

FICTION

Annabelle of Anchony: Burdens of the Mind SOA Awarded: 3/26/12

Author: Ruth Apollonia (pen name)

Real name: Angela R. Anderson (don't publish!)

Publisher: Tate Publishing Release date: May 2012? ISBN: 978-1-61346-800-5

Synopsis: When the emerald-eyed *Annabelle of Anchony* is kidnapped and taken to a desolate island at the age of five, she is rescued and raised by a mysterious man named Peter. For thirteen years the island is her home, but when her kidnappers return, she is forced to leave her comfortable inhabitancy and journey back to a family she barely remembers in an unrecognizable, perilous country. Will she ever find her way back to her family? Can Anchony ever truly be her home? Can she continue to believe in God's unconditional love as she loses those whom mean the most to her and unearths secrets that threaten the stability of the entire nation?

Set against the backdrop of the High Middle Ages, this thrilling tale of adventure, mystery, and political intrigue is sure to captivate readers.

Forget Me Not

SOA Awarded: 3/26/12 Author: Elizabeth Schmeidler Publisher: Elizabeth

Schmeidler Release date: 3/11/11 ISBN: 978-1-105-12956-8 Synopsis: Things are

not always what they seem ~ Just shy of her eighteenth birthday, Ambria Burke

wants nothing more than to be free—free to enjoy the world, meet new friends,

and explore the alluring thrill of love and romance. So when her loving, but over-

protective, father decides to choose a husband for her, she feels the need to

escape the confines of her safeguarded home to embark on a secret middle-of-

the-night excursion. The freedom she longs for is quickly cut short, however,

when she makes a surprising discovery that will change her life forever. Having

put herself in grave danger, Ambria is now forced to address her mother's

sudden disappearance seventeen years ago, as she wonders if her father's worst

fears will soon become a reality. A 19th century tale of danger, mystery,

everlasting love, and faith, *Forget Me Not* will hold your heart captive until the

very last word.

A Child Will Lead Them

SOA Awarded: 3/26/12

Author: Elizabeth Schmeidler

Publisher: Elizabeth Schmeidler

Release date: October 19, 2011

ISBN: 978-1-105-16699-0

Synopsis: While journeying on horseback to his uncle's estate, Garrett Westfield

is taken completely by surprise when a late September squall swiftly descends upon him. In an attempt to find shelter from the dangerous and crushing tempest, he ventures into an abandoned dwelling where he makes a shocking discovery that will change his life and heart forever. A quick-reading tale of romance, faith, and suspense, *A Child Will Lead Them* will warm your heart, make you laugh, make you cry, and keep you anxiously turning pages to uncover the truth

Down Right Good

Author: Karen Kelly Boyce

Publisher: KFR Communications, LLC

Release date: June 15, 2011

ISBN: 978-0-9828959-1-7

Synopsis: Ten-year-old Angie delivers the town tabloid with natural wisdom and confidence. The characters she meets along her way have varied adult troubles and lives. Born with Down syndrome and an ability to see angels, Angie's simple knowledge and common sense transform those who line her route. Based on the third joyful mystery of the Rosary - the birth of Christ - Angie's story emphasizes that God often speaks to us through others. He delights in using the weakest to reach the strongest. Christ humbled himself to come as a babe, so his wisdom comes to us through those considered the least by society.

Pursued by Love

SOA Awarded: 3/26/12

Author: Jeanne Bush

Publisher: Trafford

Publication Date: not provided

ISBN: not provided

Synopsis: This is a love story, but it's radically different because the love of God breaks into the novel like a whirlwind. What is the price of such love? Are the characters, especially one young woman, able to accept the magnificent challenge? The plot is woven around this theme of love--human and divine with the golden thread of the gospel of St. John binding it together. It's a story of mystery and suspense in the lives of characters who are very much like you and I.

Hawk Dancer (2nd Edition)

SOA Awarded: 3/26/12

Author: JOSHUA SEIDL, SSP

Submitter's name: BRO. JOSHUA SEIDL

Publisher: Lulu.com

Release date: April 2011

ISBN: 978-1-257-15507-1

Synopsis: Historical fiction of relationships among Anishinabe (Native

Americans), Metis (mixed) and Euro-Americans with the Churches and society at large. The story is set in the woodlands of the northern Great Lakes Region, namely Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The author weaves in concepts of Vatican II documents on "inculturation" for the promotion of indigenous cultures within the Church. A Native American Franciscan Friary anchors the characters. Dynamically driven.

Sons of Cain

SOA Awarded: 6/25/12

Author: Val Bianco

Publisher: Lepanto Group, LLC

Publication Date: 4/9/2011

ISBN: 9780983526216

Synopsis: This is the story of an assassination attempt on the Supreme Court, advanced by a group of international Satanists, led by the ancient man/demon, Namon. The purpose is to have the Court replaced with secular Justices appointed by an ultra liberal President. Once the court is replaced, the assault on the Church, through government Health Care via abortion, and euthanasia will be unstoppable. The attempt is met by wealthy ex-Navy Seal, Nick Rieper, and his group of modern day, special forces Knights. The story explores the unwitting participation of a secular government with diabolical evil, including a President who intends to support an apostate Cardinal in an attempt to form a new heterodox Catholic Church.

The Cameo

SOA Awarded: 6/25/12

Author: Lorraine Shelstad

Publisher: CreateSpace

Publication Date: 4/17/2011

ISBN: 1456301055

Synopsis: Victorian England meets Romantic Tuscany. Captain James Marsh returns from service in Asia after World War II. He leases a house and the cleaning staff find a cameo brooch. His search for the owner leads him to a story of romance in 19th century Italy. The young English heroine is confronted by ideas of love, the meaning of life and religious beliefs. As Captain Marsh discovers the story, his own life is changed, too.

Angela's Song

SOA Awarded: 6/25/12

Author: AnnMarie Creedon

Publisher: Full Quiver Publishing

Publication Date: 10/7/2012

ISBN: 978-0-9879153-1-3

Synopsis: Widow and mother of three, Angela 'Jel' Cooke is full of regret about her marriage to her late husband. Her close friends can see that she is keeping busy to avoid her pain. But no amount of cooking, baking, volunteering or late-night games of Yahtzee with her BFF can bring her any peace. When Jack Bartolomucci walks into her life, he challenges Angela to face her demons head on. What follows is a poignant, sometimes hilarious tale of hope and healing.

Catholic Philosopher Chick Makes Her Debut

SOA Awarded: 6/25/12

Author: Rebecca Bratten Weiss & Regina Domain

Publisher: Chesterton Press

Publication Date: 4/1/2012

ISBN: 978-0982767764

Synopsis: Traveling to Texas to study philosophy, Catelyn Frank encounters a plentitude of dilemmas, including the roommate from hell, a classful of seven chauvinistic men, and a bewildering feeling that the Perfect Guy is close at hand...But with her trusty Summa, the prayers of the Angelic Doctor, and her eclectic friends, Cate is sure she can win her classmates' respect--even when they try to use her beloved Aquinas against her!

A Burning Call

SOA Awarded: 9/26/12

Author: Mia Merran

Publisher: Infinity Publishing

Publication Date: June/July 2012

ISBN: 978-0-7414-7206-9

Synopsis: A BURNING CALL is a dynamic portrait of a contemporary Catholic family. The story presents an evocative modern day picture of a declining culture and a man's pursuit to preserve the innocence of his children with his cherished wife by his side, along with her confidence in the Mother of God. Through a number of unexpected events, their lives are altered far beyond their imaginations through mystery and miracles while revealing that one man's motivation for truth was in reality an invitation from God. This story incorporates faith, family, romance, humor, drama and music. It is a venture from suburbia to seaside, through trials and tribulations, from darkness into light. It is a place to escape ones daily struggles as these characters capture your heart in achieving their endeavors and while dodging death defying moments with a bolt from the blue.

Terrapin

SOA Awarded: 9/26/12

Author: T.M. Doran

Publisher: Ignatius Press

Publication Date: October 2012

ISBN: 978-1-58617-721-8

Synopsis: Dennis Cole and his three best buddies from childhood gather for a weekend reunion. On the first night, one of men is murdered--or is he? A murder mystery and a coming of age story, both with many twists and turns, Terrapin is about reconciliation with the dramatic reality of free will--man's potential for doing either good or evil, his tendency to do the latter, and his response to the consequences of his actions.

YOUNG ADULT, MIDDLE GRADE, & CHILDREN'S

The Priest and the Peaches

SOA Awarded: 6/25/12

Author: Larry Peterson

Publisher: Tribute Books

Publication Date: December 2011

Kindle edition (we have a file for review for those w/o kindle)

Synopsis: *The Priest and the Peaches* is a historical fiction set in the Bronx in the mid-1960s. The book takes a seven day journey with the five, newly orphaned Peach kids, as they begin their struggle to remain a family while planning their dad's funeral. They find an ally in the local parish priest, Father Tim Sullivan, who tries his best to guide them through the strange, uncharted and turbulent waters of "grown-up world." This is an e-book and the first in a planned series.

The Younger Days

SOA Awarded: 6/25/12

Author: Mike Hays

Publisher: MuseltUp

Publication Date: March 2012

ISBN: 978-1-77127-005-2

Synopsis: In post-Civil War Missouri, tension builds to a boiling point between 11-year old Boy Smyth and his mild mannered, devout father over the father's embarrassing lack of support for Boy's Border War heroes, the outlaw Cole Younger and the notorious Border War phantom William "The Butcher" Bryant. Their farm is visited by Cole Younger and his injured brother, Jim, of the infamous James-Younger gang, on the run after a train robbery. Surprisingly, Boy discovers the Youngers are childhood friends of his parents. Cole has come to their farm for

the aid of Boy's mother to nurse Jim's gunshot wound. The Youngers rest and heal as Boy learns about his family's past and understands why Pa is like he is. After the Youngers leave, a revenge-seeking band of ruffians arrive at the farm. Everything the family has is threatened, forcing Pa to unleash a hidden identity to save his family.

Sisters of the Last Straw: The Case of the Haunted Chapel

SOA Awarded: 6/25/12

Author: Karen Kelly Boyce

Publisher: KFR Communications, LLC

Publication Date: 2012

ISBN: 978-0982895924

Synopsis: This is the first of a series of children's books about a group of misfit nuns . These nuns and their mad-cap adventures teach the importance of tolerance and forgiveness. As the nuns solve little mysteries they focus on the virtues of the Gospel and the frailties of human nature. In this the first book the nuns hear 'voices' in the chapel and fear that the chapel is haunted. After some investigation the nuns find a hidden apartment where a homeless family lives. They offer the family both the living quarters and a job helping the nuns. The humorous escapades of the characters teach the basics of Christian values, growth , and love.

Summer of My Dissent: John Paul II High Book 3

SOA Awarded: 6/25/12

Author: Christian M. Frank

Publisher: Chesterton Press

Publication Date: December 2011

ISBN: 978-0982767740

Synopsis: Allie Weaver is grieving and disillusioned with John Paul 2 High and with her newfound Catholic faith, so when a friend invites her to worship at her evangelical church, Allie goes along for the ride: and finds healing. Suddenly Catholicism is seeming a bad fit for Allie: the standards are too high, she's not clicking with the new crop of JP2HS kids and their strict parents, and her new church just seems much more fulfilling. Meanwhile, the JP2 students return to give the school building a makeover – only to find that the Poltergeist has returned as well, with more dangerous pranks. Brian Burke is determined to catch the ghost once and for all -- but finds his mission just might be saving Allie.

Undercover Papist: John Paul II High Book 4

SOA Awarded: 6/25/12

Author: Christian M. Frank

Publisher: Chesterton Press

Publication Date: 4/1/2012

ISBN: 978-0-9827677-5-7

Synopsis: So you've just been sent on Mission Impossible, to get the most popular girl in your school to come back to the Catholic Church...Brian goes to Bible Camp undercover to rescue Allie, but it looks like a lost cause. Allie seems to be getting on just fine: helping her new Christian friends love God, and dating the camp's hot worship leader. But inside, Allie still feels lost, and wonders if she's really changed. Between figuring out how girls work and defending his faith against zealous fellow campers, Brian starts to realize that if he wants to help Allie, maybe he's the one who needs to change...

Shadow in the Dark

SOA Awarded: 11/29/12

Author: Antony Barone Kolenc

Publisher: Oak Tara

Release Date: Reprint of 2007 release

ISBN: Not available yet

Synopsis: Bandits attack a medieval village. A young boy is injured and loses his memory.

He wakes up at a Benedictine monastery and is given the name Xan—short for Alexander. But when the monastery is raided and a monk is accused of a violent crime, Xan must uncover the truth. Could the raid be related to the one that destroyed his village? And what about the shadowy figure Xan has seen lurking on the abbey grounds at night? As he solves the mystery, Xan learns about faith and grapples with the mystery of death.

The Haunted Cathedral

SOA Awarded: 11/29/12

Antony Barone Kolenc

Publisher: Oak Tara

Release Date: Rerelease of 2008 title

ISBN: Not available yet

Synopsis: In this sequel to "Shadow in the Dark," the orphan Xan leaves the safety of his medieval abbey to solve a new mystery, as he learns the value of forgiveness and begins to discern his life's true vocation. The road to Lincoln, England, is perilous for him and Brother Andrew, the monk who has befriended him. Accompanied by a dangerous prisoner, struggling with doubt and unable to forgive his parents' murderer, Xan will face his greatest challenge yet. But will it come from within himself—or from the dark cathedral, which is rumored to be haunted?

The Fire of Eden

SOA Awarded: 11/29/12

Author: Antony Barone Kolenc

Publisher: Oak Tara

Release Date: To be released in 2013

ISBN: Not available yet

Synopsis: In this third book of the trilogy, the orphan Xan and his friend, Lucy, join the abbey's monks on a trip to Grenton Priory, where Xan's mentor, Brother Andrew, will be ordained a priest. But after a priceless ruby ("Eden's Fire") is stolen, Xan must confront a mysterious magician, a den of robbers, and Brother Andrew's hard-headed mother before he can discover the true thief. Even more troubling, Xan must choose between a future at the abbey or a new life with his uncle in far-away Lincoln.

Finding Grace

SOA Awarded: 11/29/12

Author: Laura Pearl

Publisher: Bezalel Books

Release Date: August 2012

ISBN: 978-1-936453-11-5

Synopsis: At the age of thirteen, Grace Kelly (who has been saddled with the name of a world-renowned beauty, but is far from one herself) is inspired by an offhand comment from her father to become a saint. But coming of age and falling deeply in love for the first time in the early 1970's--in the wake of the 60's "sexual revolution" and the historic Roe v. Wade decision--presents true challenges for young people who are trying to live chastely. Grace realizes that without the help of God, the Blessed Mother, and all the saints in Heaven, navigating the thorny path to sainthood would be an almost insurmountable task.

A Titanic Hero: Thomas Byles

SOA Awarded: 11/29/12

Author: Cady Crosby

Publisher: CreateSpace

Release Date: July 31, 2012

ISBN: 9781478268987

Synopsis: One man...one ship...one night that was to be remembered forever. Thomas Byles, a Roman Catholic priest on board the R.M.S. Titanic, had the principle, "Give what you have," instilled into him from a very young age. His training, commitment, and love for others culminated into one shining example of fortitude in the face of danger. This book, historical fiction, narrates the life of Thomas Byles. It's a story that you won't want to miss.

Frozen Footprints

SOA Awarded: 11/29/12

Author: Therese Heckenkamp

Publisher: Tumblr House

Release Date: October 2012

ISBN: 978-0-9842365-7-2

Synopsis: "Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror of the night." When a wealthy young man disappears and a ransom note shows up, his twin sister's world is shattered. Fearing the worst, Charlene determines to find her brother before it's too late. Her quest hurls her into a twisted, frigid world of icy terror. The twins struggle for survival while enduring fierce trials of mind, body, and spirit. Devoid of all worldly comfort and consolation, will faith and hope be enough to get them through this chilling nightmare?

NONFICTION

Forgotten Truths To Set Faith Afire! Words to Challenge, Inspire and Instruct

SOA Awarded: 3/26/12

Author: Michael Seagriff

Publisher: Self

Release date: December 2011

ISBN: Version:978-1466242579

Synopsis: Lay Dominican Michael Seagriff has compiled more than 1200 challenging, inspiring and instructive quotations from Sacred Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and from the spiritual insight of Popes, Church Doctors, Saints, bishops, priests, sinners, and regular folk. These are essential truths he has gleaned from more than a decade of spiritual reading and reflection. These Forgotten Truths, divided into seventeen chapters and 112 topics, opened his eyes, spoke to his heart, and stirred his soul. The power of these truths changed his life and can do the same for all who read and reflect upon them.

Managing Your Time, Energy, and Talent in Ministry

SOA Awarded: 3/26/12

Author: John P. Flanagan

Publisher: Alba House (Society of St.Paul) Staten Island, NY

Release date: 2006

ISBN: 0-8189-1233-2; 978-0-8189-1233-7

Synopsis: This book is a "must read" for clergy and those involved in ministry of all religious denominations as well volunteers in charitable organizations. It offers business and spiritual based guidelines for effective use of their time, energy and talents in their respective areas of ministry.

Time is brief and precious while our obligations are many; the needs we serve are often serious and urgent. It is critically important for those in ministry to know how to juggle the disparate challenges in their daily lives so they don't burn out

but rather are enriched by the services they perform.

The author calls upon his many years of experience in both the professional management and ministry arena to provide invaluable advice in these pages. He reveals both his successes and failures and the wisdom acquired that will provide enlightenment and encouragement to those who seek to better serve God, Church and community.

Catholic Family Fun

SOA Awarded: 6/25/12

Author: Sarah Reinhard

Publisher: Pauline Books & Media

Publication Date: April 2012

ISBN: 9780819816047

Synopsis: Discover how game night/day meets Catholicism in Catholic Family Fun: A Guide for the Adventurous, Overwhelmed, Creative or Clueless, an inspirational guidebook offering activities with strategies and suggestions for fun family engagement - with one another and with faith! A great resource for parents, grandparents, caretakers, and family friends, this book conceptualizes a wide range of fun, practical activities that strengthen faith formation in young to grade-school age children.

A Catholic Mother's Companion to Pregnancy: Walking With Mary From Conception to Baptism

SOA Awarded: 9/26/12

Author: Sarah Reinhard

Publisher: Ave Maria Press

Publication Date: 9/24/12

ISBN: 9781594712982

Synopsis: Designed to help expectant mothers embrace pregnancy as an opportunity for spiritual growth, A Catholic Mother's Companion to Pregnancy prepares mothers for the trials and joys of pregnancy, childbirth, baptism, and, ultimately, motherhood. Each week of pregnancy is paired with a mystery of the Rosary, a personal, down-to-earth reflection, advice for living the sacramental life, and a prayer to help the reader grow in faith as she bonds with her unborn child.

Fools, Liars, Cheater and Other Bible Heroes

SOA Awarded: 9/26/12

Author: Barbara Hosbach

Publisher: Franciscan Media

Publication Date: 7/1/12

ISBN: 97801061636-429-8

Synopsis: Fools, Liars, Cheaters & Other Bible Heroes explores the diverse

stories of 28 biblical figures--men and women with a wide range of strengths and weaknesses. From Hosea, who made himself a fool for God to the Samaritan woman who was the town tramp, God invited these individuals to respond to his plan for them just as he invites each of us today. Questions for reflection and discussion at the end of each chapter help readers identify with the stories, reflect on the way God is calling them in the here and now, and craft their own unique response.

The Bible Tells Me So: A Year of Catechizing Directly From Scripture

SOA Awarded: 9/26/12

Author: Christian LeBlanc

Publisher: Create Space

Publication Date: May 2012

ISBN: 1-4752-9665-7

Synopsis: 30 Lessons. 2 Testaments. 1 Mass. If you are a middle-school catechist or homeschooler looking for tried-and-tested ways to use the Bible to teach the Catholic faith to a roomful of tired kids, this is the book for you. The Bible Tells Me So recounts one year of Bible-based Catholic teaching for 6th-graders, featuring both Bible-sourced Catechesis, and the give-and-take between teacher and students. It's intended to provide a firm Scriptural foundation for today's Catholic children, and give them an invaluable familiarity with the Bible and their faith at the same time. The Bible Tells Me So is divided into three Units: 1 and 2 treat the Bible chronologically from Genesis to Revelations, emphasizing the Catholic understanding of Scripture. Unit 3 then examines the Mass in lessons which draw from the knowledge gained in the preceding units, using the Bible and a Missalette.

Swept Up By the Spirit

SOA Awarded: 11/29/12

Author: Gary Garner

Publisher: Self published

Publication Date: 7/2/2012

ISBN: 978-0-9856705-2-8

Synopsis: The author, a designer/building contractor of luxury homes becomes overwhelmed by the mortgage/ housing crisis of the 1970's. Mired in darkness, shackled with debt, depressed and suicidal, with no faith and seemingly no place to turn for help, the Holy Spirit orchestrated an almost unbelievable awakening that launched him on a lifetime evangelical mission.

Jesus and the Holy Spirit supernaturally entered into his daily life and the lives of others and intercepted, redirected and empowered them. The book recounts actual events, described as they happened ,of radical transition from worldly choices and near devastation to the Glory of God's kingdom, the pursuit of His will, filled with discovery of the Holy Spirits presence and redemptive

involvement in everyday life, often at the least expected times and places. Just like Acts of the Apostles, the Holy Spirit will show you how He turns Satan's maze into the Lord's life changing amazement

A Special Mother Is Born

SOA Awarded: 11/29/12

Author: Letitia Velasquez

Publisher: Westbow Press

Publication Date: 10/17/2011

ISBN: 978-1-4497-2416-0-511995

Synopsis: Thirty four Catholic parents share how the birth of their child with special needs was a means of God's grace to them, their families and their wider communities. Contributors include Patrick Coffin of Catholic Answers, former presidential candidate Rick Santorum, Catholic authors Lisa Barker, Barbara Curtis, Melissa Wiley and Kathleen Basi. Foreword by Mother Mary Agnes Donovan, SV Superior of the Sisters of Life, and afterward by Fr Frank Pavone, Founder of Priests for Life.

Cultivating God's Garden through Lent

SOA Awarded: 11/29/12

Author: Margaret Rose Realy

Publisher: Patheos Publishing

Publication Date: 1/1/2013

ISBN: tbd

Synopsis: This book offers readers daily reflections through Lent on the vibrancy of God in nature and brings a unique view of connecting with the Creator through spiritual insights drawn from His creation (Veriditas). Readers will be those who love gardens and woods; care about nature, find solace in experiencing the Creator through these environments. The book is important and relevant because of its simplicity in a complex, fast paced world where the advent of new technologies entices us away from being still with God. These reflections allow readers to regain the balance Pope Benedict XVI urgently promotes in order that we may share the faith more fully in a world of new media. The seven sections represent each week: Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. Each section has a theme based on the following Sunday's gospel, a theme found running within the combined gospels of Cycles A, B or C.