

## BOOK DESCRIPTIONS--2006

### Jan 7-8, 2006

- In the book, *At the Drop of a Veil*, Marianne Alireza tells her own true story of 12 years as a member of an Arabian harem in the 1940s and 50s. (915.38 Ali)
- *I Want to Grow Hair, I Want to Grow Up, I Want to Go to Boise: Children Surviving Cancer* by Erma Bombeck, tells “stories of children who have every hope of beating the odds and living to drive their parents crazy....It is not a medical book; nor is it a sad book.” (618.92 Bom)
- *The Search for Meaning*, by Thomas H. Naylor, William H. Willimon, and Magdalena R. Naylor describes a process about “what it means to be a human being who lives, loves, works, plays, suffers, and dies.” (128.2 Nay)

### Jan 14-15, 2006

- Jerome Gropman, M.D., author of *The Anatomy of Hope: How People Prevail in the Face of Illness*, defines hope as the “elevating feeling we experience when we see—in the mind’s eye—a path to a better future. Hope acknowledges the significant obstacles and deep pitfalls along that path.” Read the book to learn more about hope. (616 Gro)
- In *Story Journey: An Invitation to the Gospel as Storytelling*, Thomas Boomershine shows how to make a biblical story come alive for listeners, young and old. (226.06 Boo)
- Shel Silverstein tells a wonderful fable in words and pictures in *The Missing Piece*. Quite delightful. (818 Sil)

### Jan 21-22, 2006

- Richard M. Dorson’s *America in Legend: Folklore from the Colonial Period to the Present* provides information on short topics as diverse as a Quaker view of judgments, lumberjacks, and draft dodgers. (398.042 Dor)
- *Q Thomas Reader* by John S. Kloppenborg and others is an English translation of sources from which Matthew and Luke obtained information for their gospels. (226.06 Klo)
- Margaret Truman uses her knowledge of Washington, D.C. to advantage in *Murder in the House*, a suspense novel. (813.54 Tru)
- In *Seat of the Soul*, Gary Zukav “shows how infusing the activities of life with reverence, compassion, and trust makes them come alive with meaning and purpose.” (158 Zuk)

### Jan 28-29, 2006

- In *The Case for Faith*, journalist Lee Strobel investigates eight major objections to Christianity. These include “since evil and suffering exist, a loving God cannot” and “evolution explains life, so God isn’t needed.” (230.21 Str)
- Jung Chang describes the life experiences of three generations of women in 20<sup>th</sup> century China in *Wild Swans*. Their grim stories show how this family survived disaster. (951.05 Cha)

- *Eerdman's Book of Famous Prayers*, by Veronica Zundel, includes not only Bible prayers, but also prayers of medieval mystics, prayers from the third world, and blessings and doxologies. (242.8 Zun)
- *Unfinished Tales*, by J. R. R. Tolkien, "is a collection of narratives ranging in time from the Elder Days of Middle earth to the end of the War of the Rings.... The book ...tells all that is known of such matters as the Five Wizards, the Palantiri, and the legend of Amroth." (823.91 Tol)

#### **Feb 4-5, 2006**

- *Toss*, by Boomer Esiason and Lowell Cauffiel, is a novel for football fans. It's "an adrenaline-pumped, wildly entertaining novel that lands with all the ferocious impact of a quarterback blitz." (813.54 Esi)
- *In The Place Where Souls Are Born*, Thomas Keneally, an Australian, provides a fresh look at several notable places in Southwestern USA. (978.20 Ken)
- Lauren Winner tells how she reinvented her religious self in *Girl Meets God*. Her father was Reform Jewish and her mother, Southern Baptist; Winner first followed Jewish ways and then converts to Christianity. (248.2 Win)
- The editors of *Prevention* magazine provide 900 natural techniques to live longer in *Life Span-Plus*. (613.2 Tka)

#### **Feb 11-12, 2006**

- *Activation of Energy*, by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (128.3 Tei)
- *The Luminous Web: Essays on Science and Religion*, by Barbara Brown Taylor (261.5 Tay)
- *On the Barricades: Religion and Free Inquiry in Conflict*, edited by Robert Basil and others (291.20 Hoo)
- *The Phenomenon of Man*, by Teilhard de Chardin (113 Tei)
- *Reflections: On the Nature of the World and Man, Life's Values and Its Destiny*, by Harold E. Kohn (248.42 Koh)
- *Rocks of Ages: Science and Religion in the Fullness of Life*, by Stephen J. Gould (291.1 Gou)

#### **Feb 18-19, 2006**

- In *Why Religion Matters*, Huston Smith "offers a timely manifesto on the urgent need to restore the role of religion as the primary humanizing force for individuals and society." Here he describes an alternative to "a world dominated by materialism, consumerism, educational elitism, and governmental and legal systems without morality." (200.21 Smi)
- Deepak Chopra, M.D., provides tools to help readers "create new perceptions of aging, techniques for harnessing the power of awareness, and practical steps to experiencing timelessness" in his book, *Ageless Body, Timeless Mind*. (612.6 Cho)
- Rosamunde Pilcher's novel, *Winter Solstice*, is sure to please readers looking for a good story set in the depths of winter in Scotland. (823.91 Pil)

### **Feb 25-26, 2006**

- *The Humor of Christ* by Elton Trueblood. As a follow up to Trina's recent sermon about Biblical humor, here's a brief look at the context and humor of Jesus' words. (232.9 Tru)
- *The Boy Child is Dying: A South African Experience* by Judy Boppell Peace. Written in 1978, this small book is a collection of apartheid experiences by Peace, an American peace and justice advocate who taught English in South Africa for eight years. It's a simple yet powerful book. (968.06 Pea)
- *Going Back to Bisbee* by Richard Shelton. As a teacher and poet, Shelton intertwines history and humor about southern Arizona in this book that won the Western States Book Award for Creative Nonfiction. (979.1 She)
- *Collected Stories of Wallace Stegner*. Many tales in this collection of 31 short stories by Pulitzer Prize winner Stegner are about the West. (813.52 Ste)

### **Mar 4-5, 2006**

- *In a Dark Wood: Journeys of Faith and Doubt*, by Linda Jones and Sophie Stanes (eds.). Short selections by diverse individuals describe their journeys toward or away from faith. (248.2 Jon)
- *Who Needs God*, by Harold Kushner. Discusses and answers questions such as "Does God really make a difference?" and "Why is God so hard to find?" (296.7 Kus)
- *Style and Content in Christian Art*, by Jane Dillenberger. This illustrated book provides an orientation to many European works of art related to Christian heritage. (704.9 Dil)
- *The World Treasury of Modern Religious Thought*, by Jaroslav Pelikan (ed.). Contains more than sixty essays from profound thinkers of the modern era including Camus, Einstein, Freud and others. (200.9 Pel)

### **Mar 25-26, 2006**

- In *Mary Called Magdalene*, Margaret George recreates Mary Magdalene's life story in a novel described as a "mesmerizing diary of a soul." (813.54 Geo)
- *Life on the Edge*, by James Dobson, helps young adults, ages 16-26, face questions such as education, identity, marriage, career, life's meaning, money and more. (248.8 Dob)
- In *Aunt Erma's Cope Book: How to Get from Monday to Friday...in 12 Days*, Erma Bombeck "searches for the greatest self-help book she can find, she searches to become more sexy, smarter, thinner, and all together more perfect." For sheer fun. (818.5 Bom)
- *Moses: A Life* by Jonathan Kirsch is the story of the lawgiver, liberator, seer, and prophet, as well as good shepherd and ruthless warrior. Moses is shown as a hero for our time also. (222.10 Kir)

### **Apr 1-2, 2006**

- *Four Pillars of a Man's Heart: Bringing Strength into Balance*, by Stu Weber, focuses on helping people become what God intended them to be. (248.8 Web)

- Hugh Downs, author of *Fifty to Forever*, researched issues that affect people as they age. He offers information and advice on topics as diverse as “moving in with the kids” to “elder rights.” In addition, there are eleven fact filled appendices. (646.7 Dow)
- Ann Weems reflects on the church of her childhood and youth in the telling of her personal faith story in *Putting the Amazing Back in Grace*. (811.54 Wee)

#### **Apr 8-9, 2006**

- Ann Weems’s words in *Kneeling in Jerusalem* provide powerful meditations for the Lenten season. (811.54 Wee)
- In *The Last Week: A Day-by-Day Account of Jesus’s Final Week in Jerusalem*, Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan describe in great detail Jesus’s final week “from his triumphal entry on Palm Sunday to his death on the cross.” (232.96 Bor)
- Richard John Neuhaus is the author of *Death on a Friday Afternoon: Meditations on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross*. “There is something here for anyone who wants to understand better the central act of the Christian religion” says one reviewer. (232.96 Neu)
- In *Our Hope for Years to Come: The Search for Spiritual Sanctuary*, Martin Marty and his son Micah Marty provide reflections and photographs to aid with this search. (234.34 Mar)

#### **Apr 15-16, 2006**

- *Easter: A Pictorial Pilgrimage*, edited by Pierre Benoit, provides readers with views of the Holy Places and works of art that reveal the life and passion of Jesus. (915.69 Ben)
- Maya Angelou “shares her thoughts about spirituality and how it can move and shape life” and “urges service and grace in giving” in her book, *Wouldn’t Take Nothing for My Journey Now*. (814.54 Ang)
- In *Pain’s Hidden Purpose: Finding Perspective in the Midst of Suffering*, Don Baker offers some surprising answers to Job’s questions about why he was born, why he couldn’t die, and others. (231.8 Bak)

#### **Apr 22-23, 2006**

- In *Gilead*, by novelist Marilynne Robinson, elderly preacher John Ames writes his memoir to his young son about his experiences as a pastor and his reflections both on his work and that of his father and grandfather who also were pastors on the American frontier. (813.54 Rob)
- Kitty Kelley describes the real story of the Bush dynasty in *The Family*. (929.2 Kel)
- *Spiritual Passages*, by Drew Leder, contains narratives followed by thought provoking questions, exercises, and guided meditations that enable people to undertake spiritual growth. (291.4 Led)
- *Oh, To Be 50 Again! On Being Too Old for a Midlife Crisis*, by Eda Leshan, author of *It’s Better to be Over the Hill than Under It*, Leshan says flexibility is crucial and that those over 60 who keep growing intellectually will have the best future. (305.2 LeS)

### May 6-7, 2006

- *The Phoenix Affirmations: A New Vision for the Future of Christianity*, by Eric Elnes, describes principles that “allow believers and seekers alike to affirm their Christian faith in a fresh way.” (269.22 Eln)
- Anne Lamott’s *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith* is a must-read for anyone who enjoys humor and honest approaches to everyday life. (813.54 Lam)
- *Why People Don’t Heal And How They Can*, by Caroline Myss, describes practical approaches to healing life issues that can help individuals overcome mental and emotional blocks to becoming well. (610.1 Mys)

### May 13-14, 2006

- *The Heart of a Woman* is a continuation of Maya Angelou’s life story. In this volume she talks about her life as a black mother in America and about her son becoming a man. (818 Ang)
- In *The New Century Hymnal Companion: A Guide to the Hymns*, edited by Kristen Forman, is an abundance of information about hymns that includes stories about each hymn and a great deal of history associated with the hymns we sing. (264.05 For)
- *Black and Blue* is an Anna Quindlen novel, full of suspense, substance, and importance. (813 Qui)
- In *Living Faith While Holding Doubts*, Martin Copenhaver discusses several important aspects of religious doubt. (234.2 Cop)

### May 20-21, 2006

- Susan Annette Muto tells how “to have a seriously committed, spiritually grounded single life” in her book, *Celebrating the Single Life*. (248.8 Mut)
- *The Greatest Generation*, by Tom Brokaw, describes a generation of Americans united by a common purpose and by common values who built our modern country. Large print. (940.54 Bro)
- Rosalynn Carter recalls her life in *First Lady from Plains*. (973.92 Car)
- Tom Bradley’s novel, *The Master of Rain* set in ‘20s Shanghai, “is an immensely atmospheric, gripping detective story with just the right mixture of exoticism, violence, and romance.” (823.91 Bra)

### May 27-28, 2006

- *The Pentagon’s New Map: War and Peace in the Twenty-First Century* elaborates on the view that the United States has a moral responsibility to create a better world by bringing all nations into the fold of globalization. The author, Thomas P. M. Barnett, is a senior military analyst for the US Naval War College. (355.03 Bar)
- *Sneezing Your Head Off? How to Live with Your Allergic Nose*, by Peter B. Boggs, M.D., offers a wealth of information about noses and how to take care of them. (616.2 Bog)
- *Irish Stew!*, a novel by Andrew M. Greeley, combines the author’s knowledge of Ireland and of Chicago’s unsavory politics in a story of mystery and suspense. (813.54 Gre)

- *The Woman's Book of Soul*, authored by Sue Patton Thoele, offers encouraging and inspiring affirmations and practical advice to help people overcome anxiety, gain self-esteem, and improve relationships. (242 Tho)

### **Jun 3-4, 2006**

- *John Glenn: A Memoir* "is both a great adventure tale and a source of powerful inspiration for an age that needs John Glenn's values more than ever before." John Glenn and Nick Taylor are the authors. (973.92 Gle)
- *The Faces of Jesus* displays more than 150 photographs of the world's best artwork about Jesus. Frederick Buechner writes the commentary. (704.94 Bue)
- *Good Harbor*, a novel by Anita Diamant, is a well-written story about tragedy, loss, and the redemptive power of friendship. (813.54 Dia)
- Albert Hourani is the author of *A History of the Arab Peoples*, a "panoramic view encompassing twelve centuries of Arab history and culture." Written in plain English, the book contains several maps, notes, and lists. (909.09 Hou)

### **Jun 10-11, 2006**

- *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee, recounts the fictional lives of Scout and the lessons her father, Atticus Finch taught her about life in the Deep South. (813.54 Lee)
- John McCain describes lessons he learned from his father and grandfather, both U. S. Navy Admirals, in *Faith of My Fathers*. (973.9 McC)
- Bill Cosby's first book was *Fatherhood*; it's full of good humor and good teaching. (306.8 Cos)
- *Daddy's Home: Reflections of a Family Man*, by Steven Schnur, includes honest and funny true stories; "he gets the details right and adds a dose of his own hard-won wisdom." (306.87 Sch)

### **Jun 24-25, 2006**

- *The Fords: An American Epic*, by Peter Collier and David Horowitz, relates stories of three generations of Fords: Henry I, Edsel, and Henry II. Large Print. (920.0.2 Col)
- *In Heaven as on Earth* is M. Scott Peck's vision of the afterlife told as a novel. (813.54 Pec)
- *The Lost Books of the Bible* provides information about many important figures in the New Testament, including Jesus' childhood and Mary's life before his birth. (229.9 Hon)
- Jacques Barzun distilled five hundred years of western cultural life in his book, *From Dawn to Decadence*. (940.2 Bar)

### **Jul 1-2, 2006**

- In *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*, Kathleen Norris blends history, theology, storytelling, etymology and memoir in her reflections about such terms as faith, trinity, and worship. (230.03 Nor)

- *Under the Gypsy Moon* is Lawrence Thornton's novel about life in Paris during the decade of the Spanish Civil War and World War II. (813.54 Tho)
- Liz Curtis Higgs' *Really Bad Girls of the Bible* recounts stories of eight women in the Bible that show "when it comes to badness, there's nothing new under the sun." (220.9 Hig)
- Daniel J. Boorstein describes the story of man's continuing quest to understand the world in *The Seekers*. (909.21 Boo)

### Jul 8-9, 2006

- *Lost Christianities: The Battles for Scripture and the Faiths We Never Knew*, by Bart D. Ehrman, "provides an excellent introduction to early Christianity's diversity." (229.92 Ehr)
- *Digital Fortress* was Dan Brown's first novel. It's a techno-thriller. (813.54 Bro)
- *Emma: Lady Hamilton*, by Flora Fraser, tells the story of a powerful Englishwoman, wife of Lord Hamilton and lover of Admiral Nelson, in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. (941.07 Fra)
- James Mulholland talks about prayer using words of great importance to a materialistic society in *Praying Like Jesus: The Lord's Prayer in a Culture of Prosperity*. The book gives new meaning to words sometimes spoken as a ritual. (226.9 Mul)

### Jul 15-16, 2006

- *The Watercolor Painter's Problem Book*, by Tom Hill, discusses twenty problem subjects and how to paint them. It's an interesting read for non-artists as well as artists. (751.4 Hil)
- In *Living Well as a Single Mom*, author Cynthia Yates offers a practical guide to managing money, kids, and personal life. (248.8 Yat)
- Joanna Trollope's novel, *The Choir*, is set in an English cathedral town peopled with folks whose dispositions and activities may remind you of people a lot closer to home. (823.91 Tro)
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou, is the first of her five-volume autobiography. Here she describes her early life with her grandmother as well as a tragedy that moved her toward hard won independence. ((917.3 Ang)

### Jul 22-23, 2006

- In *Let Me Tell You a Story*, author Tony Campolo describes life lessons from unexpected places and unlikely people. (264.20 Cam)
- Dick Francis' novel, *Wild Horses* is a tale of suspense set in the world of thoroughbred racing. (823.91 Fra)
- *Love is Ageless: Stories about Alzheimer's Disease*, an anthology of personal stories and poems, is a helpful resource for those with relatives or friends facing Alzheimer's disease. (362.1 Bry)
- James M. Robinson describes a Judas very different from the one most of us know from the New Testament in this 2006 book, *The Secrets of Judas*. (226.09 Rob)

### Jul 29-30, 2006

- Damon Galgut's novel, *The Good Doctor*, set in post apartheid South Africa, unsettles and confounds. It abounds in "deceptions and self-deceptions that crawl under the surface of the human struggle to do what is right." (823.91 Gal)
- *Lost Scriptures: Books that Did Not Make It into the New Testament*, by Bart D. Ehrman, contains non-canonical gospels, acts of the apostles, epistles and related writing, and apocalypses and revelatory treatises. (229.92 Ehr)
- *Caught in the Middle: Children of Divorce*, by Velma Thorne Carter and J. Lynn Leavenworth, offer counsel for children and parents affected by divorce. (306.8 Car)
- Po Bronson asked the question, *What Should I Do with My Life*, to people across the United States. Their answers are both inspirational and stunning. (170.44 Bro)

### Aug 5-6, 2006

- *The Life of Charlotte Bronte*, by Elizabeth Gaskell and *My Early Life*, by Winston S. Churchill are included in this issue of Great Biographies. Large Print. (920.02 Gas)
- *Why Can't I Believe? Struggling with Faith and Doubt*, by Gaylord Noyce, offers insights into the struggles people have with their faith. (248.4 Noy)
- *Case Histories* is a Kate Atkinson novel in which detective Brode takes on three cold crime cases. (823.91 Atk)
- Phyllis Davies, a mother who lost her son in a tragic accident, wrote *Grief: Climb Toward Understanding* to help deal with her loss and found that it was helpful to others. (155.9 Dav)

### Aug 12-13, 2006

- Among the chapters in Max Lucado's *A Love Worth Giving* are these: The Love Test and Love is a Package Deal. Large Print. (231.6 Luc)
- *Practicing Our Faith* shows how to make such Christian spiritual disciplines as hospitality, forgiveness, and honoring the body part of daily life. (248.4 Bas)
- *Maya Angelou: Poems* contains some of her best work. (811.54 Ang)
- *Red Poppies: A Novel of Tibet*, by Alai, is "a political parable and a moving elegy to the lost kingdom of Tibet in all its cruelty, beauty, and romance." (895.1 Ala)

### Aug 19-20, 2006

- "To have a friend is to acknowledge that some part of someone else's life which we have held tenderly, trustingly in our own hands might well die with us." This is one of many thought-provoking ideas in *The Friendship of Women: The Hidden Tradition of the Bible* by Joan Chittister. (241.67 Chi)
- *The Clock of the Long Now: Time and Responsibility*, by Stewart Brand, is a must-read for people who care about the future, the long-term future, that is. (115.21 Bra)
- *Crossing to Safety*, a novel by Wallace Stegner, explores the depths of friendship between two couples. (813.52 Ste)

- Arthur Ashe records important parts of his life including highlights of his tennis career and his work for social justice in *Days of Grace: A Memoir*. (796.34 Ash)

### Aug 26-27, 2006

- *A Long Way from Tipperary* tells what John Dominic Crossan, a prominent Jesus scholar, learned in his search for the truth. (220.9 Cro)
- Barbara Kingsolver includes a dozen stories in *Homeland and Other Stories*, each a story of hope, momentary joy, and powerful endurance. An excellent introduction to the work of this gifted writer. (813.54 Kin)
- Wayne Dyer's *The Sky's the Limit* offers practical self-help to get the most out of your life. (158.1 Dye)
- *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini, is a powerful haunting novel set in modern day Afghanistan. (813.6 Hos)

### Sep 2-3, 2006

- In her book *And It Was Good*, Madeleine L'Engle reflects on the created universe as well as the Creator in a series of essays. Paradoxes in Prayer and Love's Hardest Lesson are two of these. (242.5 L'E)
- Meet Albert Schweitzer and read about his life in *Prophet in the Wilderness* by Hermann Hagedorn. Large Print. (920.02 Hag)
- *Thinking Out Loud: On the Personal, the Political, the Public and the Private* is a collection of Anna Quindlen's columns originally published in *The New York Times*. Many of these are just as pertinent today as they were on original publication. (814.54 Qui)
- *Birdsong*, by Sebastian Faulks, is a novel of love and war. It spans three generations from World War I to the present. (823.91 Fau)

### Sep 9-10, 2006

- *Let's Roll*, by Lisa Beamer (wife of 9-11 hero Todd Beamer), is a story of hope, inspiration, and strength. (973.93 Bea)
- *Lost Christianities: The Battle for Scripture and the Faiths We Never Knew*, by Bart Ehrman, "eloquently characterizes some of the movements and Scriptures that were lost, such as the Ebionites and the Secret Gospel of Mark, as he outlines the many strands of Christianity that competed for attention in the second and third centuries." (229.92 Ehr)
- In *Saint Maybe*, by Anne Tyler, the hero is a young man who raises three children not related to him. This is a well-crafted family story. (813.54 Tyl)
- *Searching for God in America* contains transcripts of Hugh Hewitt's (the author's) conversations with eight public figures along with numerous selections from America's spiritual treasury. (200.97 Hew)

### Sep 16-17, 2006

- Deborah P. Bloch and Lee J. Richmond describe a practical approach to finding meaning in work in their book, *Soul Work: Finding the Work You Love, Loving the Work You Have*. (650.14 Blo)
- *Gap Creek: The Story of a Marriage* is Robert Morgan's novel set in the Appalachians in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. (813.54 Mor)
- Marcus J. Borg's *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* provides a thinking person's guide to the Bible by suggesting ways of taking the Bible seriously but not literally. (220.6 Bor)
- In *The Dragon's Triangle*, Charles Berlitz describes the strange disappearances of multiple boats and ships in the Dragon's Sea area of the Pacific Ocean. (001.9 Ber)

### Sep 23-24, 2006

The following books may be of special interest to persons in the *Lost Christianities* class:

- *Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas*, by Elaine Pagels (229 Pag)
- *The Secrets of Judas: The Story of the Misunderstood Disciple and His Lost Gospel*, by James M. Robinson (226.09 Rob)
- *The Gnostic Gospels*, by Elaine Pagels (272 Pag)
- *The Lost Books of the Bible*, by William Hone (229.9 Hon)
- *The Other Gospels: Non-Canonical Gospel Texts*, by Ron Cameron, editor (229.80 Cam)

### Sep 30-Oct 1, 2006

- Tony Campolo, author of *The Kingdom of God Is a Party: God's Radical Plan for His Family*, says his book "is an attitude-changing, spirit-renewing examination of the feeling behind our faith." (231.7 Cam)
- *Breaking the DaVinci Code*, by Darrell Bock, answers questions to these and several other questions raised by Dan Brown's popular novel: Who was Mary Magdalene? How were the New Testament gospels assembled? (813.54 Boc)
- *Notes from a Small Island* is Bill Bryson's tribute to Britain just prior to his return to the US. Be prepared to laugh or even guffaw. (914.10 Bry)
- John Shelby Spong's *A New Christianity for a New World* describes why traditional faith is dying and how a new faith is being born. (230.21 Spo)

### Oct 7-8, 2006

- *The Last Three Minutes: Conjectures about the Ultimate Fate of the Universe*, by Paul Davies, is a science book for general readers without extensive backgrounds in the sciences. (523.1 Dav)
- John Shelby Spong "attempt(s) to build a credible theology for a skeptical, scientific age" in *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*. (230.21 Spo)
- *High Plains Tango* is Robert Waller's sequel to *Bridges of Madison County*. Large print. (813.54 Wal)

- Arthur Schlesinger “raises questions about the ebb and flow of American history” and “outlines a theory of the cyclical rhythms that characterize American politics” in his book, *The Cycles of American History*. (973.19 Sch)

#### **Oct 14-15, 2006**

- In *Do What You Have the Power to Do*, Helen Bruch Pearson discusses six New Testament women and their experiences with Jesus. Reading about these encounters can benefit your life. (225.9 Pea)
- *Impressionism*, by Phoebe Pool, captures some of the noted works of Impressionist painters in 209 plates, 77 of which are in color. (759.05 Poo)
- Annie Dillard’s novel, *The Living*, is set in the 1850s in the Pacific Northwest. It’s an “intimate, murderous tale of three men.” (813.54 Dil)
- *Great Mysteries of the Past* unravels facts and fallacies behind the headlines of history. Included are stories of people who vanished without a trace, strange and enigmatic characters, and more. (001.9 Rea)

#### **Oct 21-22, 2006**

- *Living Simply with Children*, by Marie Sherlock, describes ways to create free time to spend with children, why having a lot of stuff is not a requirement for fun, and simple holiday celebrations children will treasure. (649.1 She)
- In *What Went Wrong?* Bernard Lewis discusses the clash between Islam and modernity in the Middle East. (956.01 Lew)
- *Old Bones*, by Aaron Elkins is a mystery set on an island. One death leads to an investigation of a World War II death. (813.54 Elk)
- Joyce Rupp offers suggestions for prayers, poems, and reflections for every season in *Out of the Ordinary*. (242.3 Rup)

#### **Oct 28-29, 2006**

- In *When Religion Becomes Evil*, Charles Kimball discusses five warning signs of corruption in religion. Any religion is susceptible. (292.2 Kim)
- *The Big Five-Oh: Facing, Fearing, and Fighting Fifty* by Bill Geist, offers, “laugh-out-loud laments, observations, moans, and groans...the perfect antidote for the age-depressed.” (305.24 Gei)
- Anita Diamant’s novel, *The Good Harbor*, describes the relationship between two women friends, one of whom is diagnosed with breast cancer. (813.54 Dia)
- Author Robert J. Furey “explores the mystery of callings—the how and why of being drawn by particular situations and tasks in *Called by Name: Discovering Your Unique Purpose in Life*.” (291.4 Fur)

### Nov 4-5, 2006

- In *Galileo's Daughter*, Dava Sobel provides a historical memoir of science, faith, and love as revealed in the large correspondence between Galileo and his eldest daughter who entered a convent as a teenager and became a nun. (520.92 Sob)
- *Growing in Faith: A Guide for the Reluctant Christian*, by David Yount, “is a fresh look at Christianity for everyone who occasionally questions ... faith.” (239.2 You)
- *The Kalahari Typing School for Men*, by Alexander McCall Smith, is a mystery set in Africa. (823.914 McC)
- Deborah Kesten describes essentials of eating for physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being in *Feeding the Body Nourishing the Soul*. (641.3 Kes)

### Nov 11-12, 2006

- *Don't Know Much About the Bible: Everything You Need to Know About the Good Book But Never Learned* by Kenneth C. Davis. The information here is as entertaining as the tabloids; only it's very reliable so says one reviewer. (220.6 Dav)
- *Another Path*, by Gladys Taber. This small book contains a thoughtful and poetic reflection on loss, grief, and starting a new path in life. (242.2 Tab)
- In *The Good Men: A Novel of Heresy*, Charmaine Craig tells the story of a young woman “tried for heresy during the Catholic inquisition against the followers of a band of heretics called the Good Men.” (813.6 Cra)
- *Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years*, by Sarah and Elizabeth Delany, “offers a rare glimpse of the birth of black freedom—and the rise of the black middle class—in America.” (973 Del)

### Nov 18-19, 2006

- In her book, *Tell Me a Story* Chase Collins helps parents and other storytellers invent bedtime stories for children that communicate love, concern, values and confidence. (808.06 Col)
- In *The Cross on the Mountain*, Sherwood Wirt provides a thoughtful commentary on the beatitudes. (226.2 Wir)
- *Accordion Crimes* is Annie Proulx's novel, which tells the fascinating story of a small green accordion passed among several people of different generations and cultures. (813.54 Pro)
- In *The Cancer Recovery Eating Plan*, Dr. Daniel Nixon describes what to eat after a cancer diagnosis, specific eating plans for every major type of cancer, and over 100 healthful recipes. (616.99 Nix)

### Nov 25-26, 2006

- In *Living Well on One Income in a Two-Income World*, Cynthia Yates describes ways “to celebrate life, to surround yourself with beauty, to be content, and to bring glory to God.” (332.02 Yat)
- *The Healer Within*, by Roger Jahnke, describes simple effective techniques to release one's natural powers for healing. (615.5 Jah)

- Bill Novelli calls for action on a number of fronts (e.g., health care, retirement, marketplaces) in *50+ Igniting a Revolution to Reinvent America*. (305.24 Nov)
- Daniel Goleman's *Social Intelligence* synthesizes findings in biology and brain science and shows how people are "wired to connect." "Our reactions to others, and theirs to us, have a far-reaching biological impact" in many life areas. (158.2 Gol)

### **Dec 2-3, 2006**

- In *The Thousand Faces of the Virgin Mary*, George H. Tavard describes Mary not only from various Christian perspectives but also presents insights about her from other world religions. (232.91 Tav)
- Jaroslav Pelikan "assesses the ways Protestants, Catholics, Jews, and Muslims, artists, musicians, and writers, and men and women everywhere have depicted, venerated, and been inspired by Mary" in *Mary Through the Centuries: Her Place in the History of Culture*. (232.91 Pel)
- Norah Lofts tells the Christmas story as a novel in *How Far to Bethlehem*. Some readers say the story gets better each time they read it. (823 Lof)

### **Dec 9-10, 2006**

- *Everlasting Light*, by Sandy Dixon, contains litanies, meditations, and prayers for Advent worship. (263.91 Dix)
- In *Christ, the Light of the World* Thomas Kinkade and others provide daily devotionals for the Advent season. (242 Kin)
- *Kneeling in Bethlehem* is a collection of Ann Weems' poetry for Advent and Christmas. (811.54 Wee)
- *Carols for Choirs*, edited by Reginald Jacques and David Willcocks, contains the words and music for familiar and less well known carols. (264 Jac)