

Recommended reading for students and parents

## Personal Growth

### [This Changes Everything: How the Gospel Transforms the Teen Years](#)

Jaquelle Crowe writes specifically to a teenage audience to show how the gospel has implications for all of life and how it transforms your habits, desires, community, identity, and more. 160 pages.

### [Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus through the Spiritual Disciplines](#)

David Mathis gives 3 categories of spiritual disciplines: hearing God's voice, having God's ear, and belonging to His body. Very helpful for cultivating a daily discipline of communing with God. 240 pages.

### [Don't Waste Your Life](#)

John Piper urges the next generation to refuse to waste their lives on trivial matters, and embrace a lifestyle committed to the glory of God, motivated by the satisfaction He provides. A better read for high school students. 192 pages.

### [Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins we Tolerate](#)

Jerry Bridges focuses on the sins that we don't focus much attention on, like envy, selfishness, judgmentalism, and more. 288 pages.

### [The Enemy Within: Straight Talk about the Power and Defeat of Sin](#)

Kris Lundgaard gives a hope-filled challenge for Christians to fight against sin. Easy to read but very convicting. 160 pages.

### [Made for More: An Invitation to Live in God's Image](#)

Hannah Anderson invites the reader to live in their God-given identity as image-bearers of God himself. Though written to women, this book has benefit for both men and women. 176 pages.

## Pornography

### [Finally Free: Fighting for Purity with the Power of Grace](#)

Heath Lambert gives 8 gospel-centered strategies for overcoming the lure of pornography and finally breaking free. 176 pages.

### [Sexual Detox: A Guide for Guys who are Sick of Porn](#)

Tim Challies writes to a mature audience, "I want to help you detox from all the junk you've seen, all the lies you've believed... You need to cry out to be changed and to see the monstrous nature of this sin. And then you need to behave in faith that God will meet you with grace as you act to cut off the porn and begin the reset." 108 pages.

## Culture

### [Is God Anti-Gay?](#)

Sam Allberry's book is, in my opinion, the most helpful and accessible book for students to read on the issue of homosexuality. 88 pages.

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[12 Ways your Phone is Changing You](#)

Tony Reinke encourages Christians to be wise and discerning in their use of technology, specifically smartphones, “to maximize the blessings and avoid the pitfalls.” 224 pages.

[Gay Girl Good God: The Story of Who I was and Who God has Always been](#)

Jackie Hill Perry shares her own experience of same-sex attraction and how God changed her desires and turned her life around. 208 pages.

**Missions and Evangelism**

[Questioning Evangelism: Engaging People’s Hearts the Way Jesus Did](#)

Randy Newman takes the weight off the reader’s shoulders by showing us that the best way to evangelize is not by rehearsing a gospel-sales-pitch, but by asking good, thoughtful questions - just like Jesus did. 280 pages.

[The Insanity of God](#)

Nik Ripken shares stories of overseas missionaries and their experience of persecution. This book is the definition of a page-turner; you will not want to put it down. 384 pages.

**Biography**

[10 Who Changed the World](#)

Danny Akin shares the stories of 10 history-shaping missionaries. 208 pages.

[Through Gates of Splendor](#)

Elisabeth Elliott shares the story of her late husband as he journeyed to Ecuador to share Jesus with the Auca tribe. 274 pages.

[Amy Carmichael: Beauty for Ashes](#)

Iain Murray writes on the life of Amy Carmichael who left wealth and comfort to live among orphans in India. 192 pages.

**Theology**

[None Like Him: 10 Ways that God is Different from Us](#)

Jen Wilkin combines theology with Christian living by emphasizing that at the root of every sin is the desire to be like God in some way, and to shed our God-given limitations. 176 pages.

[The Whole Story of the Bible in 16 Verses](#)

Chris Bruno writes, “This book highlights 16 key Bible verses that stand as “turning points” in the biblical storyline—enabling us to see God’s incredible plan to redeem his people and glorify his name from Genesis to Revelation.” 144 pages.

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[Concise Theology: A Guide to Historic Christian Beliefs](#)

J.I. Packer writes 2-3 pages on nearly 100 theological topics, providing the most accessible and readable systematic theology available. 288 pages.

[Christian Beliefs: 20 Basics Every Christian Should Know](#)

Wayne Grudem writes on some of the most important theological topics. Easy to read and understand. 160 pages.

**Dating and Relationships**

[Single, Dating, Engaged, Married](#)

Ben Stuart walks through each of the 4 stages listed above and shows what the Bible says, and how Christians should live wisely in those stages. Practical and understandable. 272 pages.

[Not Yet Married: The Pursuit of Joy in Singleness and Dating](#)

Marshall Segal reminds the next generation that dating and marriage will not lead to lasting joy - only Jesus will. Dating and marriage will glorify God and satisfy the individual only when pursued from a Christ-centered perspective. 208 pages.

**Miscellaneous**

[Pilgrim's Progress](#)

John Bunyan's classic work depicting the Christian life as an extended allegory. 236 pages.

[The Screwtape Letters](#)

C.S. Lewis writes from the perspective of one demon writing to another, discussing the most effective ways to entice humans to sin. 209 pages.

[The Prodigal God](#)

Tim Keller uses the Parable of the Prodigal Son to illustrate God's heart for the religious and irreligious, showing that lostness doesn't always look the same. 192 pages.