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Reading Reflections

- 189.4 Abelard, Peter. *The Letters of Abelard and Heloise*.
 ABE This collection of correspondence between medieval scholar Peter Abelard and Heloise, a French nun, chronicles one of the most tragic love affairs in all history. With their letters, the estranged lovers both mourn and reproach their romantic history as they address a variety of scholarly and professional topics common to the medieval period.
- FIC Albom, Mitch. *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*.
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- PHA Anderson, Joan Wester. *Where Angels Walk*.
 This exhilarating book offers overwhelming evidence that heavenly beings are very much with us – combating evil, bringing news, warning of danger, consoling us in our suffering.
- 822.9 Bolt, Robert. *A Man for All Seasons*.
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- 868.209 Casas, Bartolomé de las. *A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies*.
 CAS A shocking catalogue of mass slaughter, torture and slavery, which showed that the evangelizing vision of Columbus had descended under later conquistadors into genocide.
- 242 Catherine, of Siena, Saint. *The Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena: Dictated by Her, While in the State of Ecstasy, to Her Secretaries, and Completed in the Year of Our Lord 1370: Together with an Account of Her Death by an Eye-witness*.
 CAT God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ, the real meaning of life, and how to live an authentic Christian life.
- 248.22 Caussade, Jean Pierre de. *Abandonment to Divine Providence*.
 Caussade encouraged others to “live in the moment,” accepting everyday obstacles with humility and love. Modern readers will find this volume a path to peace amid life's worries and anxieties.
- 821.1 Chaucer, Geoffrey. *The Canterbury Tales*.
 CHA The tales, told by a motley crowd of pilgrims drawn from all walks of life, reveal a picture of English life in the fourteenth century.
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 CHA Modern prose version by David Wright.
- 239 Chesterton, G. K. *Orthodoxy*.
 CHE Arguments in defense of the Christian faith.

- 158.128 ***Chicken Soup for the Soul: Extraordinary Teens.***
 CHI Personal stories and advice from today's most inspiring youth.
- 158.128 ***Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul.***
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- 242.63 ***Chicken Soup for the Christian Teenage Soul.***
 CHI Stories, poems, cartoons, anecdotes.
- 248.22 ***The Cloud of Unknowing: with the Book of Privy Counsel.***
 CLO A profound and practical guide to the path of Divine union – written in the form of letters from a spiritual master to an aspiring contemplative.
- FIC Conrad, Joseph. ***Great Short Works of Joseph Conrad.***
 CON Includes "Heart of Darkness," the story of the civilized, enlightened Mr. Kurtz who embarks on a harrowing "night journey" into the savage heart of Africa, only to find his dark and evil soul.
- 851.1 Dante Alighieri. ***The Divine Comedy.***
 DAN Includes *Inferno*, *Purgatorio*, and *Paradiso*. Dante tours hell, then purgatory, and finally ascends to heaven.
- 282.0924 Day, Dorothy. ***The Long Loneliness: the Autobiography of Dorothy Day.***
 DAY Dorothy Day was the founder of the Catholic Worker Movement and led numerous battles for justice.
- PB Diamant, Anita. ***The Red Tent.***
 DIA Dinah, Jacob's only daughter, shares her perspectives on the origins of many of our modern religious practices and sexual politics, imparting the lessons she has learned from her father's wives.
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- 508.9755 Dillard, Annie. ***Pilgrim at Tinker Creek.***
 DIL A collection of essays on the natural world during a year spent in the Blue Ridge Mountains reflects the author's interactions with her wilderness surroundings.
- 189.5 Eckhart, Meister. ***The Essential Writings.***
 ECK Eckhart was brought before the Inquisition and was tried as a heretic. In response, he produced "The Defense," a reply to the accusations of heresy. This book collects his most important writings, including his sermons and the famous response.
- 248.4 Francis, de Sales, Saint. ***Introduction to the Devout Life.***
 FRA This masterpiece of Christian literature by a sixteenth-century priest explains how to live a holy life in the secular world.
- PHA** Gerwing, Alphonse. ***Joining the Street People: Henrique's Encounter with the Trinity.***
 This pilgrim of our own time carries on the tradition of both the Russian pilgrims and St. Francis of Assisi, whose poverty and whose love of God and the human family are mirrored in Henrique's actions.

- PHA Gerwing, Alphonse. ***The Philosopher and the Coconut Thief.***
Quirino was killed by his "buddies" in some affair of the underworld, the world he knew from ages ten to seventeen and the world to which he returned for the last year of his life. But there was an interlude from ages seventeen to twenty-five that he fought for the street children of Brazil.
- PHA Girzone, Joseph F. ***Joey.***
Born with a smile on his face and music in his heart, a young boy tells the true story of his rare and beautiful love between himself and God.
- PHA Girzone, Joseph F. ***Joshua.***
When Joshua moves to a small cabin on the edge of town, the local people are mystified by his presence. What are the townsfolk to make of this enigmatic stranger?
- PHA Girzone, Joseph F. ***Joshua and the Children.***
Joshua, an unusual and attractive young man, comes to a village rent by partisan strife (Catholic and Protestant, guerrillas and political agitators) and immediately captures the hearts of the children, enchanting them with gentle stories and amusing sleight-of-hand until they carry his message to the adults.
- PHA Girzone, Joseph F. ***Joshua and the City.***
In an urban community where poverty, senseless violence, racism, and AIDS seem like insurmountable problems, Joshua manages to sow seeds of renewal with his words of love.
- 230.2 Greeley, Andrew. ***The Great Mysteries: Experiencing Catholic Faith from the Inside Out.***
GRE Greeley, a priest, sociologist, and best-selling author, explores twelve essential questions of faith.
- PHA Groome, Thomas H. ***What Makes Us Catholic: Eight Gifts for Life.***
Short essays, blending personal reflection, stories from Scripture and Church history, and exercises for prayer and reflection, define each ingredient of Catholic spiritual identity. The book's tone is accessible and nonjudgmental.
- PHA Hamilton, Jane. ***The Guardian.***
Tabris is a guardian angel convicted of the ultimate crime, of breaking the only written rule of a guardian angel, the murder of their charge. The other celestials expect God's swift justice, but Tabris is given another chance, another child to guard alongside her given guardian.
- PB Hansen, Ron. ***Mariette in Ecstasy.***
HAN When miraculous wounds appear on a seventeen-year-old postulant in an upstate New York convent who claims to have been seduced by God, a religious controversy ensues.
- PB Hosseini, Khaled. ***The Kite Runner.***
HOS A story of fierce cruelty and fierce yet redeeming love. Both transform the life of Amir, who comes of age during the last peaceful days of the monarchy, just before Afghanistan's revolution and its invasion by Russian forces.
- 232.91 Houselander, Caryll. ***The Reed of God.***
HOU Houselander depicts the intimately human side of Mary, Mother of God, as an empty reed waiting for God's music to be played through her.
- PHA Hunt, Angela Elwell. ***Dreamers.***
This novel contains all the fiery passion aroused in women by the Israelite "well-favored of the Lord" (Joseph), as well as the intrigue that permeated the royal court.

- PHA Jastrow, Robert. ***God and the Astronomers.***
A description of the astronomical discoveries of recent years and the theological implications of the new scientific insights into mankind's place in the cosmos. Jastrow explains the chain of events that led astronomers to accept the validity of the big bang.
- 282.092 John XXIII, Pope. ***Journal of a Soul.***
JOH "My soul is in these pages."
- 230.2 John Paul, II, Pope. ***Crossing the Threshold of Hope.***
JOH "Be not afraid."
- 242 Thomas, à Kempis. ***The Imitation of Christ.***
THO These meditations by a German priest on the life and teachings of Jesus offer a path to prayer and spiritual guidance.
- PB Miller, Walter M. ***A Canticle for Leibowitz.***
MIL A mesmerizing tale of the terrible aftermath of nuclear war that ranks with *Brave New World* and *1984*.
- 232.1 L'Engle, Madeleine. ***Bright Evening Star: Mystery of the Incarnation.***
L'E The journey to faith is different for everyone: this is L'Engle's story – beautifully presented by a renowned author and storyteller.
- 242.2 L'Engle, Madeleine. ***Glimpses of Grace: Daily Thoughts and Reflections.***
LEN Evocative passages for meditation from the collected writings of Madeleine L'Engle.
- 242 L'Engle, Madeleine. ***Penguins & Golden Calves: Icons and Idols.***
LEN How ordinary things can become "windows to God" that lead us to a richer faith.
- 242 L'Engle, Madeleine. ***Walking on Water: Reflections on Faith and Art.***
LEN As I listen to the silence, I learn that my feelings about art and my feelings about the Creator of the Universe are inseparable.
- 811.54 L'Engle, Madeleine. ***The Weather of the Heart: Selected Poems.***
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- 821.8 Hopkins, Gerard Manley. ***The Major Works.***
HOP The poems and selected prose of one of the most innovative of the nineteenth-century poets. Hopkins strove to reconcile his religious and artistic vocations.
- 248.22 John of the Cross, Saint. ***Dark Night of the Soul.***
JOH This discussion considers afflictions and pain suffered by the soul, followed by an extended explanation of divine love and the soul's exultant union with God.
- 242 Julian, of Norwich. ***Revelations of Divine Love.***
JUL The mystic revelations of this fourteenth-century anchoress reveal Christ's sufferings with extreme intensity, but they also confirm God's constant love for humanity and his infinite capacity for forgiveness.
- 242 Lawrence, of the Resurrection, Brother. ***The Practice of the Presence of God.***
LAW Through letters and conversations, Brother Lawrence simply and beautifully explains how to continually walk with God – not from the head but from the heart.

- PHA Lewis, Beverly. ***The Confession.***
Katie Lapp has known no other world than that of the Amish who raised her. When her refusal to accept their ways fully has resulted in her being shunned, Katie takes refuge with a Mennonite family and searches for her biological mother.
- PHA Lewis, Beverly. ***The Shunning.***
Why would Katie Lapp's mother, a plain and simple Amish woman who embraces the Old Ways, hide a beautiful satin baby dress in the attic? The staggering answer comes on the eve of Katie's wedding to widower Bishop John, throwing her life – present and future – into confusion.
- Lewis, Beverly. ***The Reckoning.***
Shunned from the Plain life of her youth, Katie Lapp (now known as Katherine) delights in the modern world, yet she longs for the peace that reigned in her mother's heart. Though her life is far removed from Lancaster County, she must come to terms with her Amish heritage.
- PHA Maier, Paul. ***A Skeleton in God's Closet.***
Jonathan Weber, Harvard professor and biblical scholar, is looking forward to a sabbatical year on an archaeological dig in Israel. But a spectacular discovery – a skeleton 2,000 years old! – will either shed light on the life of Jesus Christ or be the death rattle of the Christian faith.
- 248.34 Main, John. ***Word into Silence: a Manual for Christian Meditation.***
MAI John Main's classic book on learning to pray meditatively, creating a space for silence and simplicity in our busy schedules, so that we may begin to discover God and to find our true selves.
- 230 McBrien, Richard P. ***Catholicism.***
MCB Almost everything you will ever need to know about Catholicism.
- PB McDermott, Alice. ***Charming Billy.***
MCD This masterful novel shows how a community can pin its dreams to one man, and how good intentions can be as destructive as the truth they were meant to hide.
- 371.392 Montessori, Maria. ***The Montessori Method.***
MON The book introduces the guiding principles of the method: liberty for the child complemented by organization of the work by an adult (a "non-teacher," in Montessori's terms).
- 335.02 More, Thomas, Sir, Saint. ***Utopia.***
MOR More envisioned a patriarchal island kingdom that practiced religious tolerance, in which everybody worked, no one had more than his fellows, all goods were community-owned, and violence, bloodshed, and vice were nonexistent.
- PHA Myers, Bill. ***Blood of Heaven.***
An actual sample of Christ's blood is found on an ancient scrap of cloth. Researchers investigating its makeup find a convicted murderer on death row that is willing to allow them to convert his blood to that DNA makeup.
- 813.54 O'Connor, Flannery. ***A Good Man Is Hard to Find and Other Stories.***
OCO This volume contains the celebrated title story, a tale of the murderous fugitive The Misfit, as well as "The Displaced Person" and eight other stories.
- 230.2 Pascal, Blasé. ***Pen sees.***
PAS A collection of philosophical fragments notes and essays in which Pascal explores the contradictions of human nature in psychological, social, metaphysical and, above all, theological terms.

- PB Paterson, Katherine. ***Parsifal: the Quest of the Grail Knight.***
 PAT Raised by his mother in the wilderness, Parsifal knows nothing of knights and chivalry – or of his own destiny as the son of Gamete, a member of Arthur’s Round Table.
- 158.1 Peck, M. Scott. ***The Road Less Traveled: a New Psychology of Love, Traditional Values and Spiritual Growth.***
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- 248 ***Sayings of the Desert Fathers.***
 SAY The men and women of whom the Sayings speak were Christians who received the challenge of the Gospel with all earnestness and wanted to respond to it with their whole selves. The Sayings are close to parable and folk wisdom.
- 853.912 Silone, Ignacio. ***Bread and Wine.***
 SIL Set and written in Fascist Italy, this book exposes that regime’s use of brute force for the body and lies for the mind. Through the story of the once exiled Pietro Spine, Italy comes alive with priests and peasants, students and revolutionaries, all on the brink of war.
- 248.4 Teresa, of Avila, Saint. ***Interior Castle.***
 TER St. Teresa's vision was of a luminous crystal castle composed of seven chambers, or “mansions,” each representing a different stage in the development of the soul.
- 282.092 Therese, de Lemieux, Saint. ***The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lemieux: the Story of a Soul.***
 THE The autobiography of nineteenth-century French saint Therese of Lemieux was finished shortly before her death at the age of twenty-four and shows her devotion to Christ and her desire to spread his love to those who suffered.
- 271.302 Guilin, di Monte Santa Maria. ***The Little Flowers of Saint Francis.***
 UGO Stories of St. Francis of Assisi and his early companions – Stories of friars from the Province of the Marches.
- PHA Vanier, Jean. ***Be Not Afraid.***
 Jean Vanier is the founder of the l'Arche communities, which provide shelter for men and women who have a mental handicap. In this book he writes with sympathy and understanding of the fear Christians have of letting go of personal habits and ingrained attitudes, fear of the unknown and of the extent of self-commitment. He also shows how fear, in all its forms, can undermine ordinary human relationships.
- PHA Vanier, Jean. ***Followers of Jesus.***
 Vanier provides challenging meditations which reveal his dedication to those without – or with a limited – voice in society.
- 262.5 Vatican Council (2nd: 1962-1965). ***The Documents of Vatican II.***
 VAT The sixteen documents of Vatican II presented in a readable translation.
- PHA Vaughn, Ellen. ***The Strand.***
 Forced to live on her own for the first time, Anne begins to put her life together by visiting the tourist sites she had previously ignored. A chance meeting with a Holocaust survivor at the Holocaust Museum gives Anne the impetus to pursue her dream of tutoring inner-city youth, a goal her husband had found laughable. In the process, Anne learns enough about life and Christian faith to enable her to grow in ways she never thought imaginable.

821.912 Waugh, Evelyn. ***Brideshead Revisited.***

WAU When invited to Brideshead, the magnificent family home of Sebastian Flyte, Charles Ryder discovers a world where duty and desire, faith and earthly happiness are in conflict.

248 Weil, Simone. ***Waiting for God.***

WEI This classic collection of essays contains the renowned philosopher and social activist's most profound meditations on the relationship of human life to the realm of the transcendent.