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I CHOOSE ADAM

by David Winstrom

Reviewed by Rick Johnson

This book is the life story of Adam Winstrom as told by his father David. Some of you may remember Adam as a student at Zeeland Christian. Adam was born with Autism and Down Syndrome. After his birth, the doctors said that Adam was "special" and would need special care, schooling at the Ottawa Area Center and probably live in a group home. His dad's response was: I don't want anything "special"; I want my son to grow up like any other child with the same opportunities, schooling and friends. As Adam grew, his parents tried several different schools and became frustrated with the results. One day his dad went for a drive and talk with God: God, what do you want me to do? When he stopped for a break, he found himself in front of Zeeland Christian. He went inside and asked for the principal. He met Bill Van Dyk, explained to him that he wanted an inclusive education for his son. Bill welcomed him... and you will need to read the book for the rest of the life story. I knew Adam through my son Jeff and being a ZCS parent, but the book gave further insights as to Adam's life and struggles to be like the other kids. Adults

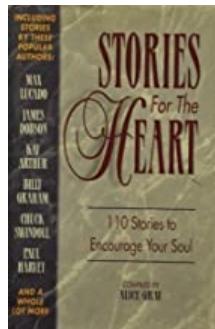


STORIES FOR THE HEART

Compiled by Alice Gray

Reviewed by Rick Johnson

The book contains 110 stories written by popular authors to encourage your soul. The stories give a fresh perspective to life's daily challenges and our response to them. They will make you smile and give you an inspirational kick if needed. This book is an enjoyable read. Adults



BETTER ALL THE TIME

by Carre Armstrong Gardner

The second in the **Darling Family** novels introduces us to Ivy's sisters in the Darling family, focusing on Seraphina and Amy and their true-to-life struggles with weight loss and being a workaholic. I enjoyed getting to know this family living in Maine and how God is working in their lives. There are a lot of wonderful lessons that come through these pages about loving and caring, not only for yourself but for others as well. You will want to read Book 1 **All Right Here** first. Adults



AN IVY HILL CHRISTMAS

by Julie Klassen

The 4th book in the Ivy Hill English series is sure to get you into the Christmas spirit. If you have read any of the other books, you will be delighted to return to that village and characters. But if you haven't, no worries. This is a stand alone that you will be able to get into right away. Richard Brockwell hasn't been home for years. He'd rather live in London. But his mother has threatened to cut him off unless he comes home for Christmas. Here he sees his old friend Arabella Awdry, who wants nothing to do with him. Watch as these characters tug on your heart as well as your funny bone. A great reminder of what Christmas is about. Adults

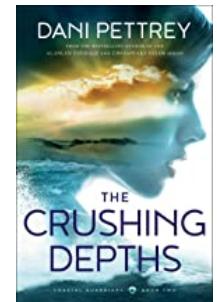


THE CRUSHING DEPTHS

by Dani Pettrey

Reviewed by Anita Geurink

I really enjoyed the book **The Crushing Depths** which is the second book in the Coastal Guardians series. It started off right away with action and mystery and carried it throughout the book. The characters are likeable and pull together as family and friends to solve several mysterious events from a case of harassment to a death that is suspicious. Just when I thought I had it figured out, there would be new clues and motives that surprised me. There is even a little bit of romance thrown in the mix. This book is a great way to keep you entertained during the holidays. Adults



LITTLE MOLE'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

by Glenys Nellist

Review from the *Banner*

Little Mole believes it's going to be the greatest Christmas ever because he has found the perfect gift for Mama: "the biggest, the best, the most beautiful mushroom he had ever seen!" As he drags the mushroom home, he imagines how surprised and pleased Mama will be to receive his awesome gift. As Little Mole sets off for home, he encounters needy creatures and is challenged to offer kindness again and again. Each time, his mushroom offers a solution to the problem. This gentle children's picture book about the gift of kindness subtly reflects author Glenys Nellist's trust in God, who showed immeasurable kindness by sending Jesus to redeem humanity and all of creation. Children

