bigfoot Breath Mint*.

For grades 4–7
J/PB/Myers

Myers, Bill ***Skate Expectations***

Nicholas and Derrick strap on their helmets for a first-class skateboard race. But the competition is less than friendly! Other titles in the "McGee and Me!" series include: *The Big Lie* and *A Star in the Breaking*.

For grades 3–5
J/PB/Myers

Oke, Janette ***Once Upon a Summer***

Janette Oke's Christian romances, including the "Love Comes Softly" series, are very popular with both adults and young adults. *Once Upon a Summer* is the first in Oke's "Seasons of the Heart" series, about Josh Jones growing up on the farm, and the lives and loves of several members in his family.

For grades 7 & up
J/PB/Oke

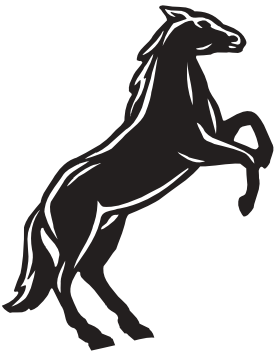
Rue, Nancy N. ***The Rescue***

Josiah and Hope, two young Puritans living in the Salem Village in 1689, befriend a Quaker woman and a Wampanoag Native American who are not accepted members of the community. This is book 1 in the "Christian Heritage Series: The Salem Years." Other adventure series by this author are "The Christian Heritage Series: The Chicago Years" and "The Christian Heritage Series: The Sante Fe Years."

For ages 8 to 12
J/PB/Rye

Snelling, Lauraine ***Olympic Dreams***

Thirteen-year-old DJ wants nothing more than to compete as a show jumper in the Olympics. After years of training, only one thing stands in her way—she doesn't have a horse! Other titles in the "High Hurdles" series: *DJ's Challenge* and *Setting the Pace*. For ages 11–14
J/PB/Snelling



Travis, Lucille. ***Redheaded Orphan***

In 1864, when his family moves to Bellfield, Minnesota, where his father will be the town minister, twelve-year-old Ben misses his friend Zack, who is now a drummer in the Union Army. He finds a new friend in an orphan whose parents were killed during a Native American raid. The "Ben and Zack" series also includes *Captured by a Spy* and *Union Army Black*.

For ages 8–13
J/PB/Travis

Walls, Pamela ***Abby and the South Seas Adventures* series**

Thirteen-year-old Abby Kendall and her family set sail for Hawaii in the year 1847. Abby and her stowaway friend, Luke, find exciting adventures and discover that God is faithful to his promises. This is the first in the series of "Abby: *Lost at Sea*."

For ages 8–12
J/PB/Walls

Whelan, Gloria ***That Wild Berries Should Grow***

Elsa dreads spending the summer at her grandparents' house on Lake Huron, but once there she discovers the excitement of nature and the richness of friendship. For grades 4 & up
J/Fic/Whelan

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