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Thought- Provoking Book

Reccomendations

Interested in learning more about LIFE issues?
Check out our list of books this summer!
We hope they not only help you sharpen your
Christian perspective but also better equip
you to recognize life issues and respond to
them courageously from a life-affirming,
Gospel-motivated perspective.

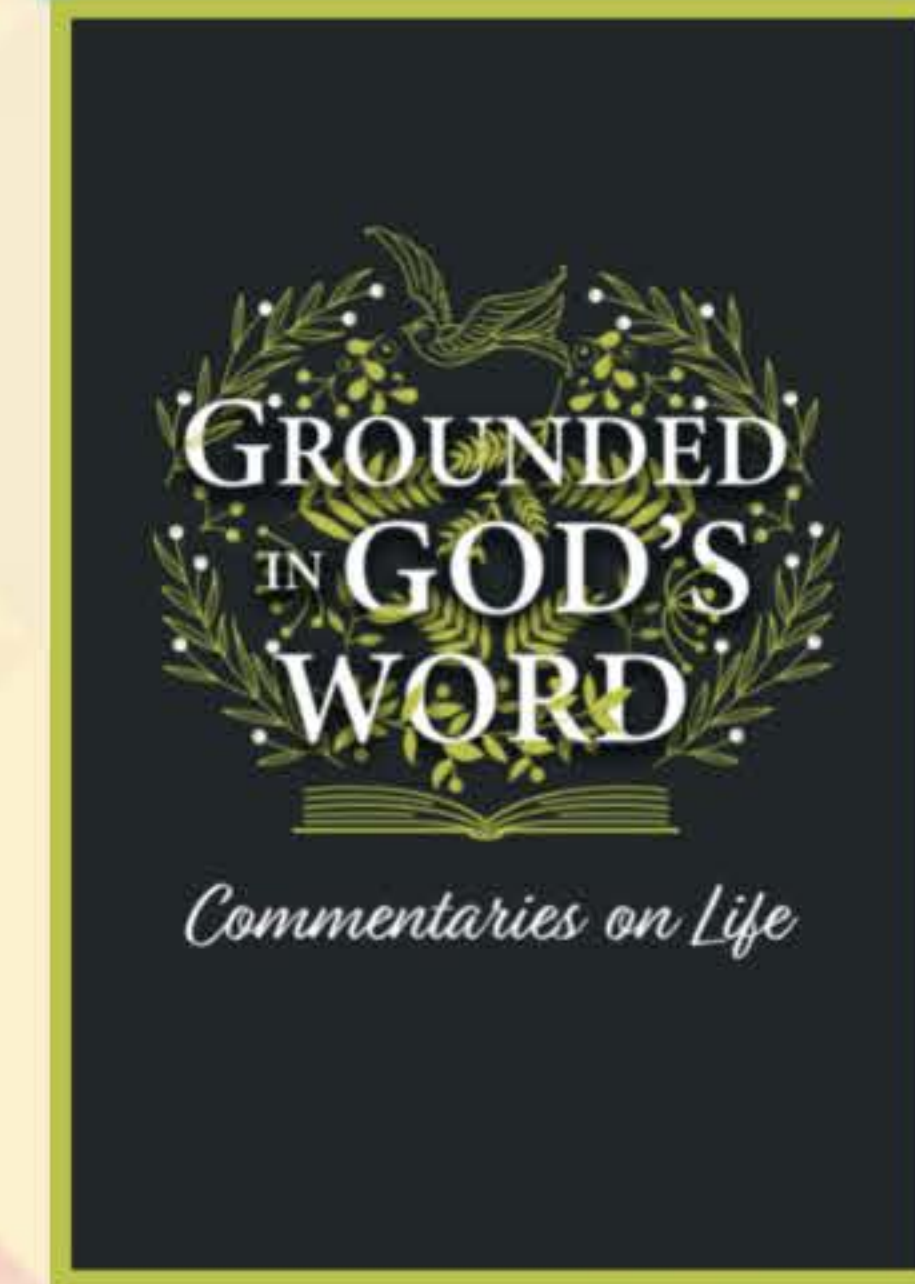
Nonfiction

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Grounded in God's Word: Commentaries on Life

[Christian Perspective of Life Issues]

This collection of essays from Lutherans For Life addresses how the sanctity of life is upheld in Scripture and what we can do to support it in our lives.

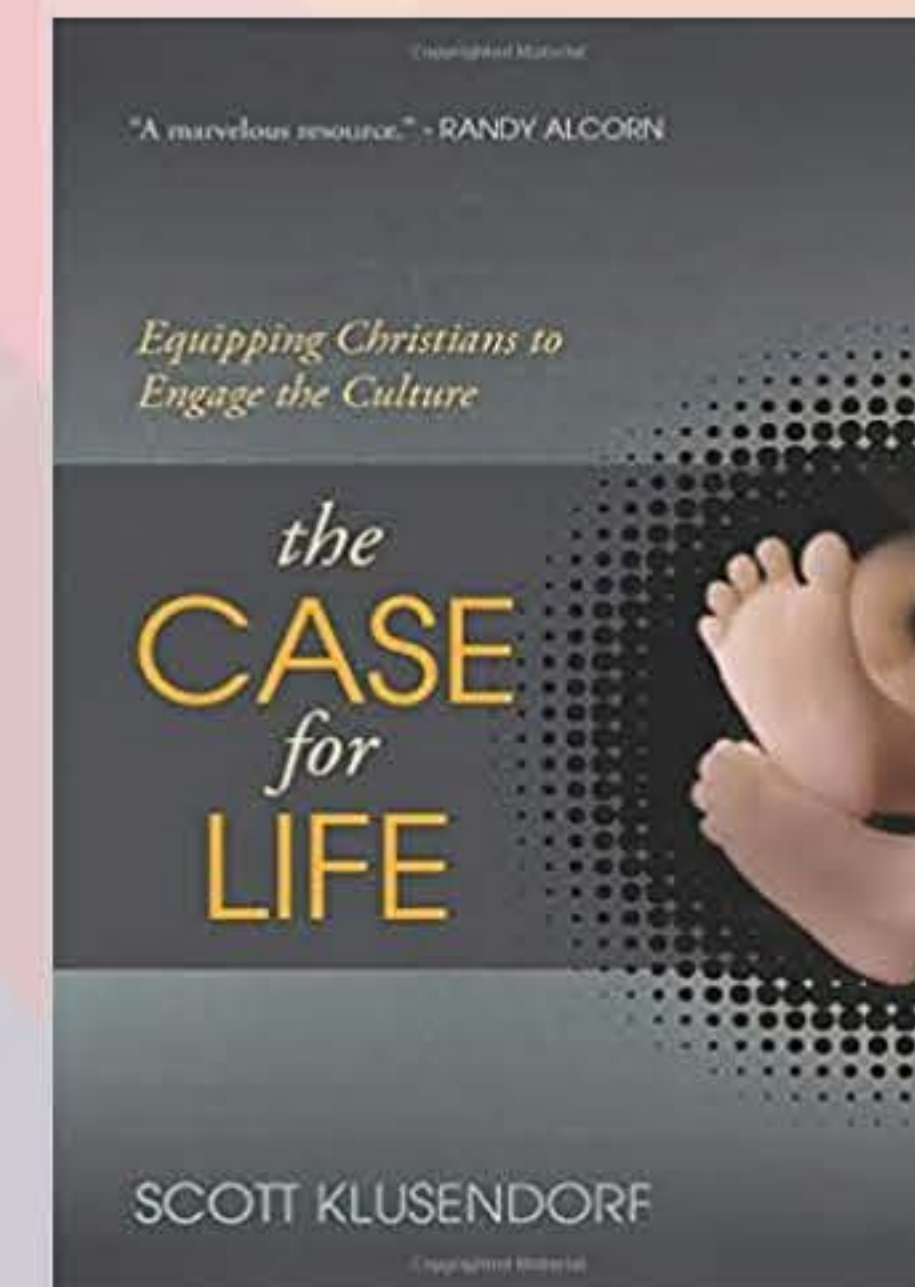


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The Case for Life by Scott Klusendorf

[Abortion, Discussional]

From one of the most prevalent voices of the pro-life movement, this text is a coherent and effective breakdown of how to have successful conversations in your everyday life to defend the rights of the unborn.



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Love Unleashes Life: Abortion and the Art of Communicating Truth by Stephanie Gray

[Abortion, Discussional]

A fresh and concise approach to pro-life apologetics, this short book is designed to teach its readers how to reach the minds and hearts of those around them.

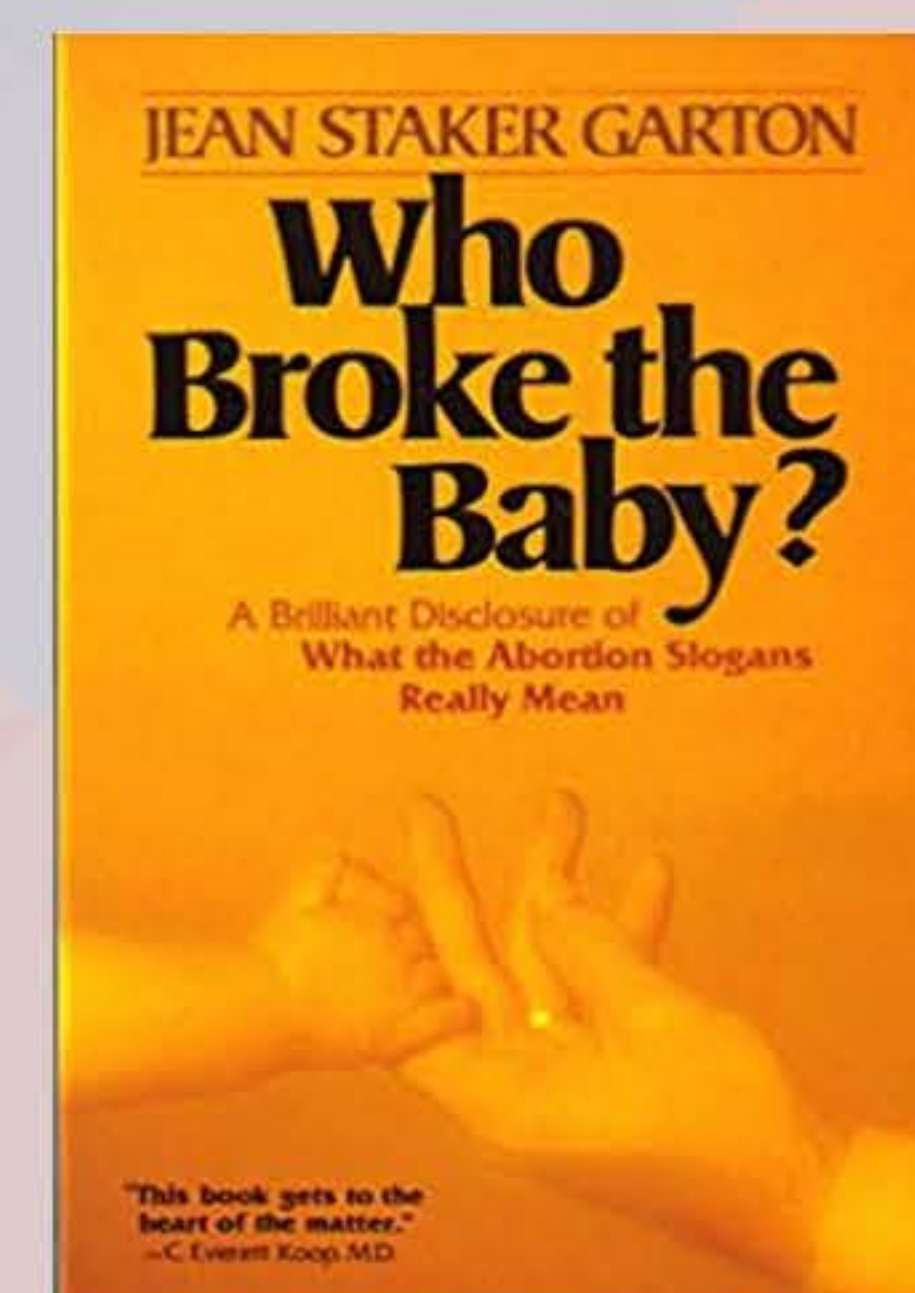


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Who Broke the Baby? by Jean Staker Garton

[Abortion, Discussional]

Garton breaks down all the pro-choice slogans meant to silence the voices of life and offers solid responses.

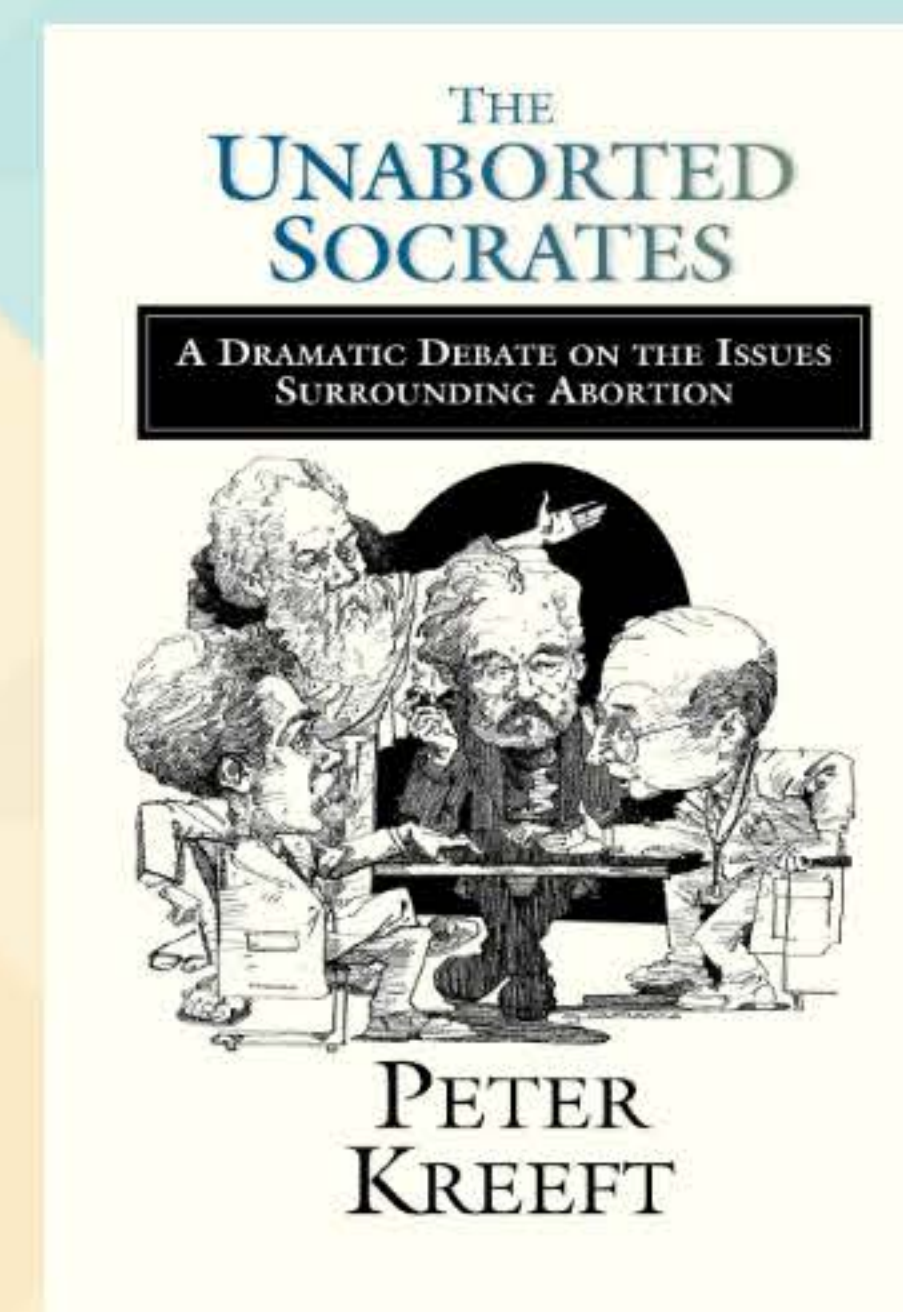


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The Unaborted Socrates: A Dramatic Debate on the Issues Surrounding Abortion by Peter Kreeft

[Abortion, Educational]

Kreeft imagines a discussion between the great philosopher Socrates, a doctor, and a psychiatrist about the arguments surrounding abortion. Stripping away all emotion, this is an entirely logical (and humorous) piece.

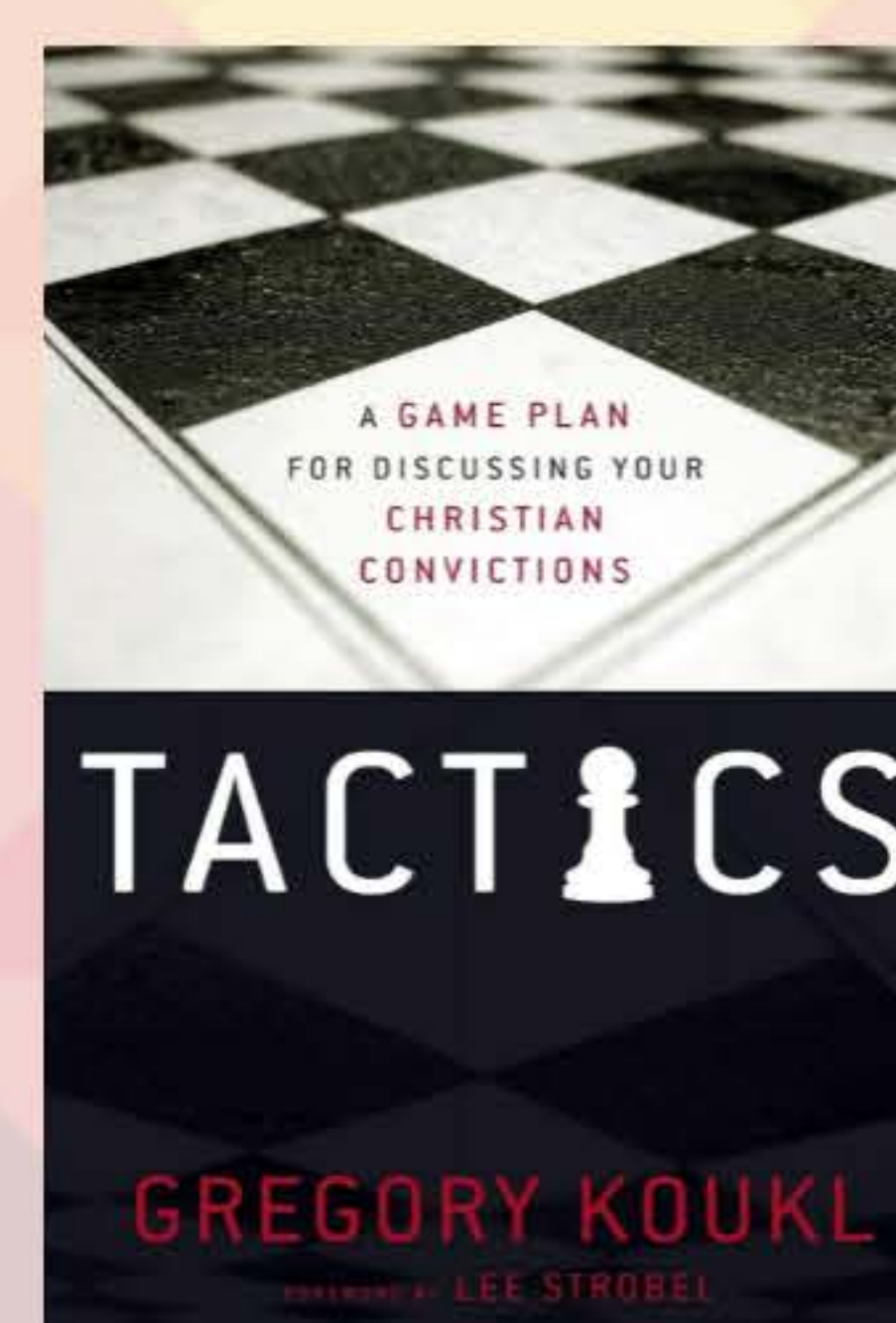


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Tactics by Gregory Koukl

[Christian Apologetics, Discussional]

While it's important to understand the arguments surrounding life issues, that knowledge is practically meaningless without the ability to be persuasive and respectful in those crucial conversations. Koukl shows how to be just that and emphasizes the importance of winning over hearts as well as minds.

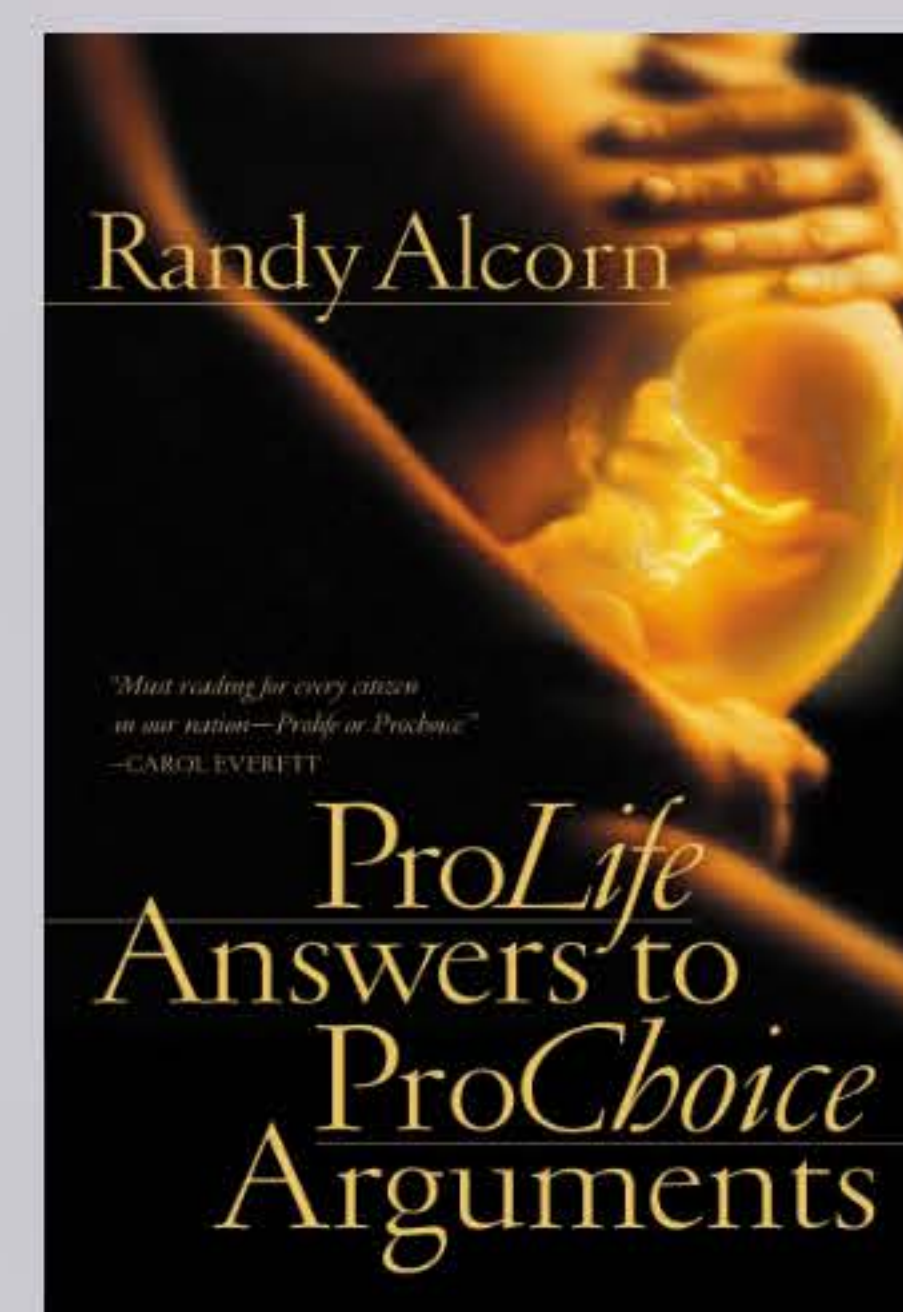


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ProLife Answers to ProChoice Arguments by Randy Alcorn

[Christian Apologetics, Discussional]

A detailed guide to the information and arguments that uphold the sanctity of life, Alcorn offers responses to many of the questions surrounding the issue of abortion.

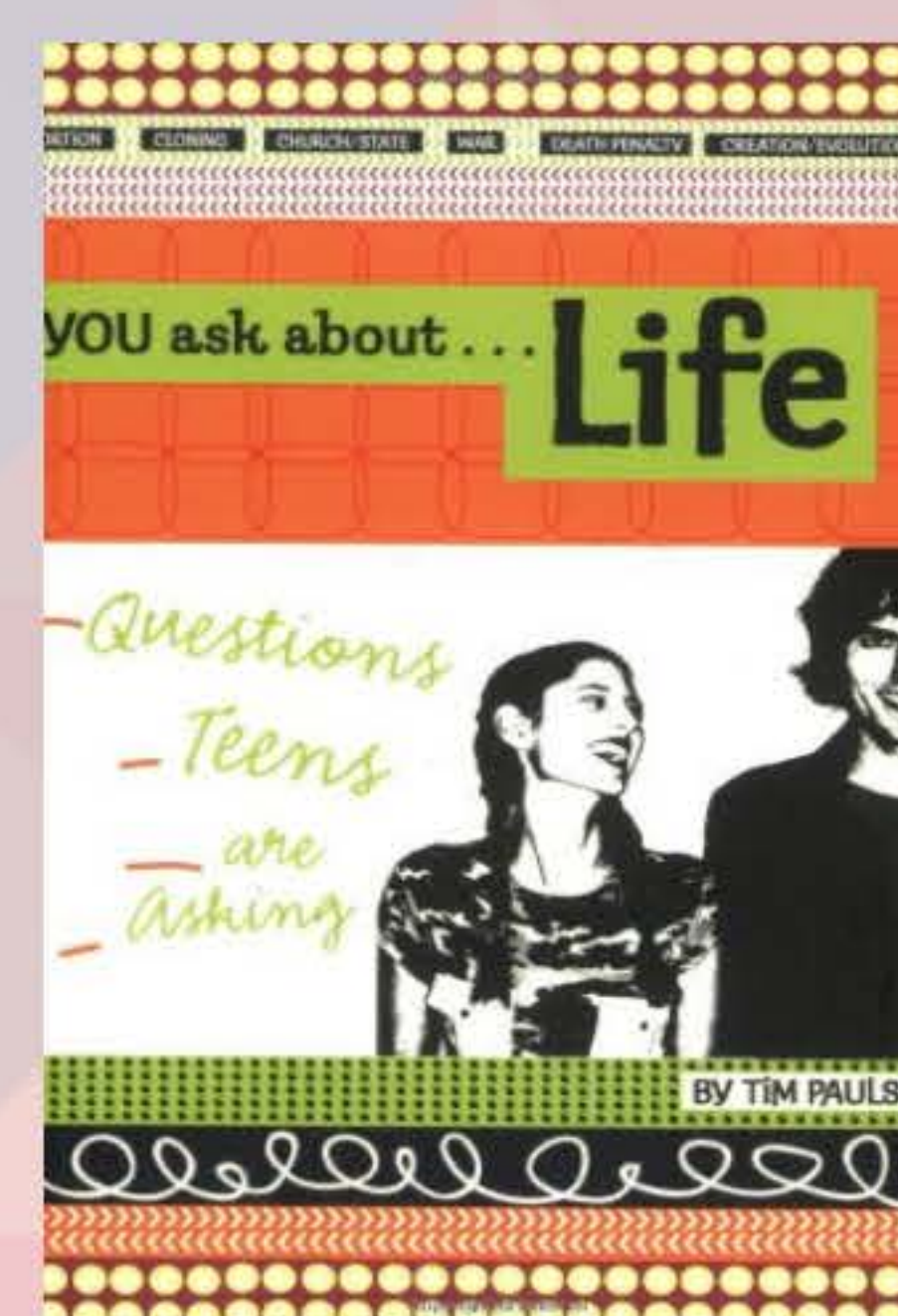


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You Ask About Life: Questions Teens Are Asking by Tim Pauls

[Christian Life]

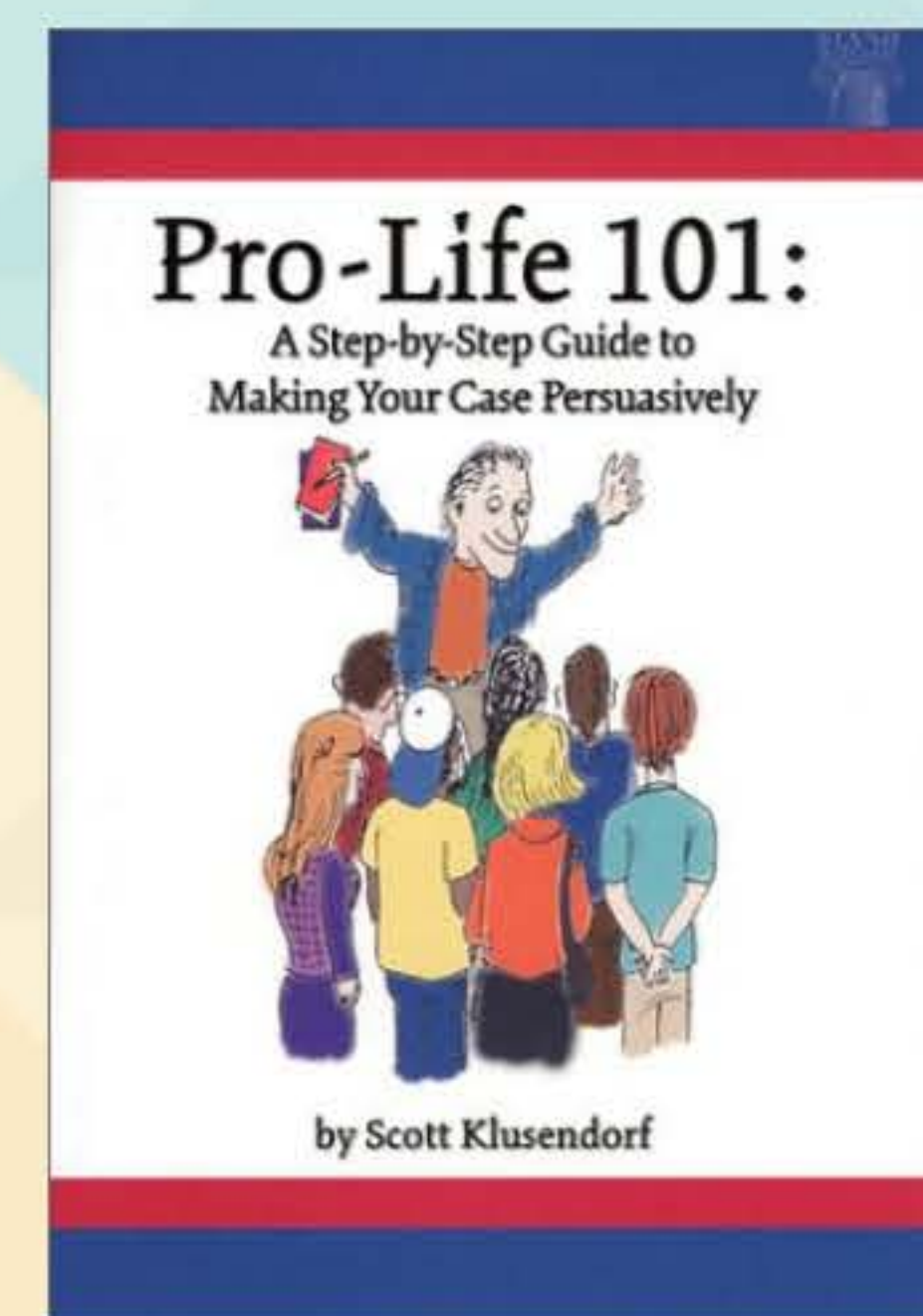
Answering questions for teens about what it means to live as a Christian in a modern world.



9 Pro-Life 101 by Scott Klusendorf

[Abortion, Discussional]

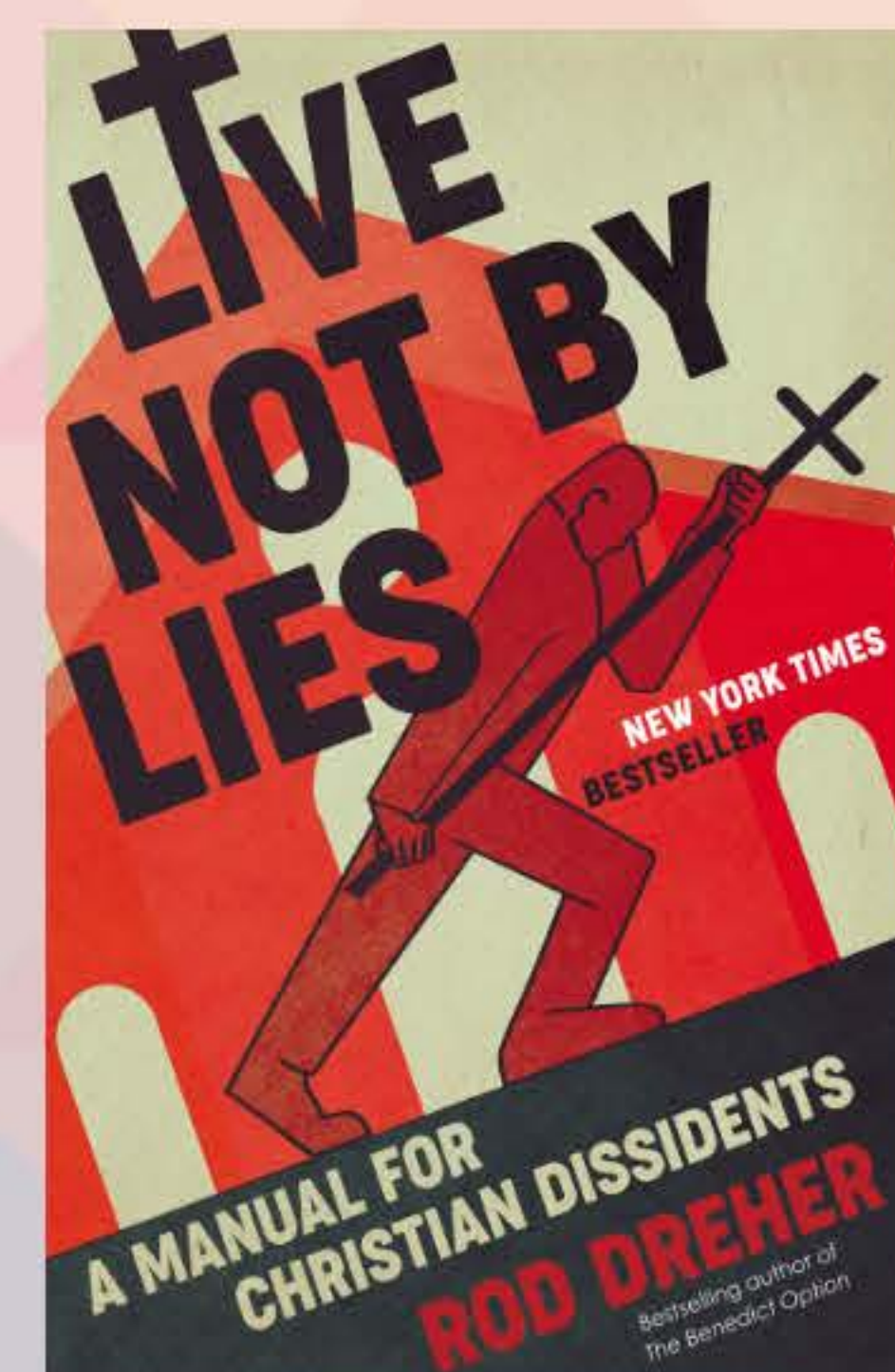
This brief, yet equally precise, presentation on how to successfully discuss the issue of abortion is perfect to educate young audiences and small groups.



10 Live Not by Lies by Rod Dreher

[Christian Persecution, Citizenship]

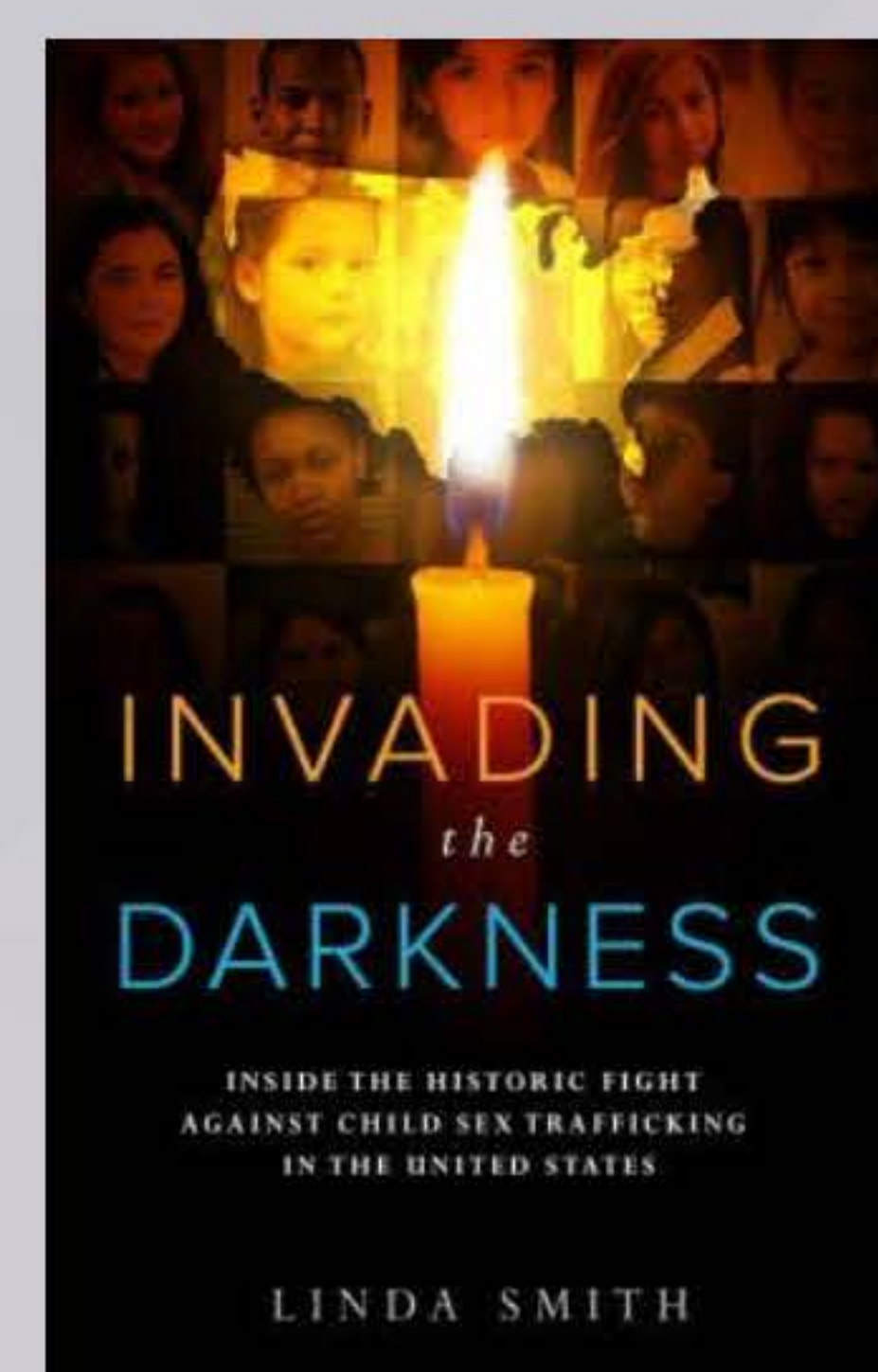
Telling the stories of the victims of totalitarianism in the Soviet Union and other captive countries, Dreher warns against the rise of totalitarianism in our time and how we as Christians must resist it. This is an important lesson not only for those interested in politics but for Christians who feel they should remain neutral, even in the face of an evil regime.



11 Invading the Darkness by Linda Smith

[Human Trafficking, Suffering]

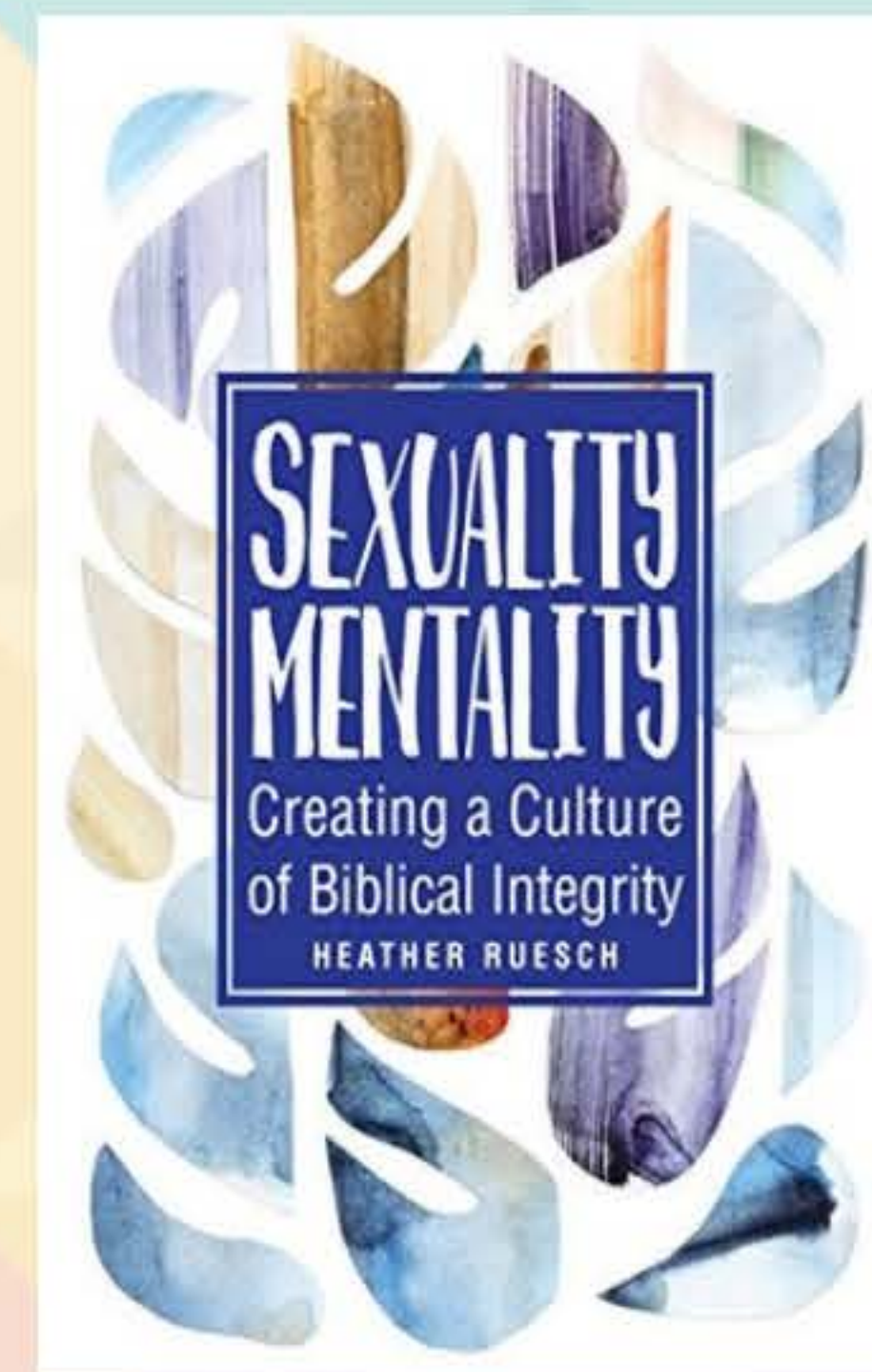
This eye-opening piece highlights many of the modern-day abolitionists fighting to end the injustice that is human trafficking. Smith also describes many of the advancements made to identify and rescue victims, as well as to prevent capture.



12 Sexuality Mentality by Heather Ruesch

[Gender, Sexuality]

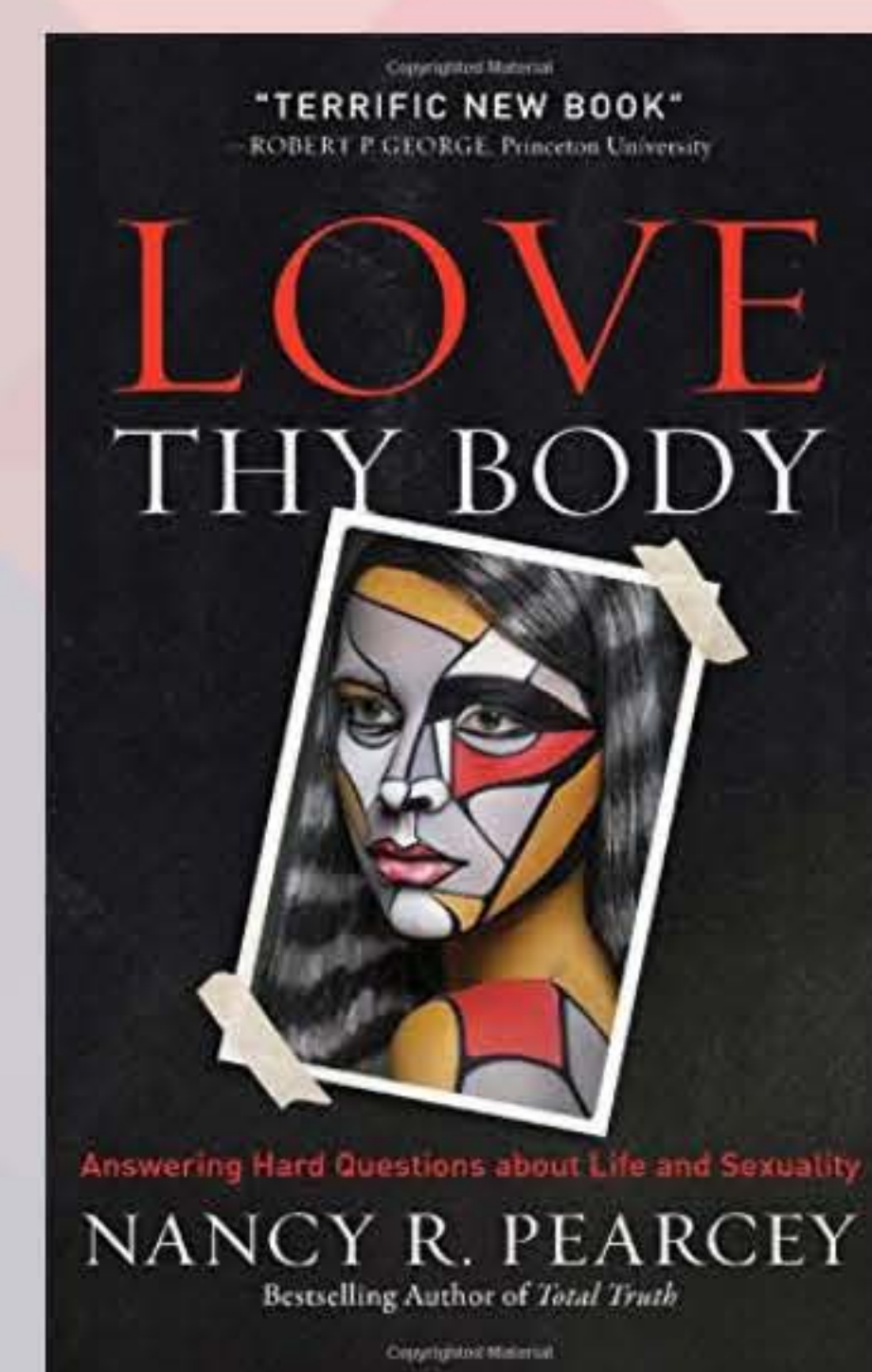
Many life issues have resulted from the promotion of sex and the failure of Christians to have open and honest conversations with their kids. Ruesch encourages parents and pastors to remind teens that their sexuality is a beautiful gift from God that should be respected and upheld.



13 Love Thy Body: Answering Hard Questions About Life and Sexuality by Nancy Pearcey

[Gender, Sexuality]

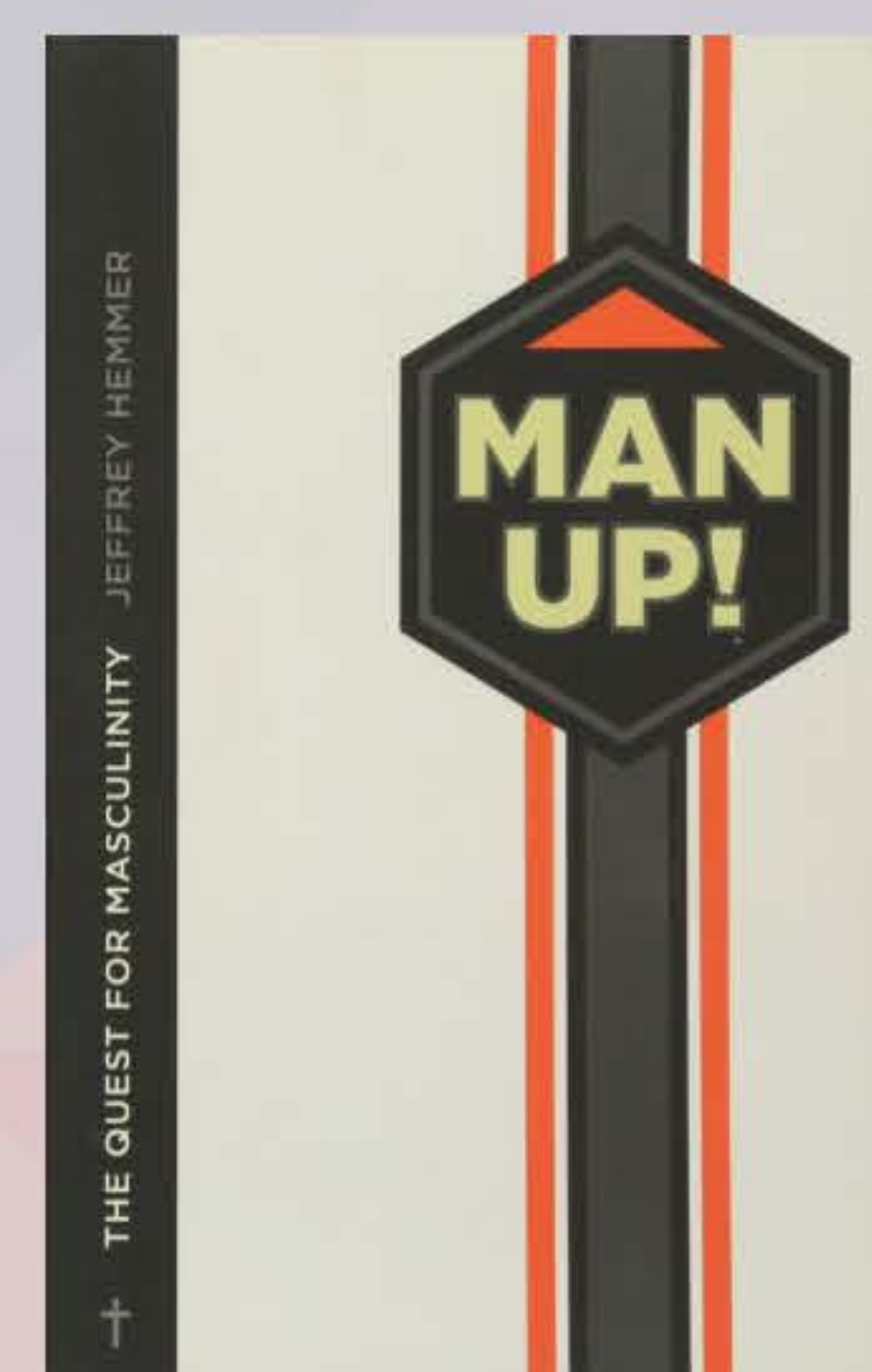
What does it mean to love our bodies? Hookup culture, transgenderism, abortion, and many other aspects of today's culture preach different views of bodily autonomy. Pearcey shows how these movements can never fulfill their promise of satisfaction. That can only be found in the life-affirming principles of Scripture.



14 Man Up! by Jeffrey Hemmer

[Gender, Vocation, Fatherhood]

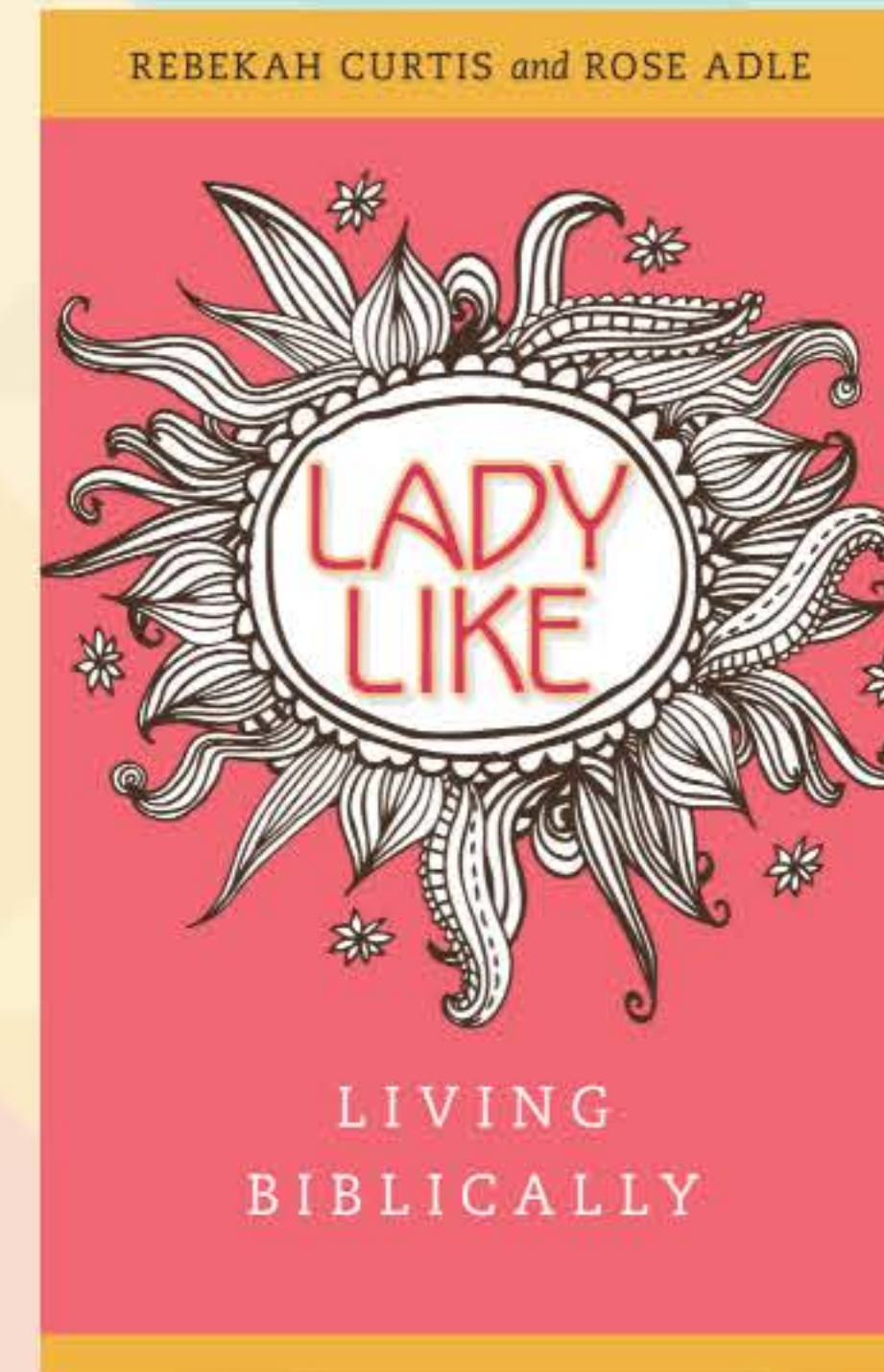
In a society confused about manhood, Hemmer offers a fresh take on the values of Biblical manhood and encourages men to find their value not in the criticisms or expectations of popular culture, but in the strength and sacrifice of Christ.



15 **Lady Like: Living Biblically** by Rebekah Curtis and Rose Adle

[Gender, Vocation, Motherhood]

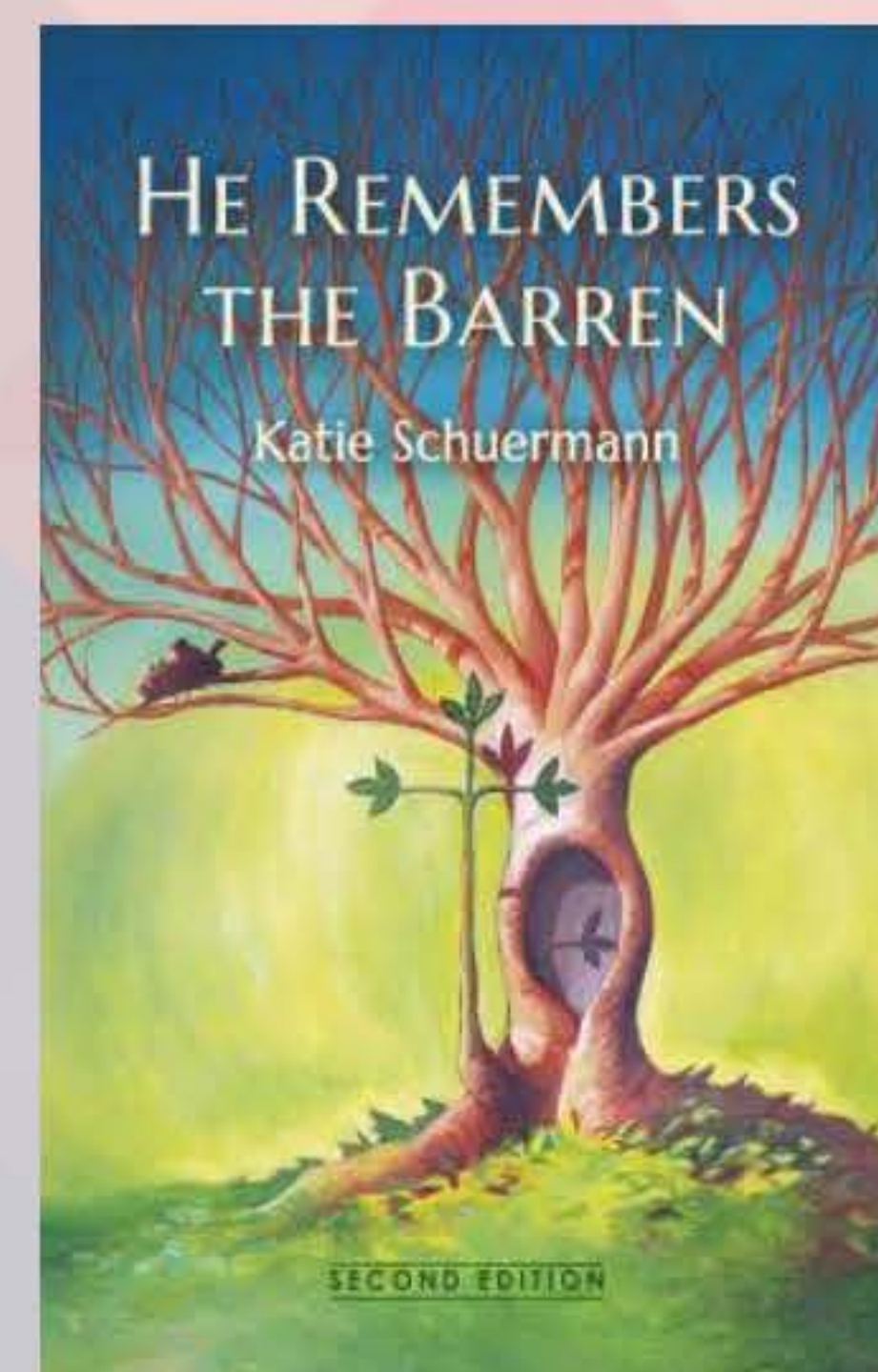
Discussions about sexuality in our culture have given us a muddled understanding of gender. Curtis and Adle cut to the heart of the confusion and answer the question, "What does it mean to live Biblically as a woman in today's society?"



16 **He Remembers the Barren** by Katie Schuermann

[Motherhood, Adoption, Suffering, Vocation]

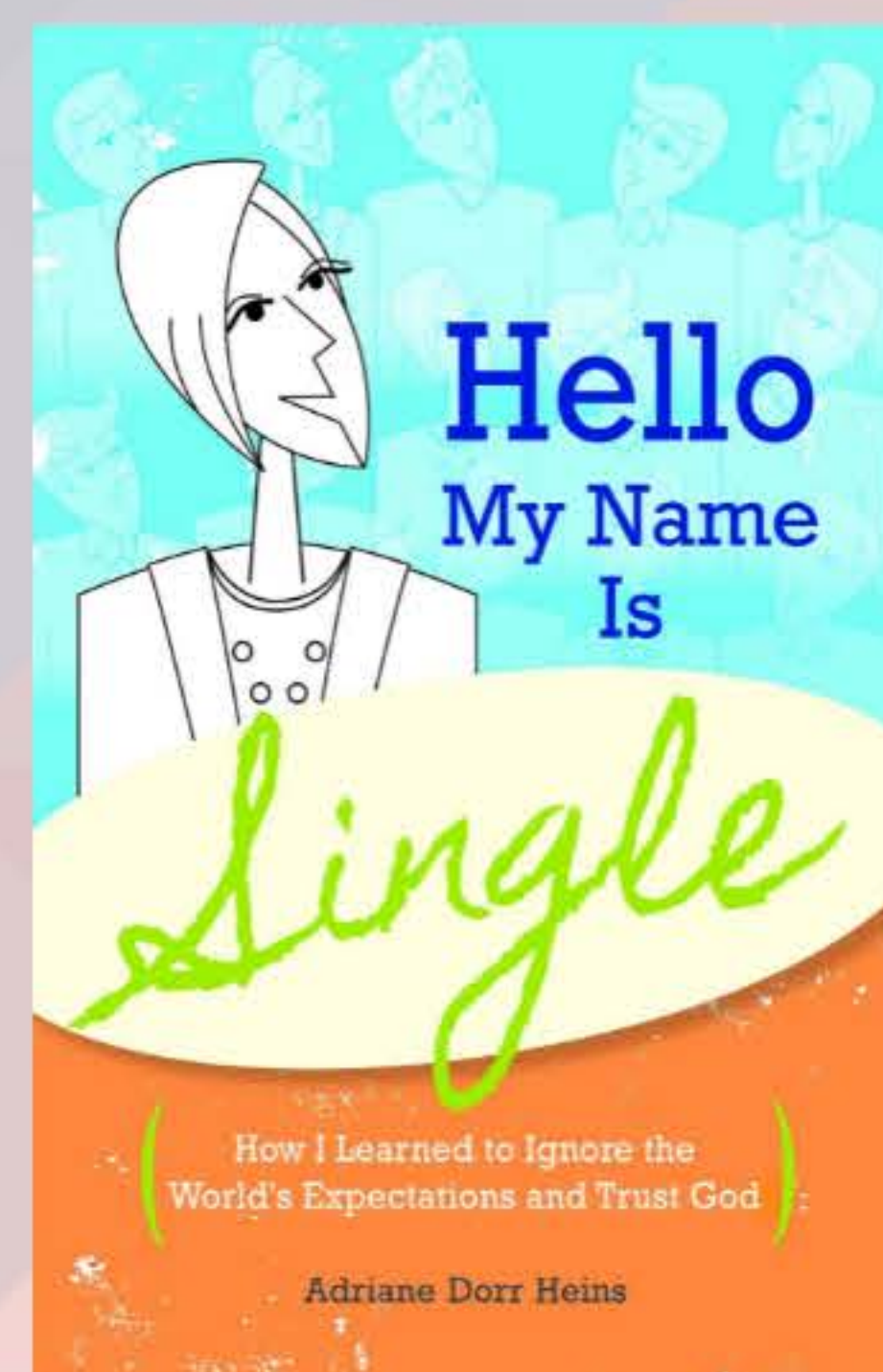
The issue of infertility is one that should be addressed with gentleness and compassion. Schuermann accomplishes this in her examination of conception, bodily autonomy, family planning, and adoption. This is a valuable read for anyone struggling with infertility or anyone seeking to understand and empathize with their loved ones.



17 **Hello My Name Is Single** by Adriane Heins

[Marriage, Gender]

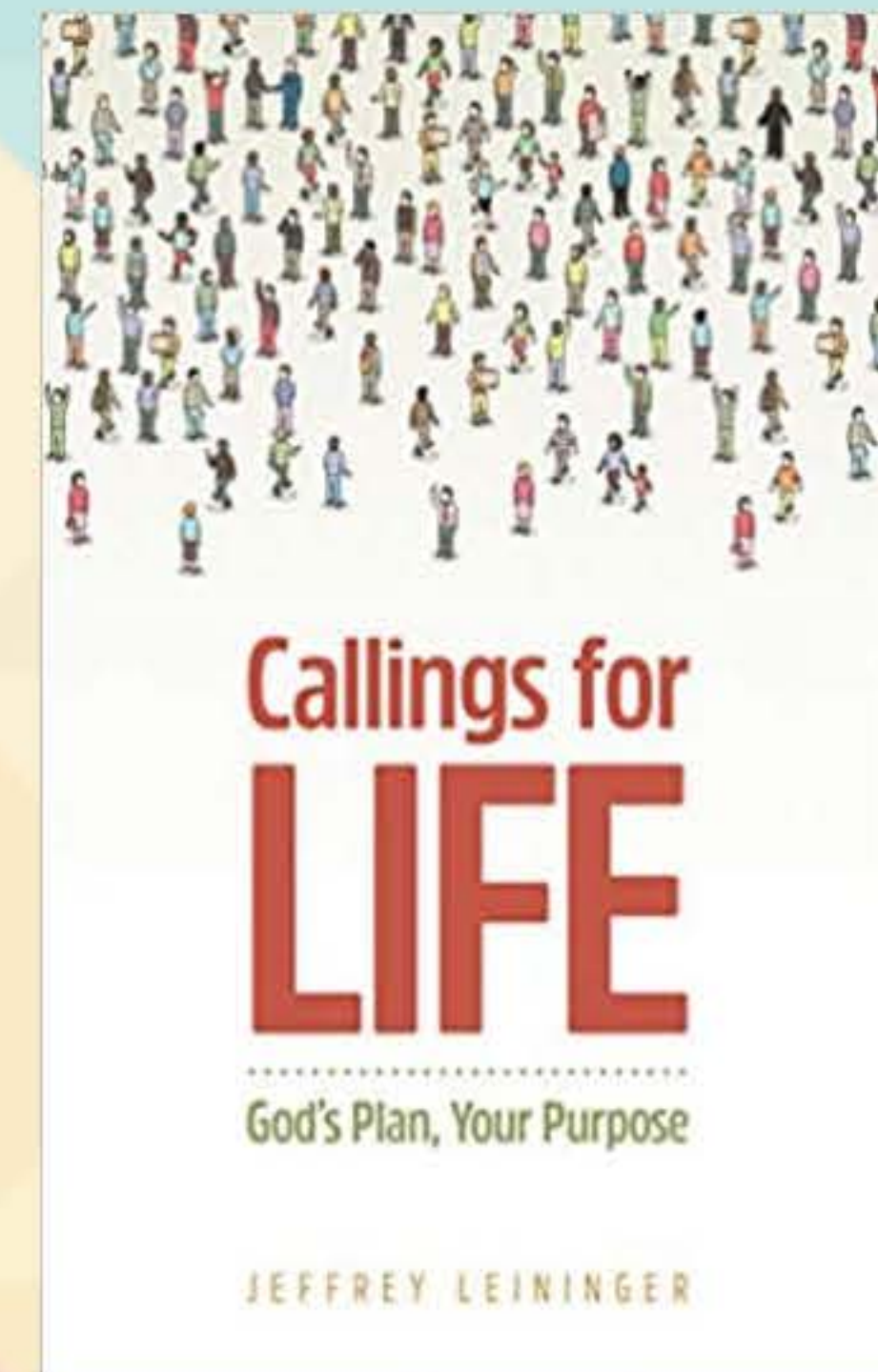
Whether you find joy in your singleness or feel a deep longing for a spouse, a part of your identity may be tied up in your relationship status. Heins challenges her readers to find their identity in Christ and trust in God's plan for the future.



18 Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose

by Jeffrey Leininger
[Vocation]

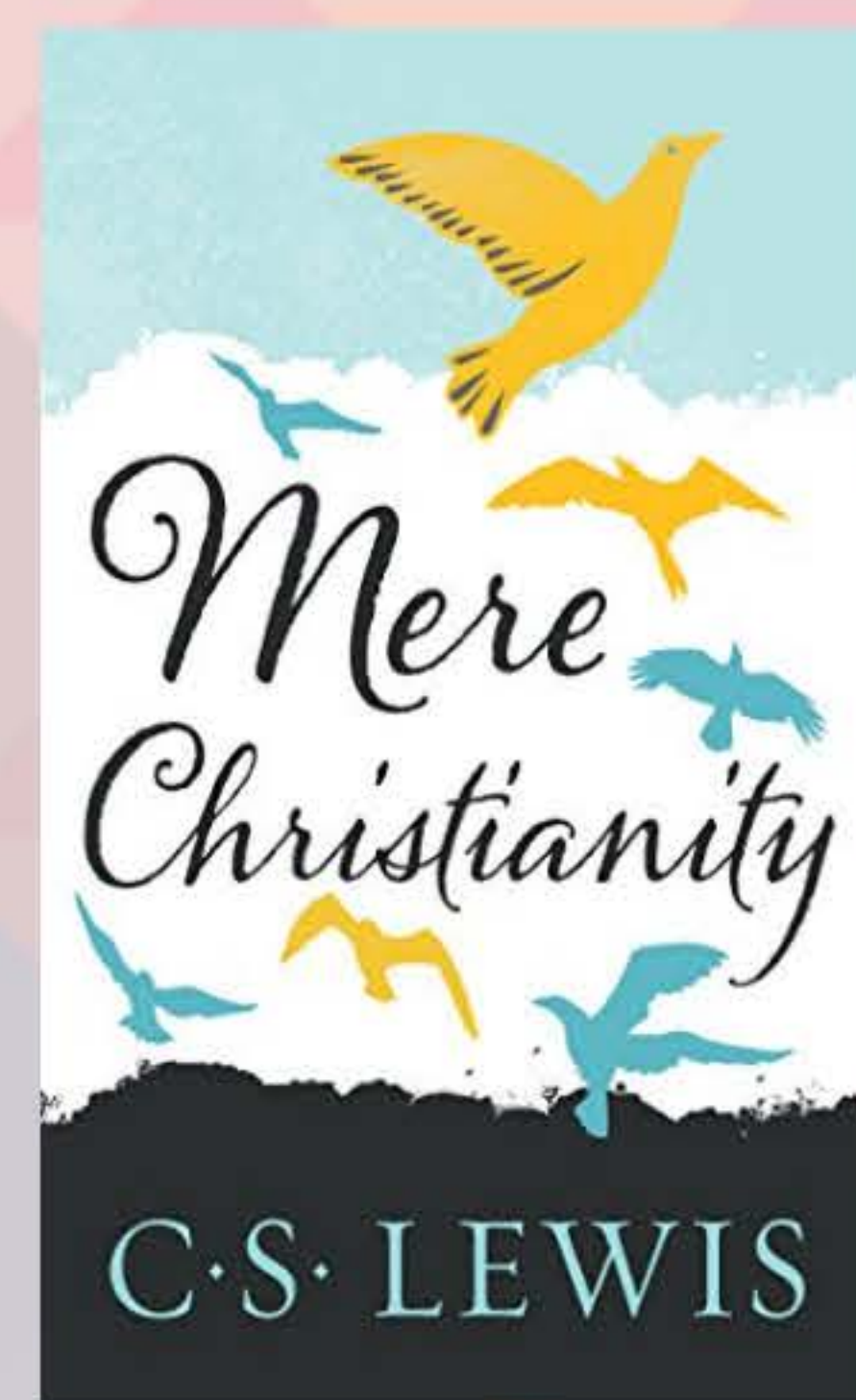
No matter what stage of life we're in, there will always be uncertainty about our futures. This book refocuses nervous energy about the future on God's Word and offers five themes to reassure us of God's plan for our lives.



19 Mere Christianity

by C.S. Lewis
[Christian Life, Truth]

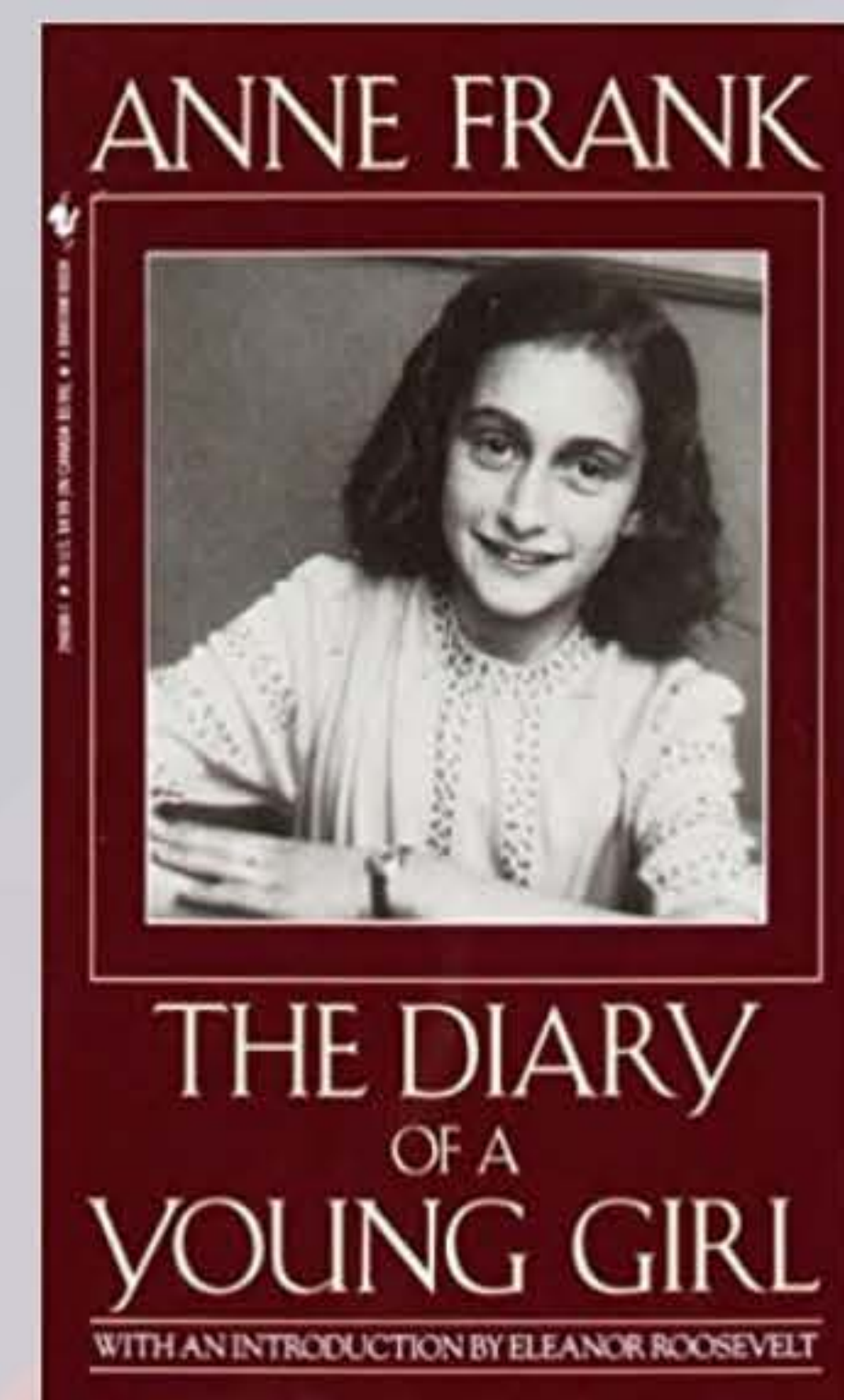
Lewis presents the truth of Christianity without any denominational divide in this accessible and effective classic. This is an important read for every person, whether one was raised in the church or has no prior knowledge of Christ.



20 The Diary of a Young Girl

by Anne Frank
[Suffering, Autobiography]

Anne Frank's story has inspired countless people since her tragic death at the hands of the Nazi regime. Told through her own eyes, Frank's firsthand account of the last couple of years of her life not only affirms the value of life, but also cautions modern readers not to allow tragedies like the Holocaust to happen again.



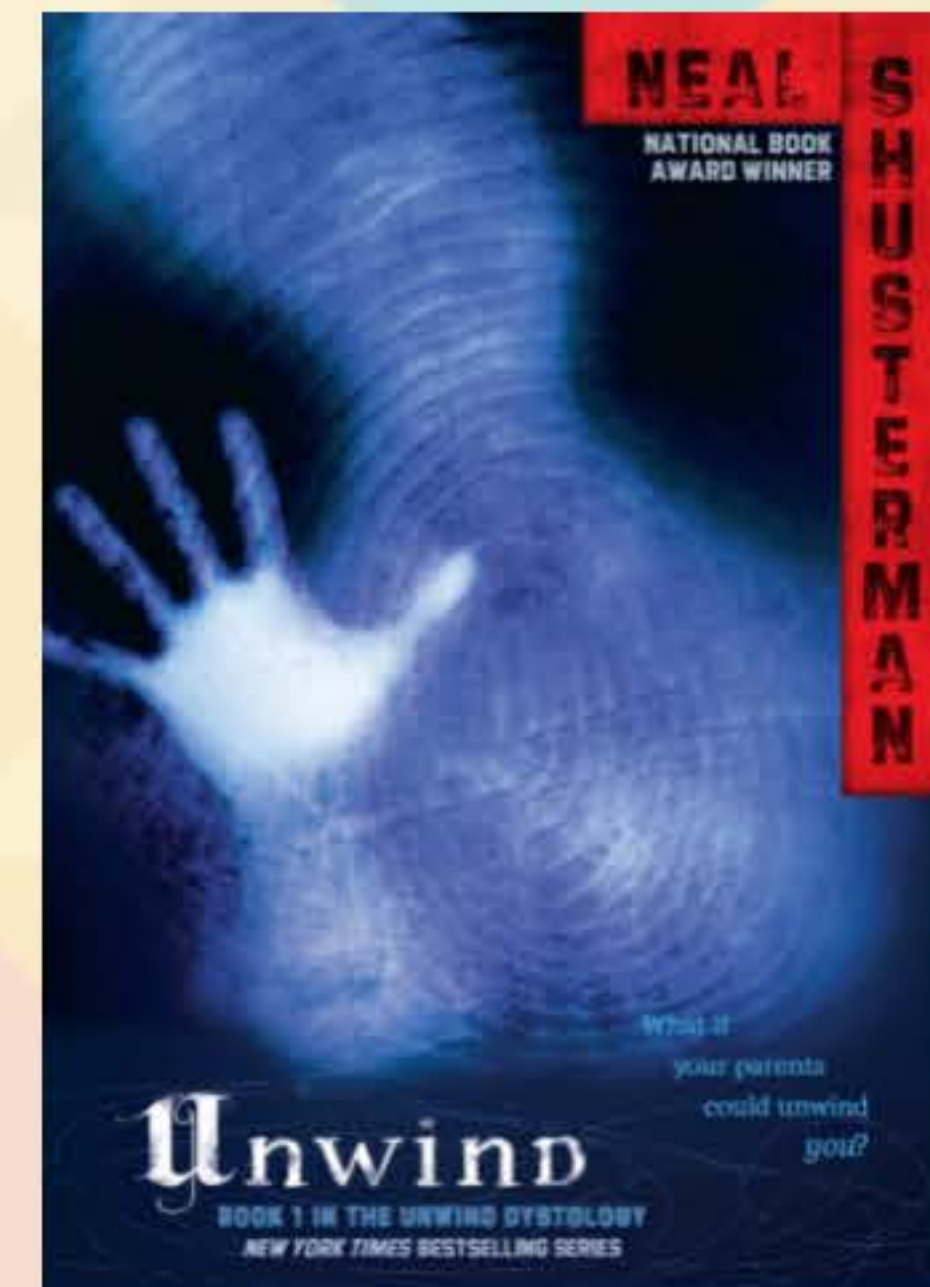
Fiction

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Unwind by Neal Schusterman

[Abortion, Dystopian, Young Adult Fiction]

This thrilling dystopian novel is set in a post-war United States that has settled its conflict over abortion with a chilling compromise: children between the ages of 13-18 will be removed from society, and their bodies disassembled and used for medical purposes. This novel explores the morality of abortion and brings a new perspective on the massive scale of this genocide.

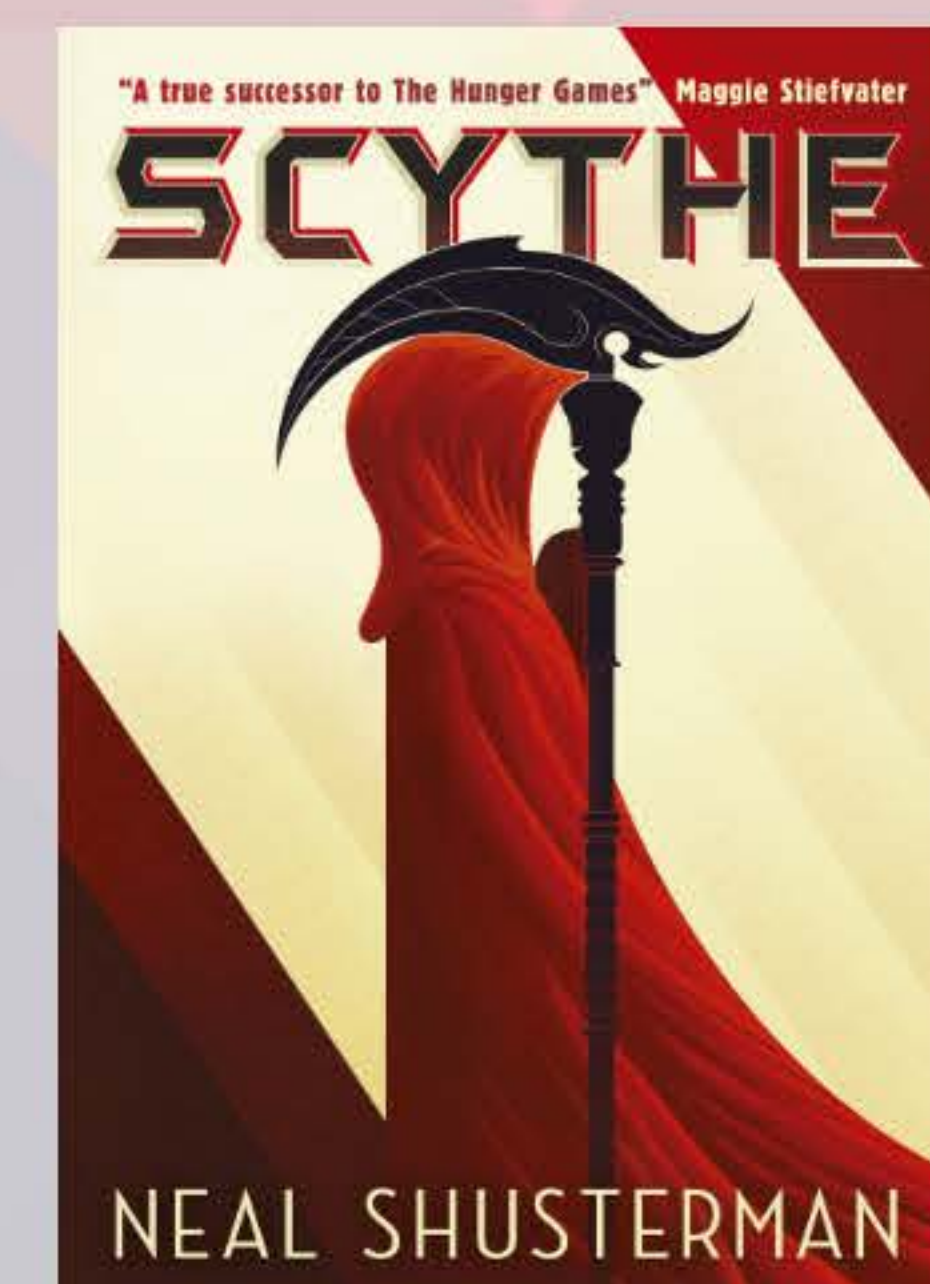


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Scythe by Neal Schusterman

[Abortion, Dystopian, Young Adult Fiction]

Another dystopian novel from the great mind behind the Unwind series, Scythe follows two teens who are tasked with bringing death to members of a now-immortal people in order to prevent overpopulation. This novel is insightful in its discussion of what makes a life valuable and whether there is any moral weight to ending it.

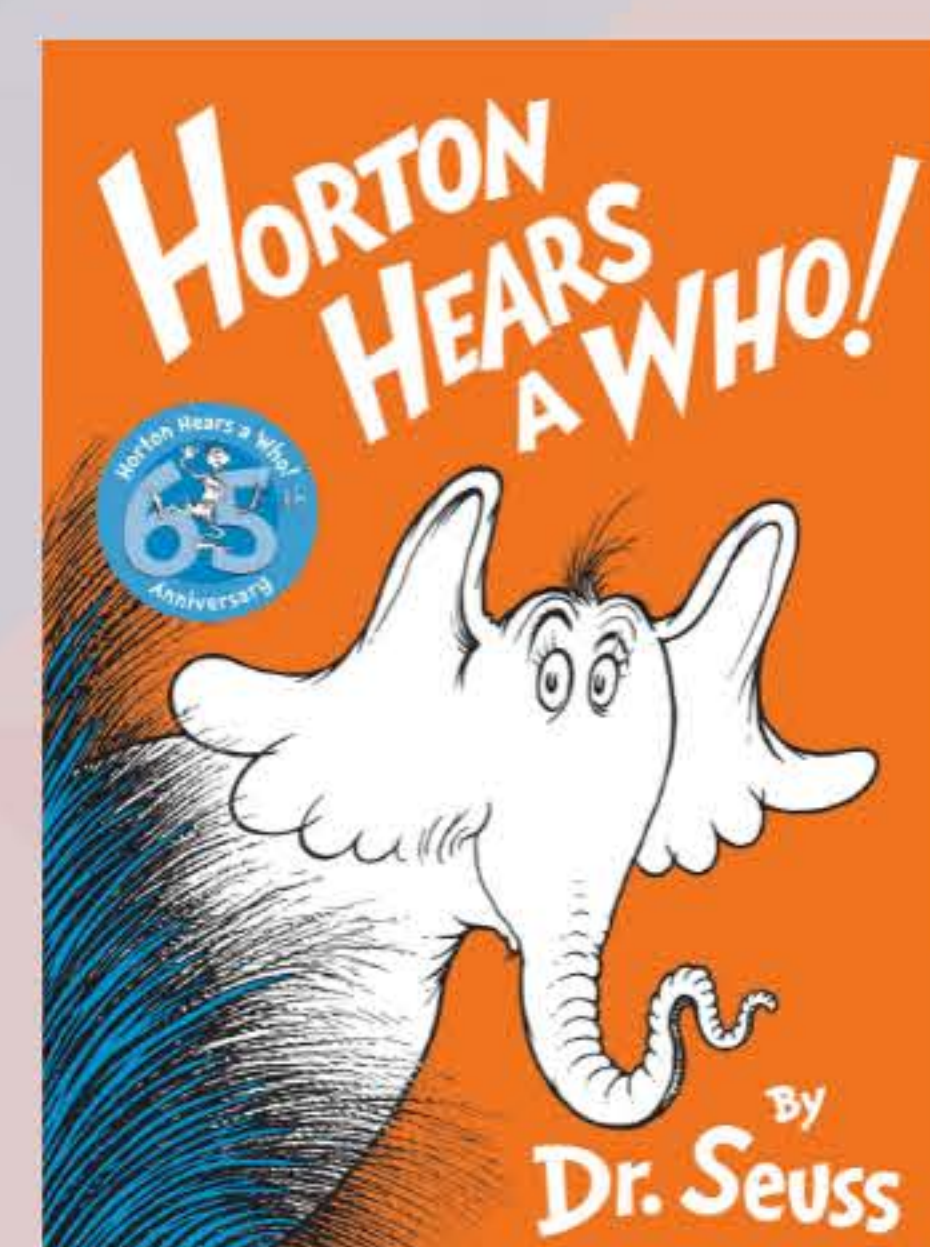


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Horton Hears a Who by Dr. Seuss

[Abortion, Children's Fiction]

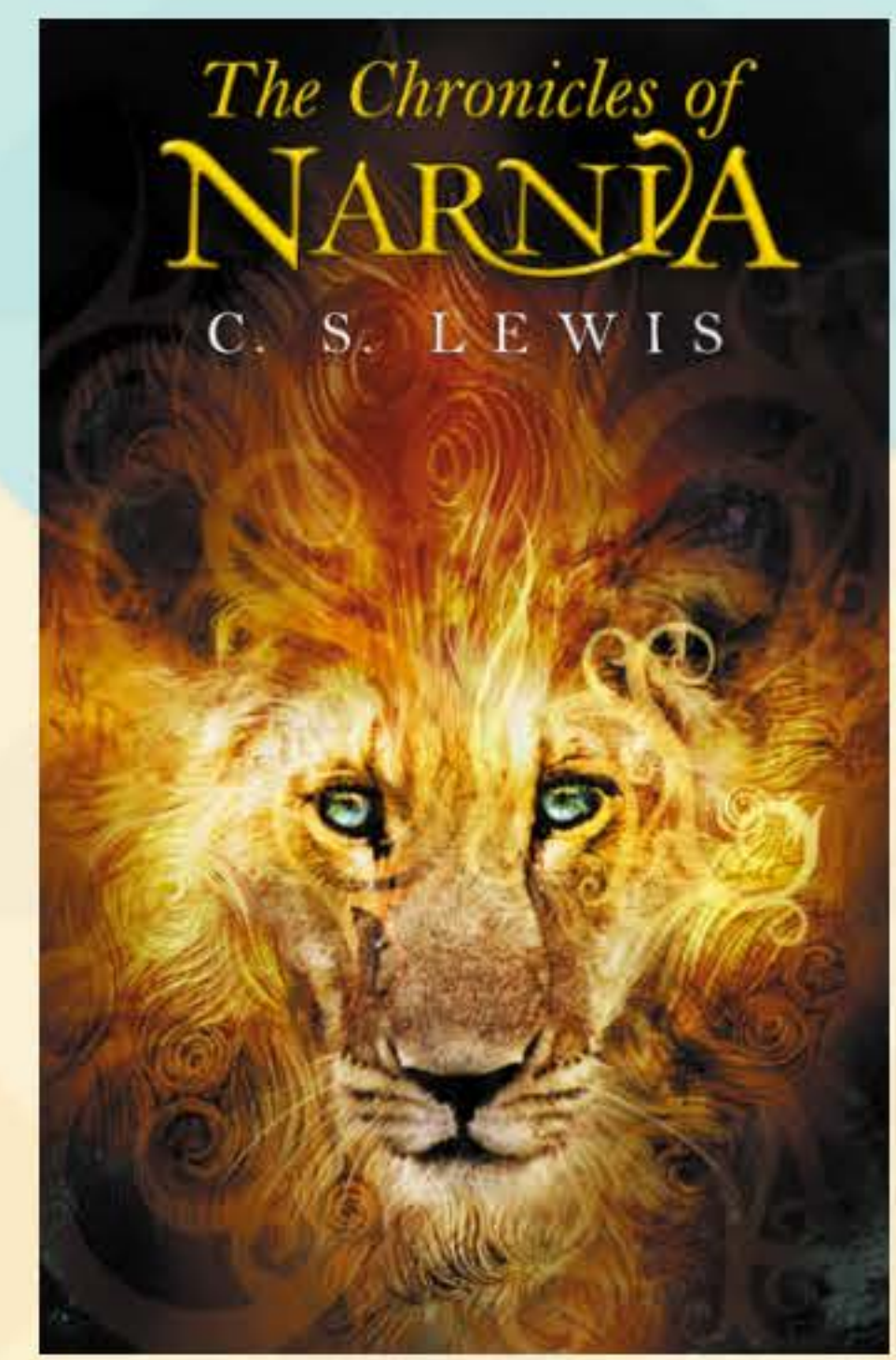
This children's classic has been frequently applied to the unborn as it presents the value of life regardless of size with its timeless story and colorful characters.



4 The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis

[Classic Fantasy, Christian Allegory]

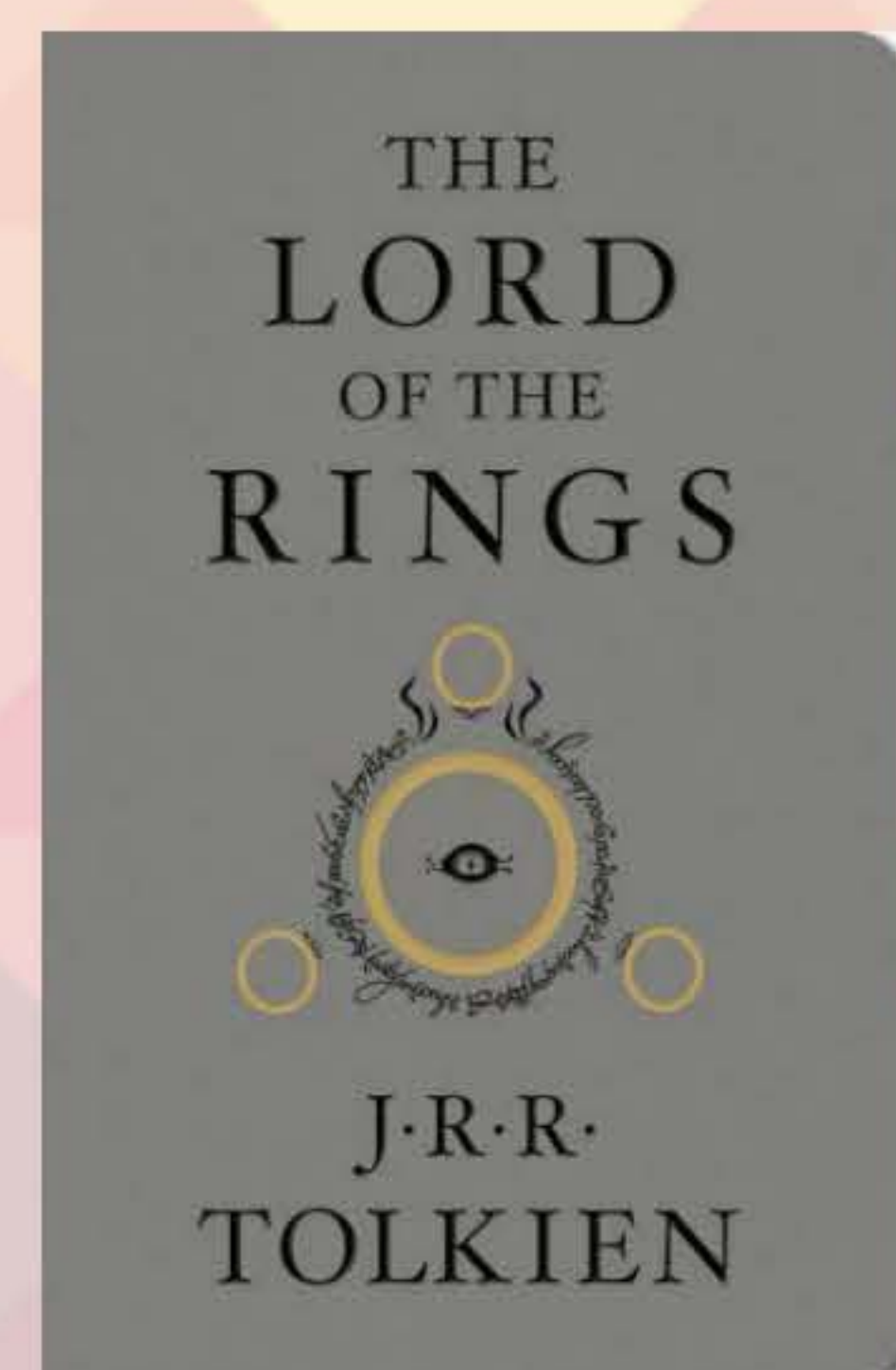
This timeless classic series is full of Christian allegory and themes that uphold the sanctity of life, while simply being an engrossing and magical read.



5 The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien

[Classic Fantasy, True Good and Evil, Biblical Manhood]

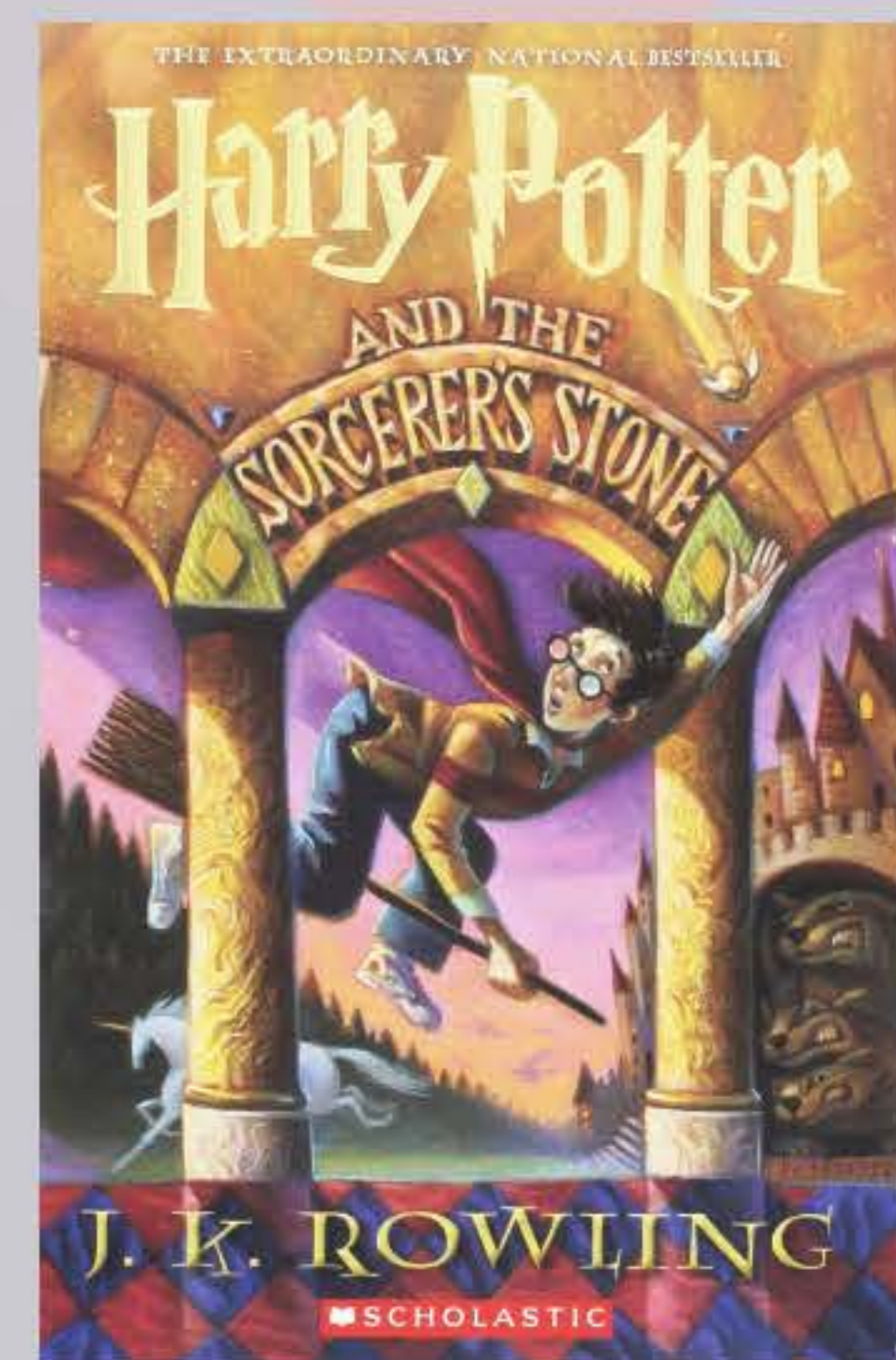
The epic series that has defined the fantasy genre for generations, Tolkien's greatest work is a must-read for its grounded characters and timeless themes of hope, good overcoming evil, and friendship.



6 Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling

[Classic Fantasy, True Good and Evil]

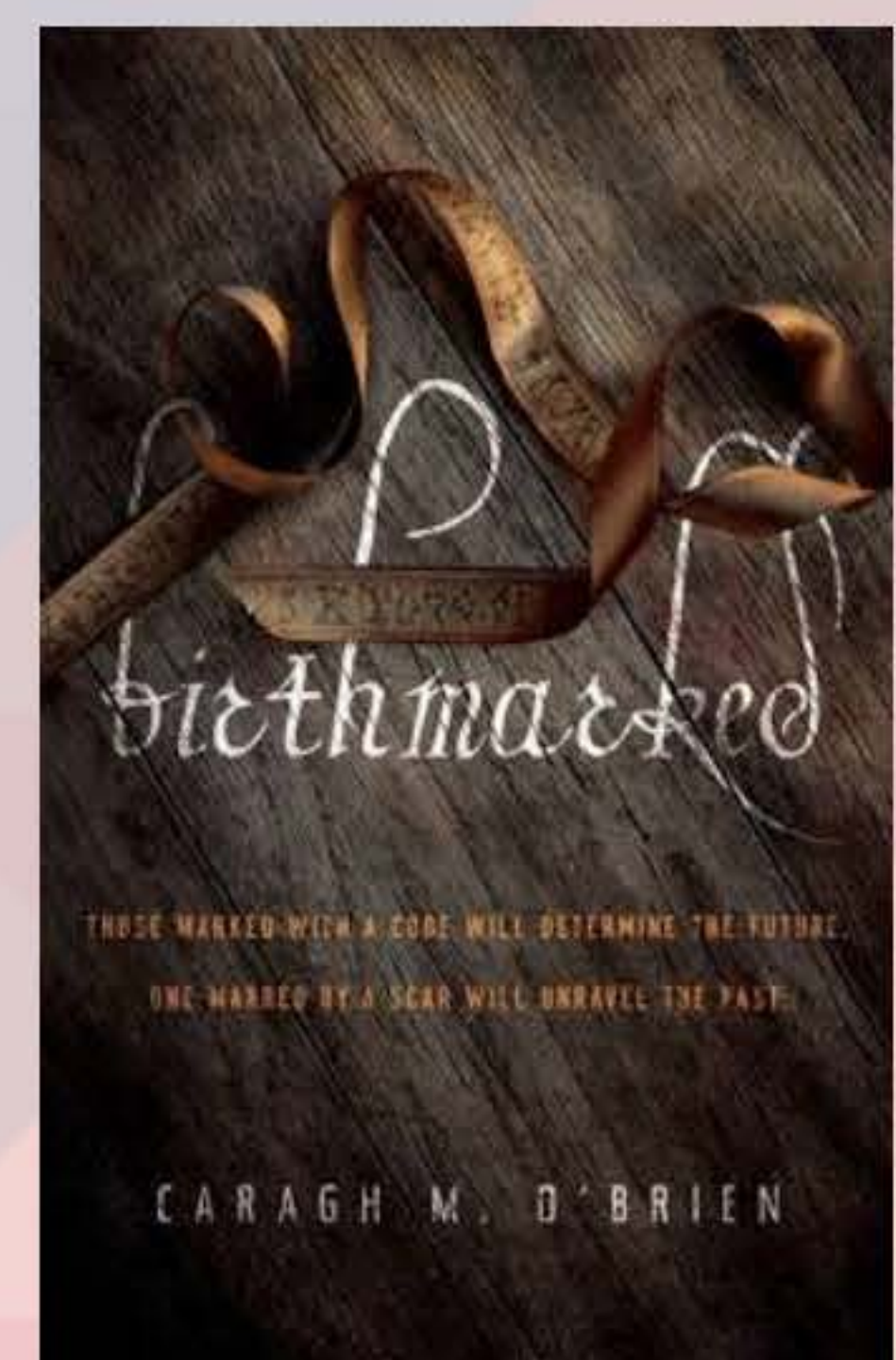
A series deserving of its legendary fame, Harry Potter is the story of an orphaned boy who heads to boarding school. At the heart of this magical journey lies the importance of family, friendship, and sacrificial love.



7 Birthmarked by Caragh M. O'Brien

[Adoption, Family, Vocation]

In a dystopian future, a young girl working as a midwife is forced to give a portion of the delivered children to a now-barren upper class. When her parents go missing, she must dive further into the secrets of her society in order to rescue them.



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The Garden of Eve

by K.L. Going

[Grief, Love, Family]

Going captures both the helplessness of grief and the need to continue on after the death of a loved one in this beautifully imaginative novel.



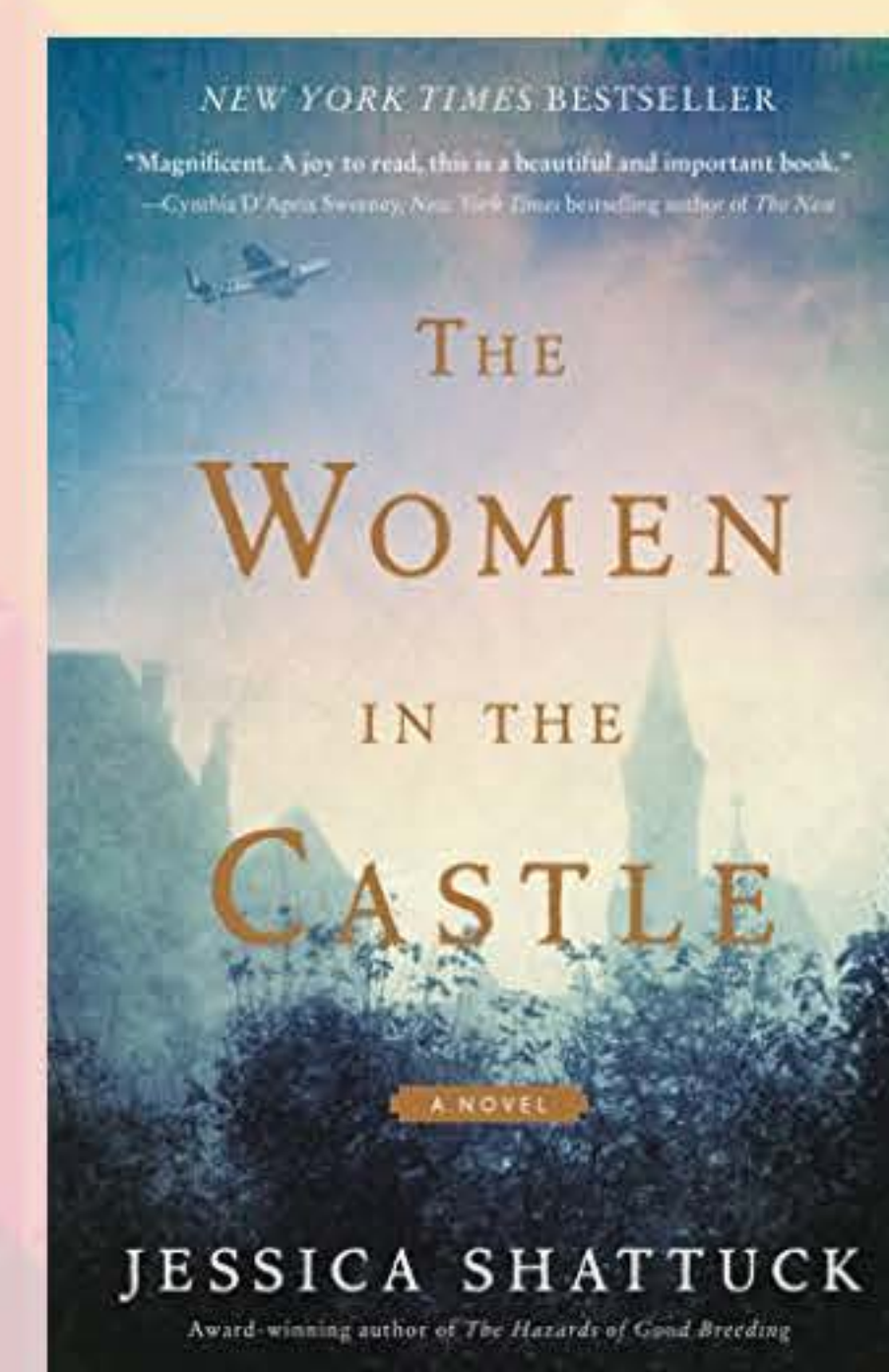
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The Women in the Castle

by Jessica Shattuck

[Suffering, Motherhood]

This historical novel follows several German widows and mothers as they work to rebuild and survive in the aftermath of WWII, examining both the dark side of the human condition and love of family.

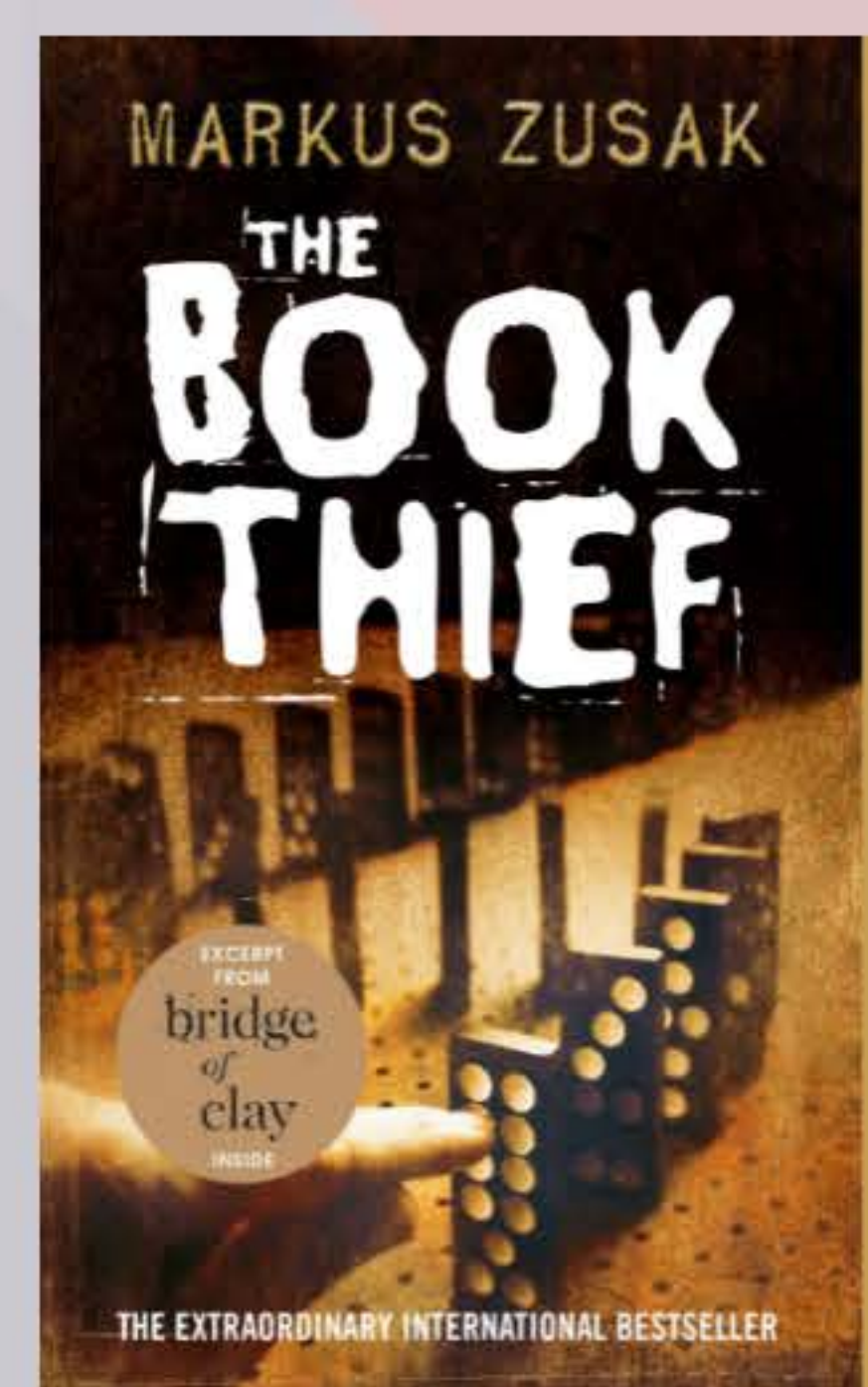


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The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

[Suffering, Neighborly Love]

Another beautifully written story of survival in the midst of WWII, Zusak's portrayal of a young girl fighting to preserve life in a world of death is inspirational.



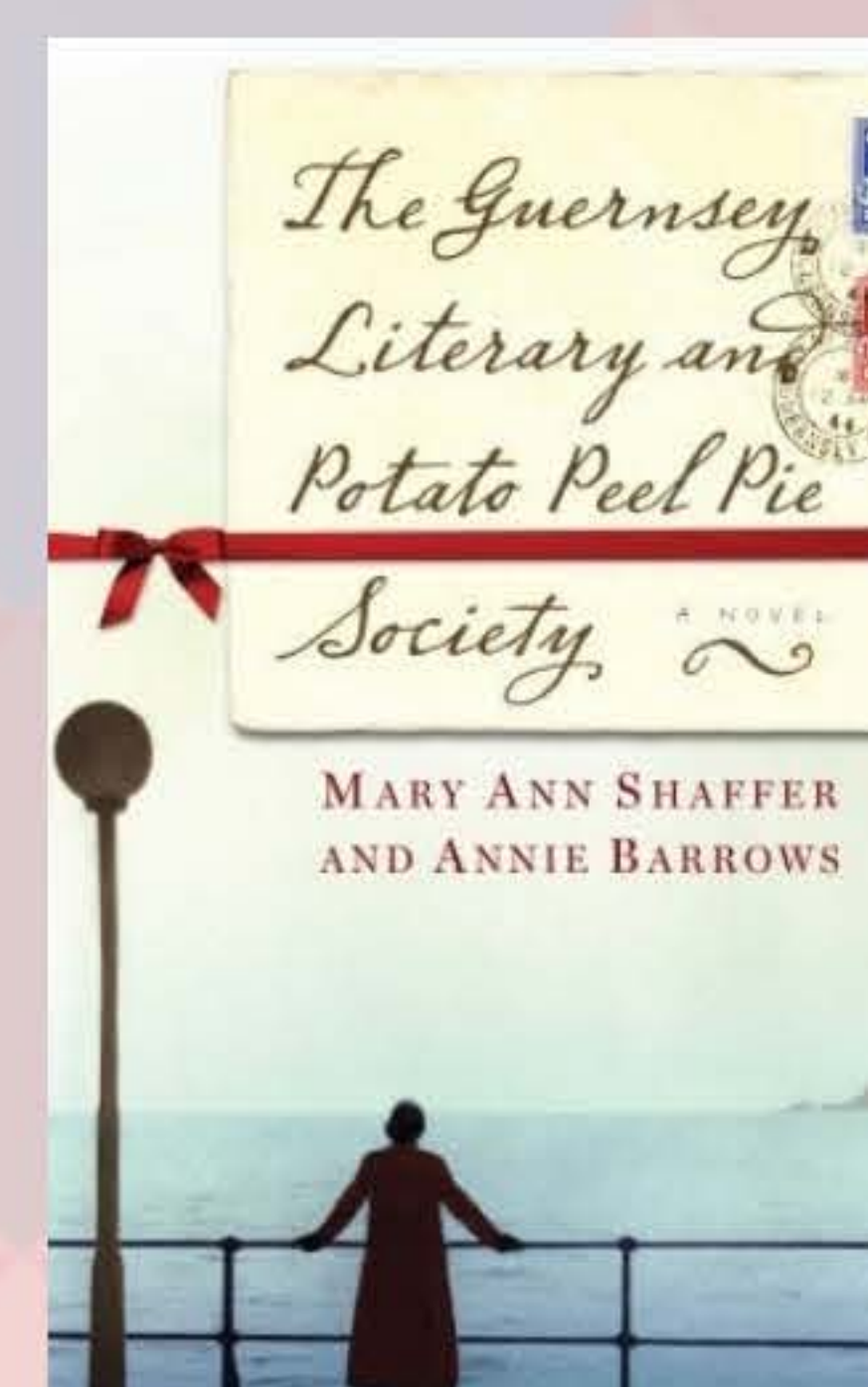
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The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

by Annie Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer

[Grief, Marriage, Love, Adoption, Suffering]

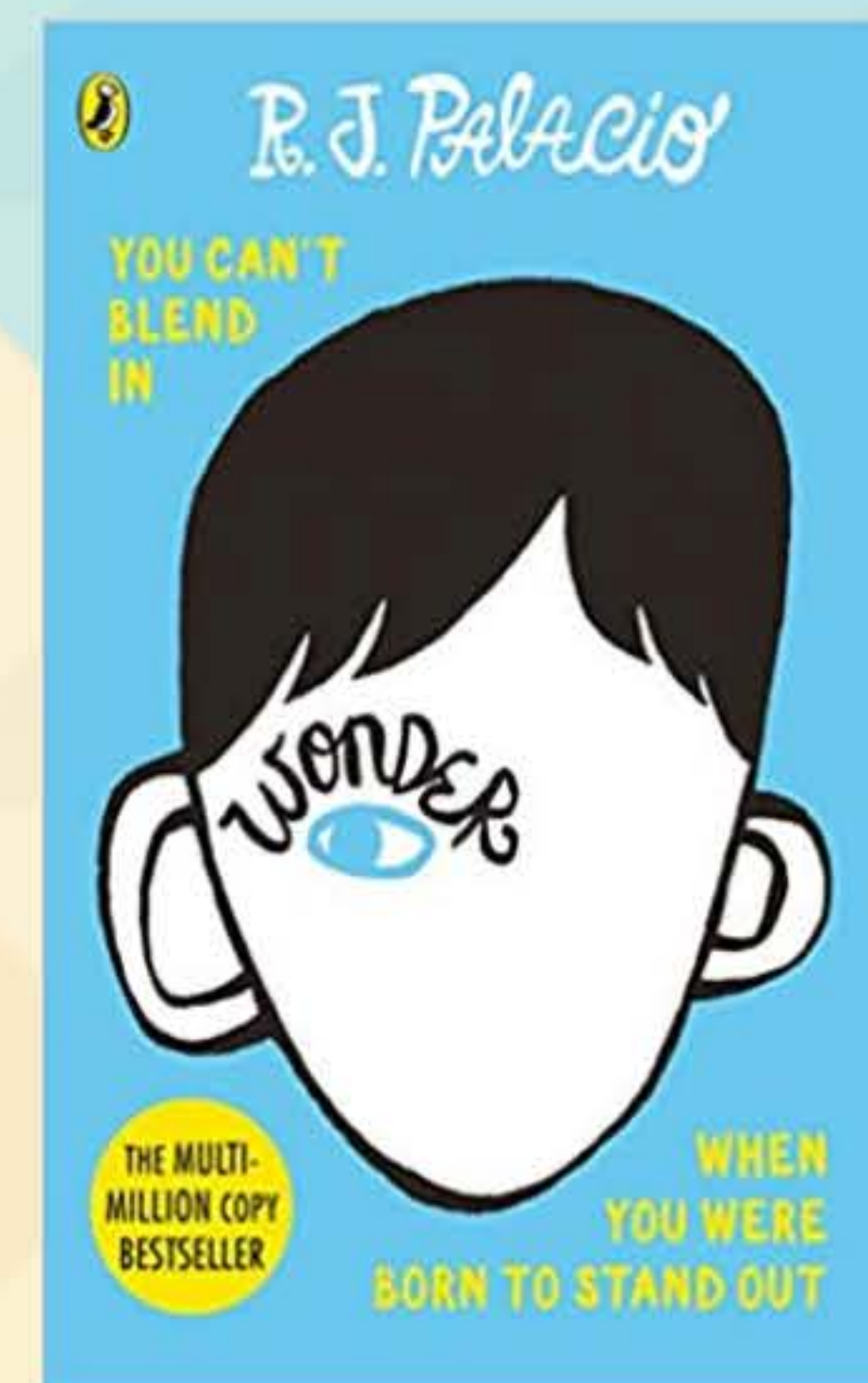
Through extraordinary circumstances, a writer is drawn to a book club on a German-occupied island and finds life, hope, and love in the face of adversity.



12 Wonder by R.J. Palacio

[Disability, Suffering, Family]

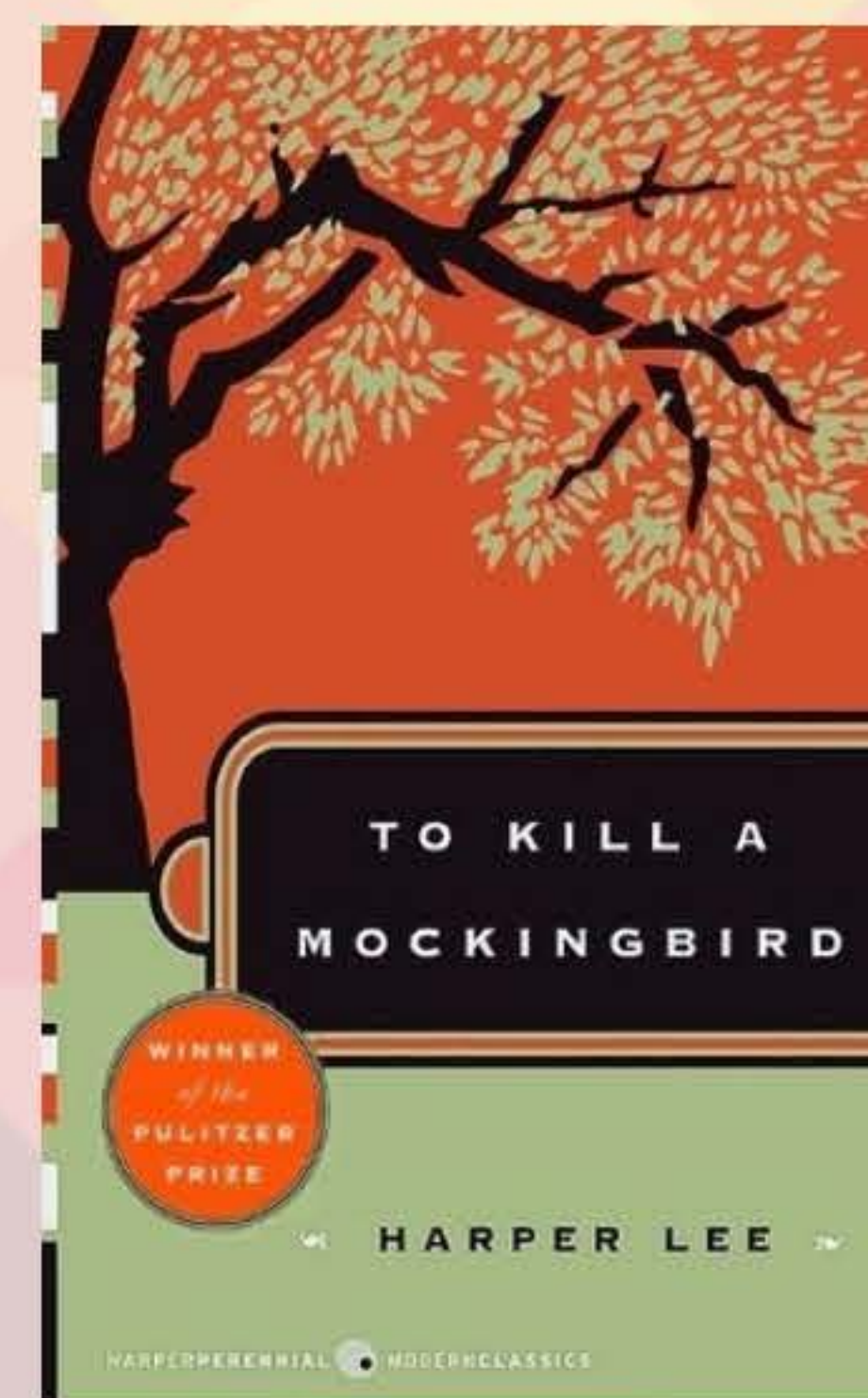
Following a child born with facial deformities, this book embraces the value of every life despite physical limitations and differences.



13 To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

[Racial Injustice, Loss of Innocence]

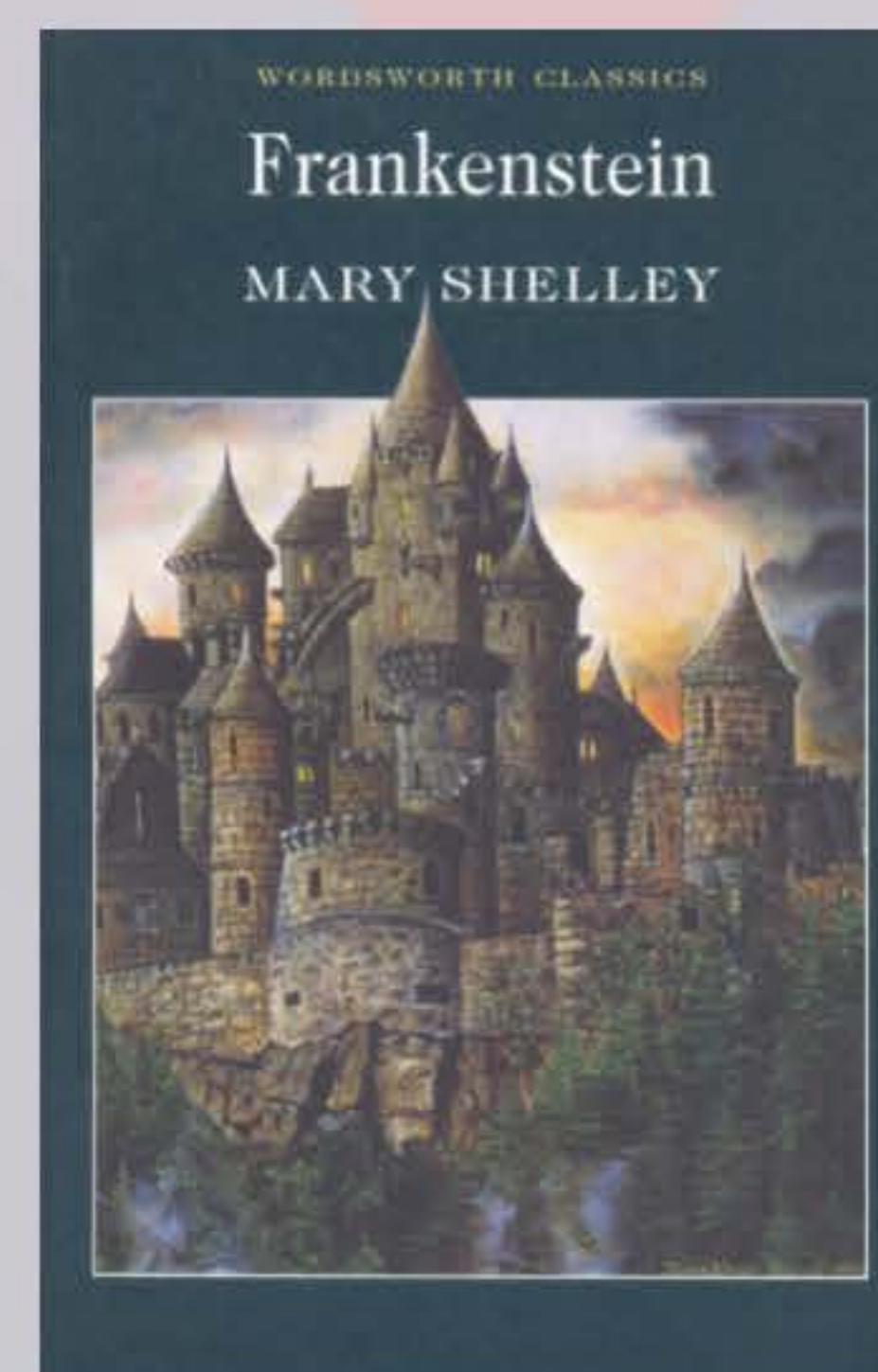
Set in the early twentieth-century American south, this is an important read for its themes of racial inequality, courage in the face of hatred, and compassion.



14 Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

[Vocation, Creation, Definition of Life]

This chilling classic explores the consequences of man's curiosity and ethical decision making. With themes that echo Genesis 1-3, this book begs the question, "How far is too far?" in the medical field.



15 Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

[End of Life, Value of Life, Order of Creation]

Because this classic explores the justifications behind "mercy killing", it's important for teens to discuss these arguments to better understand how to counter them from a For Life perspective.

