



# Off The Shelf

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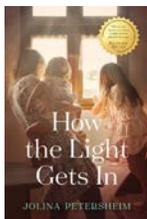


## LETTERS TO THE CHURCH

By Francis Chan

Reviewed by Ray VanderMolen

Francis Chan begins by stating the three basic goals for building a church are to sing directly to God, to really hear the Word of God and all are to live holy lives. He stresses: "if prayer isn't vital for your church, then your church isn't vital." His down to earth thoughts on topics such as being servants, good shepherds, social media, embracing suffering, etc. are so relevant and thought provoking, each member of the church should take the time to read and reflect on this book. Even as he touches all these topics, he constantly uses the Bible as his source. This book has been requested and we are delighted to offer it. Adults



## HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN

by Jolina Petersheim

A profound and moving book of Irish born Ruth Neufeld as she travels to a Wisconsin Mennonite community with her mother-in-law and daughters to grieve the loss of her husband and father-in-law who died in Afghanistan. As they begin a life on a cranberry farm, Ruth thinks through her marriage as she begins a friendship with her husband's cousin Elam and allows God to direct her path. Notice how the Biblical story of Ruth is woven into this story. Adult Fiction

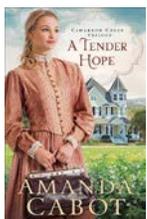


## THE SEAMSTRESS by Allison Pittman

France, 1788. Two little orphan girls are taken in by the kindly Gagnon. They come of age during the French Revolution, a tumultuous time of Marie Antoinette.

Renee and Laurette take two very different paths, each one of their own choosing, but neither ends up where they expect

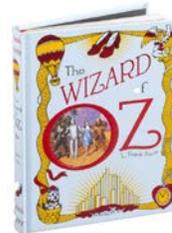
to. Inspired by a character in *The Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens, this story tells of two cousins on different sides of the revolution. This is a historical novel of faith and love showing that God's grace is always there. Adult Fiction



## A TENDER HOPE by Amanda Cabot

Newly widowed Thea Michener is ready for a change and arrives in Cimarron Creek as their new midwife. Ranger Jackson Guthrie appears on her doorstep with an abandoned baby. But he was also interested in talking to Thea, convinced that her late husband was part of a gang

that killed his brother. **A Tender Hope** is the final book in the **Cimarron Creek Trilogy**. It can be read as a stand alone, but the couples from the first 2 books are included. With romance, action and mystery combined, this Christian series has a conclusion that is not expected. Adult Fiction



## THE WIZARD OF OZ

by L. Frank Baum

Here we have a very special book in a Collector's Edition. It is the story of Dorothy who is a little girl who wants to go and see her Uncle Henry and Aunt Em who live in Kansas. However, she goes to the Emerald City to meet the great Wizard of Oz who does wonderful things. You will meet the Munchkins, a Scarecrow who wants a brain, the Woodman who wants a heart and the Lion who needs courage. Enjoy this interesting book with non-stop action. Written in part right here in Holland MI, a yellow brick road is being installed as part of a new Wizard of Oz exhibit in Centennial Park in Holland. Check it out! Juniors and Families

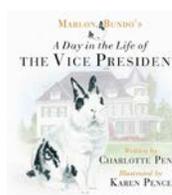


## DIARY OF AN AWESOME FRIENDLY KID: ROWLEY JEFFERSON'S JOURNAL

by Jeff Kinney

Many children know all about **The Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series** and love reading them. Here we have a new book written from the point of view of Greg's best friend Rowley.

Read all about the escapades of Greg and Rowley and enjoy the great illustrations! Juniors



## MARLON BUNDO'S: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

by Charlotte Pence and illustrated by Karen Pence

Second Lady Karen Pence and daughter Charlotte share the story of their family's pet rabbit, Marlon Bundo's time in the Vice President's residence. A great way to see what life as Vice President Pence is like. Marlon Bundo has rides on Air Force Two and even has his own Instagram account. A fun educational picture book for children.



