

## **FICTION**

### ***The Infernus Files***

SOA Awarded: 1/18/11

Patrick S. O'Hara

Publisher: Self

Release date: Jan 1, 2011

ISBN: 978-0-557-60090-8

Imagine C.S. Lewis crossing the Tiber. Imagine the next book he wrote about his struggles to convert, especially with the unseen forces of evil. Imagine him writing this book in the same style as his SCREWTAPE LETTERS. That book is THE INFERNUS FILES. It is designed to show the many evil methods the forces of evil use to keep people from converting to the Church.

### ***The Boys Upstairs***

SOA Awarded: 1/18/11

Author: Jane Lebak

Publisher: MuseltUp Publishing

Release date: 12/1/10

ISBN: 978-1-926931-12-8

Synopsis: Jay Farrell, a crippled priest, has begun housing homeless boys in his rectory. Once a street kid himself, he was riding the rocket-train to a lifetime in prison until he drove over a land mine in Iraq. Today he works at an inner-city parish, running a soup kitchen and an impoverished church. With temperatures below zero and falling a few nights before Christmas, Jay's estranged brother Kevin dumps three more children on his front porch. Kevin, a cop who can't believe in God after all the evil he's seen, hasn't spoken to Jay in years, but he knows Jay will at least give the kids a place to stay. As they work together to meet the children's needs, they must confront the long-buried emotions that have divided them so long. The Boys Upstairs examines how hope can transform the ones society condemns as not worth saving.

### ***Death of a Liturgist***

SOA Awarded: 3/4/11

Author: Lorraine V. Murray

Publisher: Saint Benedict Press

Release date: published August, 2010

ISBN: 978-1-935302-46-9

Synopsis: St. Rita's is a vibrant suburban church with parishioners who like things on the traditional side: old-fashioned hymns from the choir, no-nonsense preaching from the priests, pious devotions in the chapel, and warm pastries in the rectory kitchen.

All that ends on the day the liturgist arrives

He promises to bring the parish "up to date," to make Mass more appealing to the tastes of modern Catholics. But all he does is make enemies; it seems St. Rita's isn't ready to "sing a new church in to being" quite yet. So when

the liturgist turns up dead, under mysterious and violent circumstances, everyone is a suspect.

Death of a Liturgist features the return of Francesca Bibbo, the irrepressible heroine of Death in the Choir. Join her and the rest of St. Rita's eccentric crew, including Sister Therese, Detective Tony Viscardi, and Ignatius the hamster (with a little help from the archbishop too) as they try to solve the mystery--and make St. Rita's safe for tradition again.

***HIDING THE STRANGER: THE TRILOGY***

SOA Awarded: 3/4/11

Author: JOAN L KELLY

Publisher: BEZALEL BOOKS

Release date: NOVEMBER 2010

ISBN: 978-0-9844864-8-9

Synopsis: When Katie Rivers discovers an unconscious teenager on the family farm, she and her siblings find themselves involved in intrigue and possible danger. With the help of the Rivers family, Sam--as Katie is now calling him--escapes the clutches of vicious kidnappers. The kids sneak their new friends out of Hickory Valley and into their cousin Chris' house. As the young stranger continues his quest to find his identity and reach home, his memory begins to return. He has the courage to run through fire and the wisdom to help Chris with a secret. Realizing that the criminals have located him, the teenage hero eludes the group and heads north on an Amtrak train. The quest that started on a small Illinois farm, culminates at the historic Union Station where one boy's fate is changed by another's act of self-sacrifice.

***Theophilos: A Novel***

SOA Awarded: 3/4/11

Author: Michael O'Brien

Publisher: Ignatius Press

Release date: March 2010

ISBN: 978-1-58617-368-5

Synopsis: St. Luke addressed his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles to a man named Theophilos. But who was Theophilos? Scripture scholars do not know, making him a fit subject for Michael O'Brien's vivid imagination. In this fictional narrative, Theophilos is the skeptical but beloved adoptive father of St. Luke. Challenged by the startling account of the "Christos" received in the chronicle from his beloved son Luke and concerned for the newly zealous young man's fate, Theophilos, a Greek physician and an agnostic, embarks on a search for Luke to bring him home. He is gravely concerned about the deadly illusions Luke has succumbed to regarding the incredible stories surrounding Jesus of Nazareth, a man of contradictions who has caused so much controversy throughout the Roman Empire. Thus begins a long journey that will take Theophilos deep into the war between nations and empires, truth and myth, good and evil, and into unexpected dimensions of his very self. His quest takes the reader into four ancient civilizations - the Greek, Roman, Jewish, and that of

Christianity at its birth, where he meets those who knew this man that some believe is the Messiah.

***The Loser Letters: A Comic Tale of Life, Death, and Atheism***

SOA Awarded: 3/4/11

Author: Mary Eberstadt

Publisher: Ignatius Press

Release date: March 2010

ISBN: 978-1-58617-431-6

Synopsis: A wickedly witty satire, *The Loser Letters* chronicles the conversion of a young adult Christian to atheism. With modern humor rivaling that of the media lampooning *Onion*, found on college campuses all over America, A. F. Christian's open letters to the "spokesmen of the New Atheism" explain her reasons for rejecting God and the logical consequences of that choice. Along the way she offers pithy advice to famous atheists such as Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens, in the hope of helping them win over more Christians. Amid the many current books arguing for or against religion, social critic and writer Mary Eberstadt's *The Loser Letters* is truly unique: a black comedy about theism and atheism that is simultaneously a rollicking defense of Christianity.

***UNTIL I RETURN: DAWN OF THE SHINING DARKNESS***

SOA Awarded: 4/6/11

Author: KENNETH E. NOWELL

Publisher: VERO HOUSE PUBLISHING

Release date: 11/16/10

ISBN: 978-0-9828279-0-1

Synopsis:

The prophets warned, Jesus Christ warned, even sacred apparitions and holy saints have continued to warn: We must change our ways. God is merciful, but He is also just.

Description: When prophecies converge with headlines, hooded clerics perform an ancient ritual in a hidden cave... A drifter without a past is accused of murder in a cloistered convent... An ambitious Latin beauty launches her U.S. presidential campaign... A brilliant technology team schemes to monopolize mankind's most precious resource... And a Russian oil billionaire plots chaos to control them all. As the world careens into crisis, one mysterious man declares what is and what shall be. Will anyone listen? *UNTIL I RETURN: DAWN OF THE SHINING DARKNESS* is a spiritual thriller based on true prophecies of saints. It weaves fascinating strands of Church history and prophecy into edge-of-your-seat fiction, producing a modern-day warning that the reader should never forget.

***The Reluctant Knight***

SOA Awarded: 4/6/11

Author: Joan L. Kelly

Publisher: Bezalel Books

Release date: Nov 2010  
ISBN: 978-0-9844864-7-2

Synopsis:

Even when his African village is attacked and burned by rebels, the native boy, Azam, does not lose his faith. With the guidance of an old priest and the memory of a special chalice, his belief in Christ in the Eucharist becomes even stronger. This belief leads him to the priesthood and on a journey to the United States.

**EPITAPH**

SOA Awarded: 4/6/11

Author: George Cameron Grant

Publisher: Baker's Plays

Release date: April, 2010 - Reprinted September, 2010

ISBN: 978-0-87440-236-0

Synopsis: Returning to the unmarked grave of his long-deceased father, Winston is determined to finally have carved into stone what he could never put into words. There he is met by C, a surprisingly young, beautiful, and very female stonecarver, who helps him discover that before anyone can sum up a life, they first have to look at that life, and their own, honestly.

**VIPER**

SOA Awarded: 7/31/11

Author: John Desjarlais

Publisher: Sophia Institute Press

Release date: June 2011

ISBN: 978-1-933184-80-7

Synopsis: On All Souls Day, Selena De La Cruz's name is entered in her parish church's "Book of the Deceased." The problem is, she's not dead. And someone thinks she should be. Is it "The Snake," a notorious drug dealer Selena helped to put in prison when she was a Special Agent with the DEA years ago? Or someone far, far more dangerous? Former DEA agent Selena De la Cruz has a problem. Just before All Souls Day, someone enters nine names in her parish's Book of the Dead, asking for prayers for their souls. Oddly enough, all of them are still alive. Until they start turning up dead. One by one. Even more oddly, a local teenaged girl claims to have a vision of a Blue Lady who predicts each death.

**Stealing Jenny**

SOA Awarded: 8/26/11

Author: Ellen Gable

Publisher: Full Quiver Publishing

Release date: September 1, 2011

ISBN: 978-0-9736736-2-3

Synopsis: After three heartbreaking miscarriages and despite complications in her current pregnancy, Jenny Callahan is happily anticipating the birth of her sixth child. Unbeknownst to her, however, her neighbor is hatching a sinister plot,

one which will find Jenny and her unborn baby fighting for their lives.

### ***Discovery***

SOA Awarded: 10/2/11

Author: Karina Fabian

Publisher: none yet

Release date: na

ISBN:na

Synopsis: ***In 2047, humankind has colonized the solar system, and an order of intrepid nuns, the Rescue Sisters, is there, ensuring safety and protecting the Spacers. When an alien ship is discovered in the Kuiper Belt, Sisters Ann, Rita and Tommie are sent to oversee the safety of the research and recovery operations. But when the crew discovers an alien device that can show them the weaknesses of their own souls, even the knowledge and faith of the mystic Sister Ann is challenged to protect them from their discovery.***

### ***Under A Fairy Moon***

Author: T. M. Wallace

Publisher: Brownridge Publishing

Release date: Aug. 1, 2011

ISBN: 978-0-9868657-0-1

Synopsis: Addy Marten sets out to explore her new neighbour's beautiful garden, and especially the rows of mysterious stone statues that she has glimpsed through her bedroom window. Instead of the enticing hideaway she has imagined, however, she finds herself trapped in the Median Realms, and an unwilling pawn in a game of Fairy Chess. She must use all her courage and wits to win the game and free herself from malicious fairy creatures and their twisted fairy-tale world.

### ***The Soul Reader***

SOA Awarded: 11/22/11

Author: Gerard D. Webster

Publisher: Westbow Press – a division of Thomas Nelson

Release date: 7/30/2011

ISBN: 978-1-4497-2052-0 (sc) Soft cover

ISBN: 978-1-4497-2053-7 (hc) Hard cover

ISBN: 978-1-4497-2051-3 (e) Electronic copy

Synopsis: The Soul Reader is the exiting sequel to In-Sight, the award-winning suspense novel. The two people Ward McNulty most wishes he could forget are the woman he once loved...and the man he still hates. He tries to burry the past; but that all changes when Carrie Hope breezes back into his life again. Carrie wants to reopen the investigation into the North Beach Project, a money laundering scheme that resulted in the murder of Ward's father. Ward reluctantly agrees—and he and Carrie become the target of the most dangerous assassin in the western hemisphere. It is in seeking justice that Ward finds Mercy...and love...once again.

## **YOUNG ADULT, MIDDLE GRADE, & CHILDREN'S**

### ***Olivia's Gift***

SOA Awarded: 1/18/11

Author: Nancy Carabio Belanger

Publisher: Harvey House Publishing

Release date: November 5, 2010

ISBN: 978-0-923568-99-3

Synopsis: In *Olivia and the Little Way*, Olivia Thomas was the new girl in school when she felt St. Therese of Lisieux enter her life. Now her relationship with the Little Flower has blossomed into a beautiful friendship as she prepares to follow the Little Way into seventh grade. School is out for the year and it's time for a fun beach adventure. However, Olivia discovers that sometimes it's difficult to be a good Catholic when you're in middle school, and she discovers she needs God and St. Therese more than ever. In this beautiful novel that celebrates modesty and the precious gift of life, Olivia learns that it takes blind faith every day—and that God is never far away, even on vacation.

### ***A Star in the Night***

SOA Awarded: 1/18/11

Author: Jennifer Gladen

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Release date: September 2010

ISBN:9781961633052

Synopsis: Geared for children 5-12, *A Star in the Night* is a Christmas story about the true meaning of Christmas. Is it all about the shopping, gifts, cookies and parties? Or is there something more David is missing? David makes his way home on Christmas Eve and sees this is no ordinary night. Accompanied by a shimmering star and some tough decisions, David encounters three experiences that will change his view of Christmas forever. Join David on his wondrous journey home.

### ***Traveling to Bethlehem***

SOA Awarded: 4/6/11

Author: Pam Blake-Virostko

Publisher: Cross Books

Release date: October 2010

ISBN: 978-1-6150-7334-4

Synopsis: Introduction to a series of musical Gospel storybooks for children. This first volume is about the birth of Jesus. The storybook also has a read-along CD.

### ***Our Treasure***

SOA Awarded: 4/6/11

Author: Michele Elena Bondi

Publisher: Joseph Karl Publishing

Release date: December 22, 2010

ISBN: 9781935356141

Synopsis: Children learn during story time that there is priceless treasure waiting for them, whenever they want to become very rich. Do you know where "Our Treasure" can be found?

***Ebram's Story: Book 1, The Haunting***

SOA Awarded: 5/2/11

Author: Esther Locascio (estherlocascio@satx.rr.com)

Publisher: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, LLC

Release date: Feb. 23, 2010

ISBN: 978-1-61566-164-0

Synopsis: Ebram Casis-Treski gets the shock of his life when he moves to a new town and finds that he has to make the leap from elementary school to middle school in sixth grade. But learning to make the adjustment is just the beginning of his problem. Something mysterious is going on on Texas Thistle Avenue that's difficult to ignore. Ice from the tap and in the toilet? Strange voices inside his siblings' heads? His grandfather's story about El Dia de los Muertos? And then there are the flying Santas! Ebram needs an answer, and the truth isn't what he thinks. Enter the Shroudas, a strange group of tweens and teens who challenge the community with their Christian belief in doing good and helping others as themselves. But are they too uncool for Ebram to befriend?

***Welcome Baby Jesus: Advent and Christmas Reflections for Families***

SOA Awarded: 5/2/11

Author: Sarah A. Reinhard

Publisher: Liguori

Release date: Sep 14, 2011

ISBN: 0764819976

Synopsis: Advent is a season almost forgotten by the secular world. With new toys and electronics available, why should we focus on this time of anticipation? Most everyone cannot wait for Christmas morning to arrive, but is it for the right reason? Sarah A. Reinhard designed Welcome Baby Jesus for you and your family to capture some of what's intended by the liturgical season of Advent. Each day has a Scripture quote from the Sunday gospel readings, a brief reflection, and an action to complete. With each passing Sunday, your Advent Wreath will grow brighter, your family's faith will grow stronger, and the true meaning of this season will be discovered.

***The Young Chesterton Chronicles- Book 1- The Tripods Attack!***

SOA Awarded: 11/22/11

Author: John McNichol

Publisher: Sophia Institute Press

Release date: March 2008

ISBN: 1933184264

Synopsis: Sixteen-year-old Gilbert Chesterton is orphaned and friendless, stuck working a menial job in grimy turn-of-the-century London. Then one night strange lights fill the sky, and a hail of giant meteors crashes into a field outside the city. The next day Gilbert

is amazed to find himself hired by a newspaper and rushed out to investigate the scene. Is it a harmless natural phenomenon, or the first wave of a Martian invasion? Gilbert is soon joined by three strangers with their own interest in the fantastic events: Herb Wells, the Doctor, and Father Brown. The companions fly frantically from danger to danger, battling street thugs from London's underworld and mechanical creatures from Mars. And so with only his friends, his wits, and a tattered holy card to help him, Gilbert must race to save the world all the while struggling to reconcile his troubling past with his budding faith in God.

***The Young Chesterton Chronicles- Book 2- The Emperor of North America***

SOA Awarded: 11/22/11

Author: John McNicho

Publisher: Bezalel Books

Release date: October 2011

ISBN: None yet

Synopsis: It's been over a year since Gilbert Keith Chesterton and his friends defeated the Martian tripod invasion. Since then, he has a new faith, a new job as a reporter for the London Times, and a new love—a beautiful heiress named Frances. Life couldn't be better.

But then things begin to go very wrong. Gilbert learns his life is in jeopardy, leaves England and returns to his American homeland, where he thinks he'll be safe. There he meets a powerful man who calls himself the "Emperor of North America."

Gilbert fights past dogged, airborne assassins and steam-powered cowboys, through the streets of New York and a floating city in the clouds. Along the way he learns that while his adversaries may change, America may not be any safer than England.

For it is in America that both Gilbert and Herb will confront their most dangerous opponents yet...  
Themselves.

**NONFICTION**

***Letters To Priests: Thanking the Men of the Catholic Church***

SOA Awarded: 3/4/11

Author: Anne Melissa Hughes

Publisher: Not sure, may self publish.

Release date: Before Fathers day.

ISBN: NA

Synopsis: Used social media to reach around the world collecting letters from Catholics whose lives were enriched because of a Catholic Priest. I asked them to share healing words given to them at a time of need. How did a Catholic priest guide you from grief to happiness?

***Just for the Moment: The Remarkable Gift of the Therapy Dog***

Author: Deanna K. Klingel

Publisher: Dog Ear

Release date: Sept. 24, 2010

ISBN: 978-1608-44656-8

Synopsis: Therapy dogs Lily and Jessie, the book's co-authors, share eight years



of their ministry bringing smiles and memories to hospitals, nursing homes, day cares, special needs schools and facilities in their mountain community. The book is nonfiction, but it's not a memoir and not a training manual. It is a collection of moments when the therapy dogs made a difference in someone's life, even if it was just for that moment. Some moments are humorous, some poignant, but all are remarkable. Author and dog handler Deanna K. Klingel says the point of the book is simple: Every moment in every life matters.

***Come My Beloved: Inspiring Stories of Catholic Courtship***

SOA Awarded: 5/2/11

Author: Edited by Ellen Gable Hrkach and Kathy Cassanto

Publisher: Full Quiver Publishing

Release date: June 2011

ISBN:978-0-9736736-1-6

Synopsis: "Come My Beloved: Inspiring Stories of Catholic Courtship" is a celebration of faith and enduring love. This compilation includes 12 courtship/dating stories which will inspire, captivate and entertain readers. Included are the following stories: A widow with eight children meets a widower with six children; a woman prays to God for a husband and years later, finds herself falling in love with a seminarian; a man asks his live-in girlfriend "What if we stopped having sex?" and is greeted with tears of joy; an atheist falls in love with her Catholic Prince Charming; a couple meet through a Christian introduction service....and many more. What these and all the couples in this book have in common is a deep faith in God and faithfulness to the Catholic Church's teachings.

***Catholic Traditions: Growing with Your Garden (working title)***

SOA Awarded: 7/31/11

Author: Margaret Rose

Publisher: St. Anthony Messenger Press/Servant Books,

Release date: proposed spring 2012

ISBN: not yet

Synopsis: Catholic Traditions Growing with your Garden gives you practical advice on how to incorporate your Catholic religious heritage into your garden environment This book identifies several Catholic traditions and how to create a garden space to feature them. Development of conceptual gardens such as Marian, rosary, devotionals, biblical themes, Stations of the Cross, labyrinths, seasonal customs and holy days are explained. There is extensive information on the symbolism and legends of plants as related to our Catholic heritage and how these plants are used to teach our faith. You will recognize several of these plants at your local greenhouse and nursery. The book looks at Christian symbols throughout history and how to bring these elements into the garden. For centuries the papacy, monks and nuns have known the peace of praying in a garden; it is often easier to recognize the Creator's hand at work through nature. As Catholics who garden we often desire to bring our rich heritage of religious traditions into our gardens. This book will guide you in doing so.

***Dream of the Great Ship – Interpretations of Saint John Bosco's Dream of the Two Columns***

SOA Awarded: 7/31/11

Author: Tim Bartel

Publisher: Golden Arrow

Release date: Feb 1, 2006

ISBN: 097692420X

Synopsis: In 1862 Saint John Bosco warned about "persecutions that are in store for the Church." This had been revealed to him in a dream, which he told to four hundred boys. In the dream there was a great ship steered by the pope heading for pillars of the Eucharist and Mary amid storms and hostile enemy ships. John told of ships ramming the great ship of the Church and a pope who falls during the battle. The dream caused "no end of wonderment" for the boys and for generations of Catholics. Now for the first time, the meaning of these images is uncovered. Whether you are familiar with John Bosco's dream of the two columns or you are discovering it for the first time this book will engage you as you encounter the fantastic world of a modern clairvoyant saint and uncover what his dream means to us today.

***Unbridled Grace: A True Story about the Power of Choice***

SOA Awarded: 7/31/11

Author: Dr. Michael J. Norman

Publisher: Dog Ear Publishing

Release date: May 2011

ISBN: 978-145750-096-1

Synopsis: A naive doctor fresh out of school was just what the Russian Mafia sought for their fraudulent medical ring. As a surface Christian living a self-absorbed life, Dr. Michael Norman was the perfect hire for their web of evil after answering a two-line classified ad in the newspaper. Months later, it became difficult to distinguish the bad guys from the good guys as Dr. Norman's cooperation was cruelly turned against him by corrupt government officials well aware of his accidental ties to this criminal conspiracy. What follows is a frightening true story that could occur to any of us, and a powerful faith journey to redemption that is made possible only through our Christian faith and the bold use of our power of choice for God.

***Catholic Family Boot Camp***

SOA Awarded: 7/31/11

Author: Mary Lou Rosien

Publisher: Bezalel Books

Release date: 2011

ISBN: Not available

Synopsis: An active devotion/book designed to help families work as a team and increase in virtue.

### ***Reiser's Ramblings***

SOA Awarded: 7/31/11

Author: Father Bernard Reiser

Release date: 6/13/2010

ISBN: 978-0-615-36478-0

Synopsis: "Reiser's Ramblings" is a collection of the best columns written over the past three decades by Fr. Bernard Reiser, former pastor of Epiphany Parish in Coon Rapids, Minn. In the book, find Fr. Reiser's take on everyday topics such as family, kindness, gratitude, prayer, helping others, and staying focused on what's important in life. Fr. Reiser's essays are rich in symbolism, wise in understanding of human nature, and fruitful in explicating the word of God.

Fr. Reiser brings together a wonderful collection of "ramblings" that all of us can take home and take to heart. Father is a master in the art of spiritual storytelling; he engages, entertains, and challenges with undeniable hope. He has a gift and he shares it generously in this lovely book. Included are stories with the deep conviction that our human journey and our spiritual journey are intrinsically linked.

### ***Not My Mother's Journey***

SOA Awarded: 8/26/11

Author: Heather St. Aubin-Stout

Publisher: Xlibris

Release date: Jan. 2011

ISBN: 9781456830892

Synopsis: The story of Heather St. Aubin-Stout's mother's cancer and subsequent death while negotiating her own struggle with breast cancer. The honest and candid story is told in journal form, while including emails from family and friends.

### ***Praying the Mass: The Prayers of the People***

SOA Awarded: 11/22/11

Author: Jeffrey Pinyan

Publisher: ? (not provided)

Release date: ? (not provided)

ISBN: ? (not provided)

Synopsis: What does "God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God" mean? Why is "And also with you" being changed to "And with your spirit"? Where does "I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof" come from?

The new English translation of the Roman Missal is a cause for great joy among English-speaking Catholics, but it can also be a source of confusion if the changes it introduces are not adequately explained. Praying the Mass provides a mystagogical catechesis on the new Mass translation which reveals the Scriptural origins of the Mass, explains the words we say and hear, and draws you more deeply into "the greatest prayer that can be prayed," the Mass.

### ***Praying the Mass: The Prayers of the Priest***

SOA Awarded: 11/22/11

Author: Jeffrey Pinyan

Publisher: ? (not provided)

Release date: ? (not provided)

ISBN: ? (not provided)

Synopsis: What do the vestments the priest wears for Mass signify? What are the prayers he says quietly? Why does he extend his hands over the bread and wine in the Eucharistic Prayer? Why is "for you and for all" being changed to "for you and for many"? Why do we "dare to say" the Our Father?