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 Written after his wife's tragic death as a way of surviving the "mad midnight moment," *A Grief Observed* is C.S. Lewis's honest reflection on the fundamental issues of life, death, and faith in the midst of loss. This work contains his concise, genuine reflections on that period: "Nothing will shake a man -- or at any rate a man like me -- out of his merely verbal thinking and his merely notional beliefs. He has to be knocked silly before he comes to his senses. Only torture will bring out the truth. Only under torture does he discover it himself." This is a

beautiful and unflinchingly honest record of how even a stalwart believer can lose all sense of meaning in the universe, and how he can gradually regain his bearings. **Rudolf Steiner, Fragment of a Spiritual Biography** Crossroad
C. S. Lewis Goes to Hell by William O Flaherty is precisely as advertised. Part encyclopedia, part plot summary, part analysis, and part discussion guide, this book is a valuable resource for both an individual reader and for a small group interested in exploring in more detail Lewis satirical masterpiece. Don King, Professor of English Editor of *The Collected Poems of C. S. Lewis: A Critical Edition* A good study guide is surprisingly difficult: it must combine accuracy with imagination; it must be generative without being

speculative. O Flaherty delivers. I am genuinely excited about this important resource. Diana Pavlac Glyer, Professor of English Author of *Bandersnatch: C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, and the Creative Collaboration of the Inklings* Presenting *The Screwtape Letters* as a theatrical stage adaptation has had the wonderful benefit of inspiring hundreds if not thousands of theatre-goers to read Lewis classic novel. As a result we are often asked to suggest a study guide to help people wrestle more deeply with the themes and insights behind the brilliant, morally inverted universe that Lewis created. William O Flaherty's thoughtful, copious and insightful volume is what I will be recommending to them. It's the best of its kind. Max McLean, Artistic Director of

Fellowship for Performing Arts, New York, NY O Flaherty's companion to *ScrewTape* is seriously worth any Lewis lover's time, both for its penetrating study questions and its excellence as a reference tool. Charlie W. Starr, Professor of English Author of *Light: C. S. Lewis First and Final Short Story* Once C. S. Lewis best-known work, *The ScrewTape Letters* today has been somewhat eclipsed by *The Chronicles of Narnia*. For those discovering *ScrewTape* for the first time, William O Flaherty provides clear summaries, useful background information, and helpful discussion questions. Anyone leading a small group study will find this to be a valuable tool. Devin Brown, Professor at Asbury University Author of *A Life Observed: A Spiritual Biography of C. S. Lewis* A worthy resource that will be highly valued by scholars and fans of C. S. Lewis and his masterpiece, *The ScrewTape Letters*. Congratulations and thanks to William O Flaherty for his diligence and fine work! Carolyn Curtis, author of *Women and C. S. Lewis: What His Life and Literature Reveal for Today's Culture*. C. S. Lewis Goes to Hell is a comprehensive exploration which delves deep into the psychology of *ScrewTape* and his agenda. Fans of Lewis will relish the wisdom offered here and nurture a renewed appreciation for *The ScrewTape Letters*. Crystal Hurd Author of *Thirty Days with C. S. Lewis: A Women's Devotional*. William O Flaherty works as a Family Counselor in Pennsylvania. He also created the website EssentialCSLewis.com and hosts the *All About Jack* podcast to help advance the study of C.S. Lewis and related authors. "*Mere Evangelism* Brazos Press C. S. Lewis is one of the most influential Christian writers of our time. *The Chronicles of Narnia* has sold more than 100 million copies worldwide and all Lewis's works are estimated to sell 6 million copies annually. At the fiftieth anniversary of his death, Lewis expert Devin Brown brings the beloved author's story to life in a fresh, accessible, and moving biography through focusing on Lewis's spiritual journey. Although it was clear from the start that Lewis would be a writer, it was not always clear he would become a Christian. Drawing on Lewis's autobiographical works, books by those who knew him personally, and his apologetic and fictional writing, this book tells the inspiring story of Lewis's journey from cynical atheist to joyous Christian and challenges readers to follow their own calling. The book allows Lewis to tell his own life story in a uniquely powerful manner while shedding light on his best-known works.

Agaram Bagaram Baba A Life Observed Based on extensive inside sources, including exclusive interviews with the President and Vice President, *The Faith of Donald J. Trump* explores his rarely discussed, but deeply important, religious beliefs and relationships with leading Evangelicals. The Chief Political Correspondent for the Christian Broadcasting Network and the "Jesus in the Public Square" columnist for the *Washington Times* explore the rarely discussed, but deeply important, religious beliefs and worldview of Donald J. Trump and his advisors. Donald J. Trump was raised as a Presbyterian and has praised both Christianity and the primacy of the Bible. In the Oval Office, he has surrounded himself with close advisors who share his deep faith. In this deeply reported book, David Brody and Scott Lamb draw on unparalleled access to the White House to explain President Trump's connection to the Christian faith, the evangelical right, the prosperity gospel, and the pressing moral and ethical issues of our day. In part, the authors argue, President Trump won over evangelicals not by pandering to them, but by supporting them and all their most important issues without pretending to be something he's not. Though the forty-fifth president is far from the perfect vessel—he has been married three times—his supporters argue that Donald Trump may be just what America needs. This book reveals how he has surrounded himself with believers who think he is the one guiding figure who can return us to the traditional values—hard work, discipline, duty, respect, and faith—that have long been the foundation of American life, and truly make America great again in all ways. *Surprised by Joy* W. W. Norton & Company The first book to examine the profound relationship between Auden's faith and art *A Life Observed* Quest Books This book is a biography about Frida Kahlo, artist and wife of the famous Diego Rivera. *Seeking the Secret Place* CreateSpace A woman in the audience once handed Elvis a crown saying, "You're the King." "No, honey," Elvis replied. "There is only one king — Jesus Christ. I'm just a singer." Gary Tillery presents a coherent view of Elvis's thoughts through such anecdotes and other recorded facts. We learn, for instance, that Elvis read thousands of books on religion; that his crisis over making bimbo movies like *Girl Happy* led him to writers such as Gurdjieff, Krishnamurti, and Helena Blavatsky; and that, while driving in Arizona, an epiphany he had inspired him to learn Hindu

practice. Elvis came to believe that the Christ shines in everyone and that God wanted him to use his light to uplift people. And so he did. Elvis's excesses were as legendary as his generosity, yet, despite his lethal reliance on drugs, he remained ever spiritually curious. When he died, he was reading *A Scientific Search for the Face of Jesus*. This intimate, objective portrait inspires new admiration for the flawed but exceptional man who said, "All I want is to know and experience God. I'm a searcher, that's what I'm all about."

Frida Kahlo Simon and Schuster Henry Ossawa Tanner is a turn-of-the-century African-American painter who achieved great success in France and is now becoming even more famous in the U.S. Alongside the landscapes that brought him great acclaim, Tanner was also a genius in depicting Biblical scenes. This book examines Tanner's rich life through the lens of his paintings.

Martin Luther Crossway Presents an intriguing portrait of the thirteenth-century Sufi mystic, describing his youth in Afghanistan and Turkey, beliefs, spirituality, poetry, and political influence, in a study that also examines his impact on twentieth-century mysticism and literature.

C S Lewis Temple Lodge Publishing Provides a documented portrait of the well-known author.

Pursuing an Earthy Spirituality The Good Book Company

"A biography of a soul - it shows us not how we can be more like Nouwen but how, like him, we can become our own true selves: beloved of God."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

The Seeker King Wipf & Stock Publishers "Many of my ardent admirers would be roundly shocked and disturbed if they realized that everything I believe is thoroughly moral, thoroughly Catholic, and that it is these beliefs that give my work its chief characteristics." —Flannery O'Connor Flannery O'Connor's work has been described as "profane, blasphemous, and outrageous." Her stories are peopled by a sordid caravan of murderers and thieves, prostitutes and bigots whose lives are punctuated by horror and sudden violence. But perhaps the most shocking thing about Flannery O'Connor's fiction is the fact that it is shaped by a thoroughly Christian vision. If the world she depicts is dark and terrifying, it is also the place where grace makes itself known. Her world—our world—is the stage whereon the divine comedy plays out; the

freakishness and violence in O'Connor's stories, so often mistaken for a kind of misanthropy or even nihilism, turn out to be a call to mercy. In this biography, Jonathan Rogers gets at the heart of O'Connor's work. He follows the roots of her fervent Catholicism and traces the outlines of a life marked by illness and suffering, but ultimately defined by an irrepressible joy and even hilarity. In her stories, and in her life story, Flannery O'Connor extends a hand in the dark, warning and reassuring us of the terrible speed of mercy.

The Daily Show (The Book)

Westminster John Knox Press

Many Christians today tend to view the story of medieval faith as a cautionary tale. Too often, they dismiss the Middle Ages as a period of corruption and decay in the church. They seem to assume that the church apostatized from true Christianity after it gained cultural influence in the time of Constantine, and the faith was only later recovered by the sixteenth-century Reformers or even the eighteenth-century revivalists. As a result, the riches and wisdom of the medieval period have remained largely inaccessible to modern Protestants. Church historian Chris Armstrong helps readers see beyond modern caricatures of the medieval church to the animating Christian spirit of that age. He believes today's church could learn a number of lessons from medieval faith, such as how the gospel speaks to ordinary, embodied human life in this world. *Medieval Wisdom for Modern Christians* explores key ideas, figures, and movements from the Middle Ages in conversation with C. S. Lewis and other thinkers, helping contemporary Christians discover authentic faith and renewal in a forgotten age.

Frantz Fanon Zondervan

One of O, The Oprah Magazine's Ten Best Books of the Year The New York Times bestselling collection of essays from beloved poet, Mary Oliver. "There's hardly a page in my copy of *Upstream* that isn't folded down or underlined and scribbled on, so charged is Oliver's language . . ." —Maureen Corrigan, NPR's *Fresh Air* "Uniting essays from Oliver's previous books and elsewhere, this gem of a collection offers a compelling synthesis of the poet's thoughts on the natural, spiritual and artistic worlds . . ." —The New York Times "In the beginning I was so young and such a stranger to myself I hardly existed. I had to go out into the world and see it and hear it and react to it, before I knew at all who I was, what I was, what I wanted to be." So begins *Upstream*, a collection of essays in which revered

poet Mary Oliver reflects on her willingness, as a young child and as an adult, to lose herself within the beauty and mysteries of both the natural world and the world of literature. Emphasizing the significance of her childhood "friend" Walt Whitman, through whose work she first understood that a poem is a temple, "a place to enter, and in which to feel," and who encouraged her to vanish into the world of her writing, Oliver meditates on the forces that allowed her to create a life for herself out of work and love. As she writes, "I could not be a poet without the natural world. Someone else could. But not me. For me the door to the woods is the door to the temple." *Upstream* follows Oliver as she contemplates the pleasure of artistic labor, her boundless curiosity for the flora and fauna that surround her, and the responsibility she has inherited from Shelley, Wordsworth, Emerson, Poe, and Frost, the great thinkers and writers of the past, to live thoughtfully, intelligently, and to observe with passion. Throughout this collection, Oliver positions not just herself upstream but us as well as she encourages us all to keep moving, to lose ourselves in the awe of the unknown, and to give power and time to the creative and whimsical urges that live within us.

The Faith of Donald J. Trump HarperCollins
Traces the life of the twentieth-century Christian literary master, drawing on themes from the Narnia series to offer insight into Lewis's experiences, from his work as a medieval scholar to his role as a beloved children's book author.

Grief Observed Quest Books

Famous for setting in motion the Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther is often lifted high as a hero or condemned as a rebel. But underneath it all, he was a man of flesh and blood, with a deep longing to live for God. This biography by respected Reformation scholar Herman Selderhuis captures Luther in his original context and follows him on his spiritual journey, from childhood through the Reformation to his influential later years. Combining Luther's own words with engaging narrative designed to draw the reader into Luther's world, this spiritual biography brings to life the complex and dynamic personality that forever changed the history of the church.

Working Class Mystic Conciliar Press

Discover how this transitional season can reveal both the abundance and the limitations of our everyday lives. Autumn, with all its traditional images of colorful trees, frost-covered pumpkins, and piles of wood stored up against winter's cold, can be a season filled with anticipation. The harvest, the imminent onset of cold and

snow, the resumption of old routines, and the beginning of the school year all require preparation and planning. If summer has been something of a pause, autumn helps us to see the passage of time more clearly. Autumn is a season of fruition and reaping, of thanksgiving and celebration of abundance and goodness of the earth. But it is also a season that starkly and realistically encourages us to see our own limitations. Warm and stirring pieces by E. B. White, Anne Lamott, P. D. James, Julian of Norwich, May Sarton, Kimiko Hahn, and many others in this beautiful book rejoice in autumn as a time of preparation and reflection, when the results of hard labor are ripe for harvest.

The Terrible Speed of Mercy Harper Collins

John Lennon called himself a working class hero. George Harrison was a working class mystic. Born in Liverpool as the son of a bus conductor and a shop assistant, for the first six years of his life he lived in a house with no indoor bathroom. This book gives an honest, in-depth view of his personal journey from his blue-collar childhood to his role as a world-famous spiritual icon. Author Gary Tillery's approach is warmly human, free of the fawning but insolent tone of most rock biographers. He frankly discusses the role of drugs in leading Harrison to mystical insight but emphasizes that he soon renounced psychedelics as a means to the spiritual path. It was with conscious commitment that Harrison journeyed to India, studied sitar with Ravi Shankar, practiced yoga, learned meditation from the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, and became a devotee of Hinduism. George worked hard to subdue his own ego and to understand the truth beyond appearances. He preferred to keep a low profile, but his empathy for suffering people led him to spearhead the first rock-and-roll super event for charity. And despite his wealth and fame, he was always delighted to slip on overalls and join in manual labor on his grounds. At ease with holy men discussing the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita, he was ever the bloke from Liverpool whose father drove a bus, whose brothers were tradesmen, and who had worked himself as an apprentice electrician until the day destiny called. Tillery's engaging narrative depicts Harrison as a sincere seeker who acted out of genuine care for humanity and used his celebrity to be of service in the world. Fans of all generations will treasure this book for the inspiring portrayal it gives of their beloved "quiet" Beatle.

Jack's Life Zondervan

One December evening, Andy Gustafson

came home to find his wife and children murdered—a nightmare that few can imagine surviving. Yet, in his anguish, he found a God who cried with him. Step by step, with the help of others and his faith practices, he recognized the Light that shines in the darkness, a light the darkness never completely overcomes. In time, with God's Grace, he once again found family and purpose, vocation and fulfillment, joy. His life became a testimony to the enduring Light of God and a shining example to inspire others.

Andy encouraged people to find and tell their own faith stories, particularly those stories that begin with loss, rage, and despair. An appendix provides questions for small groups to explore Andy's life story and then their own experiences, discovering personal ways to Testify to the Light. "With the pace of a Grisham novel and the depth of Annie Dillard, Testify to the Light follows the journey of one man as he moves from despair to hope. Andy Gustafson had it all: a loving wife, a growing family, a successful career, a place in his close-knit community. But

when he returned home one evening to find his family brutally murdered, his world turned upside down and his journey out of that dark place began." Rev. Jane Willan, Pastor of First Congregational Church, Grafton, Mass, author of *Jump Start This Church!*"

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